

## August 5, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 1:05 p.m. Supervisor Mayer, Supervisor Cobb and Clerk Nancy Edwards, Treasurer Irene Messinger were present

Others present: Norm Wetzel, Kay Hoff, Bill McCutchin, Jim Sommerfeldt, Peter Kolzow, Lakeland Times, Tom Wegner.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Supervisor Mayer seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the agenda, with a slight change in the order of the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Mayer seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve vouchers of the General Fund 52543-52592. Chairman Gaulke abstained to avoid any conflict of interest as one of the checks is for Mr. Gaulke's employer. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Mayer seconded by Supervisor Cobb to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting, Motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Irene Messinger reported the reconciled balance of the General Fund as of 7/31/2020 as \$797,202.13. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 7/31/2020 as \$389,304.61. Motion by Supervisor Mayer seconded by Supervisor Cobb to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Motion Carried:

Public Comments: None

**Deputy Clerk Resignation:** Deputy Clerk Donna Szarek presented a letter to the board of her resignation. She has family matters she needs to attend to.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Mayer to accept the Deputy Clerks resignation as presented. Motion carried.

**VFIS Award Program with Lincoln Benefits:** The VFIS award program is currently managed by Lincoln Benefit Life and Mass Mutual. It was originally determined that a balance had to be maintained in the Lincoln Benefit Life portion of the program or a penalty would be accessed to withdraw from Lincoln Benefit Life and put all the funds in Mass. Mutual. The Horton Group who helps manage this program has informed the clerk that there is a onetime opportunity to withdraw the funds from Lincoln Benefit life without a penalty and put that amount into the Mass Mutual Fund. They state that there is a very short window for this to be decided and the benefit is that Mass Mutual handles all distribution checks and 1099R forms. Motion by Supervisor Mayer seconded by Supervisor Cobb to have the clerk prepare the necessary forms for the transfer to be completed. Motion Carried.

**PPE in Public Places:** Mr. Wildcat asked if the town could do something that would require people to wear PPE in public establishments. The town attorney Greg Harrold stated that the town does not have the authority to require that in a private business. That is left up to the Vilas County Health Department and the State. The tribe is currently conducting a survey regarding PPE and sheltering at home issues.

**Reschedule date of Annual Town Meeting:** The tribe has extended their resolution of gatherings of more than 10 people indefinitely. We are looking at other options to hold this meeting. In November we will have to hold our budget hearing. We will also be awaiting ideas from Wisconsin Towns Association. Motion by Supervisor Mayer seconded by Supervisor Cobb to cancel the meeting scheduled for Monday August 10, 2020 and to reschedule for a later date to be determined. Motion carried.

**Thunderbird Lane Road Project:** Mr. Gaulke left the room to avoid any conflict of interest as one of the bidders is his employer. Mr. Gaulke is also leaving the building so asked the board to continue with their business and adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Mayer brought to the board's attention that a situation came up with the bidder they had decided to go with that they were not going to perform the full duties asked, which would void the bid. They were not going to put the road base down or pulverize which explains the price contrast between the bid amounts. Supervisor Mayer stated other discussion has been brought up about should we do chip and seal on Thunderbird Lane or asphalt the road. There are 19 residents and it gets a lot of traffic on the road, perhaps we should consider asphaltting it. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Mayer to have Thunderbird Lane asphalted. Motion carried. Asphaltting bids came in at \$64,804.80 from American Asphalt and \$58,671.50 from Pitlik and Wick. Mr. McCutchin stated that the asphalt bid from Pitlik and Wick had the wrong road name on the top of the bid sheet which appears to be a clerical error, however the road length was correct and the envelope which contained the bid stated the correct road name. Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Mayer to table this item until we seek legal advice. Motion carried. . It was mentioned that we should prepare a priority list of future road projects and do some road inspections in the spring to update priority lists.

Motion by Supervisor Cobb seconded by Supervisor Mayer to adjourn at 1:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk