

June 7, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Gaulke. Supervisor Hanson, Supervisor Cobb, Treasurer Holly Schwartz, and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present.

Others present: K&J Frauenhoffer, Peter Kolzow, Betsy Hottinger, Jim Sommerfeldt, Leann Szydlo, Dale Lindsey Jr. Jon Erdman, Don and Carrie Tingwald, Norm Wetzel, Roberta Gast, Steve Klingaman, Jim Gruenke, John Bernard, Susan Schoonover, Kay Hoff.

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: Michael DeWald, Maxine Batiste

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items: Question regarding the road lease extension. This is explained later in this meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve vouchers of the General Fund Account 3133-3160, ACH 1332-1335, Tax Account 10016. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board Meeting of May 17, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of May 25, 2023. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the minutes of the Special Town Board Meeting of May 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Holly Schwartz presented her report as follows. Reconciled balance as of 5/31/2023 of the General Fund \$176,814.69, Ambulance Fund as \$545,130.99, Reserve Fund as \$241,050.46. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Correspondence from Clerk: Clerk Nancy Edwards has submitted her resignation to the board. She is willing to work until July 31, 2023 to get the new staff in order. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to accept Nancys resignation as presented. Motion carried. This item will be on a future agenda.

Gravel Purchase: Peter Kolzow Road crew foreman brought to the table a proposal for purchase of 1000 cubic yards of crushed road gravel. Pete stated if purchased in bulk we get a much better price. The proposal is for a cost of \$12,900.00. Motion

by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the proposal as presented. Motion carried.

Authorize Monthly Road Lease payment extension: The town received correspondence from the tribal legal counsel stating they are willing to extend the monthly lease trespass payments as long as we are still working on negotiations. The amount increases \$500.00 per road per month. June payment would be \$22,000.00, July payment \$24,000.00, August payment \$26,000.00. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to authorize the monthly road lease extension payments with the monthly increase. Motion carried.

Hatchery Contract: Wayne Wolfe from the Tribal Hatchery brought to the board the contract for the purchase of 1,600,000 walleye fry to be distributed into the following lakes. Sugarbush Chain, 300,000, White Sand 220,000, Pokegama 220,000, Flambeau 220,000, Big Crawling Stone 220,000, Fence Lake 220,000, Bolton Lake 200,000. This is a budgeted item at \$16,000.00. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried.

EMT and Fire Chief appointments: Fire/Ambulance chief Tom Wegner is not longer with the department. Chris Mayer is the assistant fire chief, and Mike Zimmerman has been on the ambulance staff for many years. Both have agreed to take the positions on an interim basis until the membership meets and decides who they would like to see in those positions. Supervisor Hanson stated we would be better off to have a firm do a search for these positions. Motion by Supervisor Hanson seconded by Supervisor Cobb to appoint Chris Mayer as interim Fire Chief and Mike Zimmerman as Interim Ambulance Chief for a period of 90 days until membership meets or a search for someone to do these duties. Motion carried.

EMT Pay proposal for 5 year Plan: Refer to minutes of 5/11/2023: Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to table this item to a later date. Motion carried. Mike Zimmerman is looking into this matter with ambulance crew.

Fire Department equipment update: Chris Mayer is not present today to talk about the fire equipment update. There is a board that Chris displayed which shows what equipment will be housed in each bay. Mike Zimmerman from the Ambulance staff is looking at a service contract with Stryker for ambulance equipment coverage. The cost is \$13,000 per year for 5 years. This would come out of the ambulance fund. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the contract with Stryker. Motion carried. Fire department equipment update will be put on an upcoming agenda.

Fire Dues Audit update: A response was received from the fire dues auditor and it stated that the Fire Department was in compliance with state statutes for the 2% fire dues program.

Audit 2021 Update: The questions from Norm Wetzel were forwarded to the auditor on two different occasions and no reply has yet been received.

Motion to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy M. Edwards