

April 13, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 2:00 p.m. Supervisor Cobb, Supervisor Hanson, Treasurer Irene Messinger, Clerk Nancy Edwards were present.

Others present: Lakeland Times Trevor Greene, John Bernard, Norm Wetzel, Kay Hoff, Jim Sommerfeldt, Roberta Gast, Susan Schoonover, DeDe Hanson, Tom Wegner, Bill McCutchin, Mike Zimmerman, Peter Kolzow, Pam Fraboni, Ryan Gauthier.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Moment of Silence for the passing of community members: Bernard Doud Sr., Erica Chapman, Keith Birdsbill, Russell Wagner, Cora Sheppo, Peter Poupart, Jeanne Hanson, Janet Bekkum.

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

Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve vouchers of the General Fund Account 53743, 2115-2193, ACH 1239-1245, Tax Refund Account 110-148, Ambulance Fund Account 19500-19501. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2022, Regular Town Board Meeting, and minutes from March 8, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Irene Messinger presented her treasurers report. Reconciled balance of the General Fund as of 3/31/2022 \$1,366,445.36 Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 3/31/2022 as \$515,294.60. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion Carried: For the record the Clerk presented to the board a breakdown of the expense reports from the new Quick Books program for January and February. The income portion could not be done yet as she was awaiting income statements from the treasurer from January, February, March.

Public Comments: None

5 Year Road Plan: Peter Kolzow Road Crew Foreman has been working on the 5 year road plan. A copy of the plan was not included in the boards packet today. It will be given to the board members for review and put on a future agenda for discussion. It was suggested that a copy of the plan be put on the website. It should be noted that this is only a plan and can change at any time due to road conditions.

Authorize Road Construction bids for 2022 projects: Road Crew Foreman Peter Kolzow has suggested the following road projects for 2022. To-To-Tom Drive, Plummer Lake Rd., Audubon Lane. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to authorize the 2022 road construction bids to be published. Motion Carried. Peter Kolzow stated that in the future the board should look into increasing the amount of road construction dollars as at the current budget of \$200,000 not many projects can be completed. He has looked at other towns in the area and their budget is much higher. The board is also looking into the BiPartisan Infrastructure law/application that might be available.

Generator Bid Update: The board received a matrix for the generator bids. The previous bids received from Adams were sealed bids, the bids received from Dakota Electric were not sealed bids which was required. After discussion a motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to award the 2 Adams bids. Motion carried. As previously discussed at budget time these funds would come from the reserve account for capital expenditures in the budget.

Hazard Pay Transfer Station: Discussion was held regarding the hazard pay given to the Transfer Station attendant for Covid pay. Recent reports indicate that things have settled down some and the tribe has also lifted their restrictions. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to abate the hazard pay allowance from the transfer station attendant at this time. It was stated that if the surge of covid cases grow this can be revisited. Motion carried with Supervisor Hanson opposed.

Foleys Crane Service: Correspondence was received from Foleys Tree Service for a permit to run a very large all-terrain crane on the town roads. It was felt that this crane is just too heavy to run on our roads. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to decline the permit use. Motion carried.

Zoning Report 2021: Sue Ackland our zoning administrator has retired as of April 9, 2022. She presented the clerk and new zoning administrator a copy of her zoning statistics for 2021 to be read. She reported that 22 new homes were built in 2021, 8 old cabins were demolished and the estimated cost of construction for the year was \$17,040,015.00.

ARPA Funds Discussion: The last meeting that was scheduled in March was cancelled due to bad weather. Since that time Chairman Gaulke has been able to attend the Wisconsin Towns Local meeting which had a lot of information on just what the funding can and cannot be used for. A Special Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday April 26, 2022 at 5:00 to discuss the options that the town has. It was felt that holding the meeting at 5:00 would bring in more interest from the electorate.

Chairman Gaulke stated that the Town Board Meetings will be on the first and third Wednesdays and moved back to the 5:00 time.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to adjourn at 2:55 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk