

February 15, 2024 Special Town Board Meeting

The Special Town Board meeting of the Lac du Flambeau Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 5:34 p.m. Supervisor Hanson, Supervisor Cobb and Clerk Susan Schoonover, Legal Counsel Gregg Harrold were present, and Frank Kowalkowski was present via phone.

Others present: Betsy Hottinger, Jim Sommerfeldt, Norm Wetzell, Pam Fraboni, Mary Possin, John Disch, Martha Hunt, H Pontl, Don & Cindy Tingwald, Grant Birmingham, Jillanne Consie, Rick Larson, Dean & Stephanie Greenway, Rachel & Dennis Pearson, Dave Kievet, Darwin & Dianne Lohse, Jim Smaltlick, Colette Welch, Bari & Steve Klingaman, Steve Buda, Russ & Debra Kopp, Sandy Schlosser and Jim Martin. Note: Mike Hornbostel was present but did not sign in.

Present over ZOOM: Samsung SM-G986U, Al, Jessica Loewe, Mike Clark, Dede Hanson, Dave Miess, Jenny Wittlinger, Julie Kilger, Michael Bibrey, Bridget Hubing, Fermanich, Patti Rubek, Gilbert and Daniel Kaeding.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Attorney Harrold opened the meeting by asserting to the public that the legal counsel has advised the Board that basic "no comment" on any item relating to pending litigation is the route to take as anything said can be used in a court of law.

Frank Kowalkowski addressed the five pending lawsuits. Two in Vilas County, where a motion to dismiss has been filed. FOIA lawsuit of the Town against the BIA for not fulfilling the request of records release. Fourthly, the Town vs the Secretary of Interior for the manner in which roads were removed from the IRR. Finally, the United States vs Town, where the "homeowners" have joined suit, with pleading amendments and additional motions are occurring.

Several questions and comments from the audience were heard. Some were addressed by legal; others were simply comments to be taken into consideration.

Chairman Gaulke addressed the audience of any other questions/concerns can be emailed to the Clerk for follow up.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Schoonover

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Town Clerk