

July 26, 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 Cobb, Supervisor Hanson and Clerk Susan Schoonover were present.

Others present: see sign in list.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence for those who have passed: Patricia Gilchrist, Charlene Bickford, Leonard Stone Sr, Randall Beyer, Charlotte Wilson.

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items: none.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the vouchers of Ambulance 19561; General Fund 3250-3304 & ACH 1500-1502; Firehouse Construction 1000. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb, seconded by Supervisor Hanson to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2023 Special Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the Treasurer's Report with balances as of June 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Discussion: Update on Firehouse Construction by Architecture North, Glenn Morrison. Mr. Morrison provided photographs of the last two weeks of construction. Update as to plumber finishing, set trench drains, slabs to be poured and septic installed. Training/office area ready for in floor heat, girders to be delivered mid-August. NASI pushing the install as weather is a factor.

Discussion/Possible Action: Supervisor Hanson's FOIA request to BIA. Supervisor Hanson reports that he received a confirmation call that BIA has received his request which was for documentations regarding all Lac du Flambeau roads with termed easements over tribal lands.

Discussion: 2021 Audit Update. Clerk Susan Schoonover gave an update on contact with Kerber Rose on July 17 2023 to provide all needed documents. CETG audit questions are still on the Clerk's list to follow on once this is completed.

Discussion: Firehouse Watermain. Mike Zimmerman reported that he has spoken with Tribal legal to investigate about who can and cannot hook into the Tribe's water system. Discussion. A high capacity well was considered and investigated; however rocks are a concern. Mike will continue to follow.

Discussion: John Bernard Fundraiser and Community Relations. Mr. Bernard spoke of the goodness in our community. Suggesting opening an account for donations for future fire and ambulance needs for the new building. Additionally, proposal for Tribe and exit plan regarding easement payments.

Discussion: Jim Sommerfeldt specific questions regarding fire/ambulance equipment. Interim Chief Zimmerman reported that the old tanker is being looked at to see if it can be fixed. Until fully check out, unsure of its potential sale or use. The 4WD pumper fire truck is old, however operational status with new tires and is used for forest fires. As standards go, some equipment should be replaced, however cost is a factor. The department is still gathering information on replacement types, cost as well as reviewing existing equipment for repairs/maintenance.

Discussion/Possible Action: Supervisor Hanson's request for Posting for Fire Chief & Posting for Ambulance Chief. Discussion regarding current department by-laws and a department vote was held in favor of Mike Zimmerman and Chirs Mayer. Supervisor Hanson would like to establish regular reporting to the Board. This is occurring and will continue. Discussion on keeping the organization intact, however separate chiefs is beneficial to maintain separate department standards and the workload involved. Some perimeters discussed. Mayer and Zimmerman will put together their service record, certifications, letter of interest, current by-laws and State requirements for a future meeting.

Motion by Supervisor Hanson, seconded by Supervisor Cobb to adjourn at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Schoonover

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Town Clerk