

April 3, 2024 Regular Town Board Meeting

The Regular Town Board meeting of the Lac du Flambeau Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 5:30 p.m. Supervisor Cobb, Treasurer Schwartz and Clerk Susan Schoonover were present. Supervisor Hanson was present via phone.

Others present: Dave & Cindy Wakeman, Jim Sommerfeldt, Don & Carrie Tingwald, Norm Wetzel, Roberta Gast, Pete Kolzow, John Bernard, Ann T, Gilbert Chapman, Mary Possin, Disch, Brian Jopek.

Present over ZOOM: Al, Dedie, Scott Harrod, Steve LaVake, Bridget Hubing, Tom L, Fermanch.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence: Paula Christensen, Roberta Birdie Wildcat.

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

Approval of Vouchers: General Fund ACH 1580-1581, 3841-3870. Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Special Town Board meeting March 18, 2024: Motion to approve by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Chairman Gaulke. Motion carried.

Approval of the Minutes: Regular Town Board meeting March 20, 2024: Motion to approve by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Chairman Gaulke. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve as presented. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action: Thompson Excavating Access Highway 70/Patterson Lane: Mr. Thompson is present to relay circumstances of the denial by DOT to access his property via Highway 70. This is commercial property, and the use of Patterson Lane and County F restricts access when road limits on are. With road limits, he would need to unload equipment on the shoulder of Highway 70, which is a danger to traffic. DOT offered that if Mr. Thompson was able, he could bring both roads into compliance to be all season roads, which is not financially conceivable. Motion by Supervisor Hanson to draft a resolution for DOT to grant access off of Highway 70, seconded by Supervisor Cobb. Motion carried. Supervisor Cobb suggested that Supervisor Hanson take up a similar resolution through Vilas County. Supervisor Hanson agreed.

Discussion/Possible Action: Lakeland Airport Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvements and Agency Agreement Appointing the Secretary as Agent of Funds: Chairman Gaulke explained that the airport had held a public hearing regarding the requested improvements on 1/18/24. Discussion. Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve both requests. Motion carried.

Discussion: 1st Quarter Fire/Ambulance Numbers: Chief Zimmerman presented the ambulance data. There was some confusion on the Fire data and Supervisor Hanson asked that this be tabled to a future agenda.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: Foreman Kolzow addressed the Board with his concerns over the revised employment handbook. Supervisor Cobb acknowledged that he had contacted her and she asked for clarification in writing of the issues. Mr. Kolzow was invited into closed session to discuss his concerns.

Convene into Closed Session: Pursuant to Wi stat Section 19:85€ deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining response require a closed session. RE: Road Easement Issue AND Convene into Closed Session pursuant to Wi Stat Section 19:85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or other performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercise responsibility. RE: Personnel Procedures. Motion by Supervisor Cobb to into closed session, seconded by Supervisor Hanson. Roll call vote: Supervisor Hanson aye, Supervisor Cobb aye, Chairman Gaulke aye. We are in closed session. Motion carried.

Reconvene into Open Session: Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to reconvene into Open Session. Roll call vote: Supervisor Cobb aye, Chaiman Gaulke aye. Motion carried. *Supervisor Hanson has left the meeting.*

Action Regarding Closed Session: Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to update the Employee Handbook with clarifications an adoption to be on a future agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to make the next easement payment to the Tribe in the amount of \$42,000, to be accompanied by a letter clarifying the Town's position and status. Moton carried.

Adjournment: Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Schoonover

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Town Clerk