

June 20, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting

The Special meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 10:00 a.m. Supervisor Cobb, Clerk Nancy Edwards, were present. Supervisor Hanson was not available.

Others Present: Attorney Greg Harrold, John Bernard, Shirley Baucarro, Susan Schoonover.

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

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Land Purchase Fire Station: Chairman Gaulke reported that the clerk had forwarded the land purchase agreement paperwork to the supervisors as requested by Supervisor Hanson for review. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to authorize the Chairman to sign the land purchase agreement for the 44 acres for \$550,000. Motion carried. Closing date scheduled for July 14, 2022.

ARPA Funding Designations: Chairman Gaulke reported that at this time we would like a motion to allow the ARPA Funding projects selected to be put into the ARPA report. The Town Hall improvements would be the technology, voting equipment, message board. The Town Hall infrastructure repairs would be the front steps, garage door and the repair or replacement of the roof. The replacement of the roof will probably have to go out for bidding and this can be authorized at the next Regular Town Board Meeting. The other items on the list are still being considered but are awaiting estimates. We still have some things to look at for the animal shelter, for example:

#1. Is it allowable (legal) to accept federal moneys to build on land that is not owned by the town, or should we build this on the new land purchased by the town?

#2. Does this item have to be brought up at a Special Town Meeting or Annual Meeting of the Electors?

The estimates brought in for the animal shelter came in at \$170,000 over half of our allotted budget and would the electors agree that we are using our funds responsibly. Do we need to get other estimates?

If the project was a go as a joint effort, legal papers/ MOA would have to be created.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the funding for the technology, voting equipment, message center, front steps, garage door, roof repair/roof replacement to be put into the ARPA report. Motion carried.

Attorney Greg Harrold would like to go back to the Land Purchase Agreement agenda item asking if it should contain a contingency statement that it would be confirmed that there are no issues with Native American burial grounds or historical artifacts. Supervisor Cobb and Chairman Gaulke feel that would be a good idea and we will contact the Historical Preservation Office to see if this could possibly be done by the July 14, 2022 closing date. Attorney Harrold will add this contingency.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to amend the motion to include the contingency statement that it would be confirmed that there are no issues with Native American burial grounds or historical artifacts. Motion carried.
Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the signing of the land purchase agreement as amended for the 44 acres for \$550,000. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Chairman Gaulke to adjourn at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk