April 18, 2017

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday April 18, 2017 by Chairman Matt Gaulke. Supervisors Robert Hanson and Chris Mayer were present as were Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards.

Others present: See attached list. (30 electors have signed in)
This meeting was properly noticed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Ron Glowac seconded by Mel Hoff to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The clerk read the minutes from the April 19, 2016 Annual Town Meeting. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Jim Sommerfeldt approve the minutes as read. The motion carried.

The clerk read the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting from April 19, 2016. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Jim Sommerfeldt to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke read the 2016 financial results. Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any questions. A few questions were raised regarding transfer station tipping fees, airport expenses, library expenses, insurance and benefits for full time employees.

Mr. Hoover has brought to the meeting a resolution to increase the size of the Town Board to five members which is allowable under Wis. Stats. 60.10(2)(b) and 60.21(2)(a). Motion by Mr. Hoover for approval and adoption of resolution 2017-01 to increase the town board size by adding 2 additional town board supervisors at next year’s regular spring election. Motion seconded by Mary Laub. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Jim Sommerfeldt seconded by Ralph Kerler to have a financial audit done. Discussion: The cost of an audit is approximately $10,000. If an audit is done is it for the latest year or does it include previous years? Mention was made that audits are required to get grants. If this audit is done it would be budgeted for in next year’s budget with the audit to take place in 2018. Motion was made and seconded. Motion carried by majority with one no vote. This is an advisory vote to the board.

Motion by Jim Sommerfeldt seconded by Ralph Kerler to have a financial audit done every five years. Motion carried by majority with one no vote. This is an advisory vote to the board.

Harold Jackson asked if we could get a listing of people who are delinquent on paying their taxes. This information is available from Vilas County.

Motion by Robert Hanson seconded by Harold Jackson to eliminate the no fee benefit for all town board and town employees for use of the transfer station. Motion carried. This is an advisory vote to the board.

Motion by Janice Faulker seconded by DeDee Hanson to have evening town board and annual meetings. Motion carried. This is an advisory vote only.

Motion by Janice Faulker seconded by John Laub to have town board...
meetings only once a month. Discussion: Vouchers need to be approved more often than once a month. Janice Faulker withdrew her motion, John Laub withdrew this second to the motion. Concern if natural gas could be brought into the area as well as internet availability. Mary Laub who works with the Vilas County Economic Development Corporation and have been working on broadband for six years. They are working on getting grants and will continue to do so. It is not as easy as it appears to be with trees and lakes in the way and vendors do not want to invest a lot of money in an area that does not have a lot of potential users. Motion by Robert Hanson to advise the board to have a period for public comment for up to ½ hour at every meeting. Motion second by Jim Tuckwell. Motion carried. This is an advisory vote only.

Request if the website could be updated.

Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the 2017 Lac du Flambeau Annual Town Meeting at 2:15 p.m. Motion by Mike Fraboni seconded by Jim Sommerfeldt to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk