

February 15, 2023-Regular Town Board Meeting

The Regular Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 1:00 p.m. Supervisor Cobb, Supervisor Hanson, Clerk Nancy Edwards, Town Attorney Greg Harrold were present.

Others Present: (see attached listing) This is also on zoom.

This meeting was properly posted, and the media notified as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence: Please recognize friends and community members that have passed on recently. Ashlee Burnett, Deanna La Barge, Meredith Gaudin.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson Seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Supervisor Hanson is requesting that the road issue topic be put on all agendas.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve vouchers of the General Fund 2880-2901, Tax Account 10011-10014, Tax Refund Account 159-161, Ambulance Fund Account 19531-19533, Construction Fund Account 2-5.

Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2023 Special Town Board Meeting, February 1, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting, February 2, 2023 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: In the treasurer's absence a report was submitted to the board by the clerk with the balance of the accounts ending 1/31/2023. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to accept the report as presented.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Jim Sommerfeld asked if the check numbers reported at the last meeting were corrected. The clerk reported she had corrected the numbers when the minutes were prepared.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats Section 19.85 (e) and 19.85 (g).

RE: Annie Sunn Lane, Center Sugarbush Lane, East Ross Allen Lake Lane, Elsie Lake Lane.

Roll call vote: Supervisor Hanson Aye: Supervisor Cobb Aye: Chairman Gaulke Aye:. We are in closed session.

Motion to go back into open session: Roll call vote: Supervisor Hanson Aye: Supervisor Cobb Aye: Chairman Gaulke Aye:. We are in open session.

Action regarding Closed Session: Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to direct the Town Attorney to look into condemnation of fee lands for alternative routes on the roads in question. The board has hired a law firm from Green Bay Wis. Von Briesen & Roper S.C. to send a FOYA request for information and an opinion regarding applicable Federal Law. Motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke reported that we were presented this morning with 3 claims from residents that were affected by the closures.

Chairman Gaulke reported that we also received a response this morning from Tribal Attorney Adams with the response from the Towns letter to the tribe dated February 8, 2023 stating they have declined our offer. We will try to continue to get into some type of negotiations with the tribe to see what they are looking for.

Supervisor Hanson had to leave the meeting as he had other commitments.

Audit 2021: The clerk had given the board a copy of the 2021 audit received from Kerber-Rose for review last week. The audit reported that the finances are in good order.

Audit engagement letter for 2022 audit and Form CT: Kerber Rose presented the clerk with an engagement letter for performing the 2022 audit and Form CT. The cost would be \$10,500.00. The budget does not currently support the figure so an adjustment to the budget will have to be made. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the engagement letter and budget adjustment. Motion carried.

VFIS Accident and Sickness optional limits: Letter received from Aimee Lynch from our Insurance Company Horton asking if the board wanted to up the limits to the policy for Loss of Life for the volunteer fire/ambulance personnel. The current policy is for \$10,000 loss of Life \$180/\$60 weekly income benefit. She presented three different quotes. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to go with quote 227126 which increased the limits to \$25,000 Loss of Life \$500/\$500 weekly income for an annual premium of \$1316.00. Motion carried.

Bartenders License: Application was received from Brittany L. Anderson. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the application as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Chairman Gaulke seconded by Supervisor Cobb to adjourn at 2:55 p.m. Motion carried.

The town will put any updates regarding the roads on the website.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk