

July 12, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting

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

Others present: Kay & Mel Hoff, John Bernard, Done & Carrie Tingwald, Dean Greenwald, Dan Helfter, Chris Kalfmann, Fermanich, Betsy Hottinger, Stephanie Greenway, Bill McCutchin, Norm Wetzel and Roberta Gast.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for those community members that have passed: Theresa Johnson, Helen Johnson, Justin Wolfe.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve vouchers Tax Refund 165. Ambulance 19558-19560, General Fund 3213-3249 & ACH 1334, 1342. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2023 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Chairman Gaulke to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented: General Fund balance as of 06/30/23 reconciliation \$203,422.95, Ambulance Fund balance as of 06/30/23 reconciliation \$553,813.14 and Reserve Fund balance as of 06/30/23 reconciliation \$241,288.01. Motion carried. *As requested, ARPA annual percentage yield earned 1.51% & Reserve has a standard tier interest rate of 1.250%.*

Discussion/Possible Action: Budget Line Item Adjustments

Clerk presented review of line items that occurred with Chairman. Recommendation is to transfer \$10,000 FD Volunteer Services line item to Easement Permit line, transfer \$27,000 Ambulance Volunteer Services line item to Easement Permit line; totaling this line item to \$134,443.

Secondly, pay Plummer Lake Road #1 signed contract out of ARPA funds, transfer \$10,000 of ARPA to FD Volunteer Services line item and transfer \$27,000 ARPA funds to Ambulance Volunteer Services line item. The Clerk affirmed that ARPA funds could be used for "provision of police, fire and other public safety services."

Finally, the thought that potentially Legal Services could be recovered out of the Reserve Fund, after reviewing the costs in the 3rd quarter of 2023.

Supervisor Hanson acknowledged the approved use of ARPA funds and commented on the futuristic view of the legal and easement payments. Motion by Supervisor Hanson, Seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the proposed line item transfers. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action: Plummer Lake Road #2 Extension Bids

Chairman Gaulke excused himself from the room. Discussion of cost for this extension, although Pitlik & Wick stated they would do both portions of Plummer Lake Road at the same time. With finance reviews, a motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to place the extension on hold. Motion carried. Discussion: would tar and chip work as a stop gap for this project? Road Foreman Kolzow will be consulted.

Discussion: Fire/Ambulance Letter of Equipment Status

Chairman Gaulke read the letter submitted by interim Chiefs' Zimmerman and Mayer. The letter detailed numerous repairs that had been attended to, after an equipment review.

Discussion: Bill McCutchin Road Permit Payments

Mr. McCutchin read a letter regarding his views on the spending of taxpayer money on the four road easement permits. He acknowledged that this was a US Government issue, created over a century ago. Additionally, he requested that all Board members recuse themselves from negotiations and re-establish a Road Committee for future negotiations.

Discussion: Norm Wetzel/CETG Fire/Ambulance Audit

Mr. Wetzel addressed the Board regarding the need for consistency and outlined reasoning for requesting the forensic audit including clearing the next leaders from question and attending to the Fire Dues audit issues. Supervisor Hanson commented on the VFIS applicants and the difficulty in receiving their funds. Chairman Gaulke acknowledged that there are waiting periods that apply to the payout.

Discussion: Update on Fire Station Water Main

Mr. Zimmerman addressed the Board with an update that the Tribe's Attorney Bednar was looking into the legality of placing the watermain. Note that two separate LUA's have been submitted to the Tribe and returned to the Fire/Ambulance Department regarding their concerns.

Comment by Supervisor Hanson to be placed on the next agenda for the topic of Ambulance Chief search, progress and candidates, and Fire Chief search, progress and candidates.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to adjourn at 6:14 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Susan Schoonover
Town Clerk