

May 10, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Town Board was called to order by Chairman Gaulke at 1:00 p.m. Supervisor Chris Mayer, Supervisor Robert Hanson, Treasurer Irene Messinger and Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Others present: Kay Hoff, Jim Sommerfeldt, Roberta Gast, Norm Wetzel, Abbie McEnroe from the Lakeland Times, Dedie Hanson, Bill McCutchin, Richard McCutchin, Eric Johnson from FYI News, Mary Laub, John Kramer, Dee A Allen, Harold Jackson, Ralph Kerler.

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve voucher numbers 49453-49585 from the General Fund, voucher numbers 1710-1712 from the Ambulance Fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2017 Joint meeting between the Town Board and Tribal Council. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 04/30/2017 as \$791,328.83. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 04/30/2017 as \$463,526.72. We received the quarterly highway aid payment. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

Town/Tribal Road Committee members: Mr. Gaulke stated we had a joint meeting between the town and tribal council on April 19, 2017. The council has appointed 3 people to serve on a road committee and the town now needs to appoint members to serve on that committee. Mr. Gaulke stated he has been approached by several people willing to be on the committee. Bill McCutchin, Jim Tuckwell and Wally Obermann. Mr. Gaulke would also be willing to sit on the committee knowing the history and having the chairman position. Mr. Hanson also wants to be on the committee. That would be a quorum of the town board on the committee so it would have to be noticed as such with no action to take place. Mr. Mayer made a motion to have the selected members appointed to the road committee. Motion seconded by Mr. Hanson. Motion carried.

Open records policy: The town had received a letter from the Citizens for Education group questioning our fees for open records requests. After looking at the statutes and by referring to an old policy posted in the deputy clerk's office it indeed seems we had been charging incorrectly. We would like to return the incorrectly collected fees and have our attorney create an open records policy/ordinance that conforms to state statutes and general operating procedures. We will send along a copy of the letter received from the Citizens for Education group as it refers to some recommendations to be included. We will let our attorney handle that. Motion by Mr. Mayer to approve forwarding to legal counsel a request to review and create a new ordinance/policy and refund the incorrectly collected fees back to the requestors. Motion seconded by Mr. Hanson. Motion carried.

Town Board/employee transfer station usage. Mr. Gaulke states at our annual town meeting here was an advisory vote for the Town Board/ and employees no longer use the transfer station without paying. Mr. Hanson said for the records he didn't believe that this was an advisory recommendation. If it deals with compensation of employees it is mandatory. Mr. Gaulke explained that this had been the practice which goes way back in the past that employees and town board members were allowed to use the transfer station at no charge. With all that being said seeing it is a mandatory recommendation the decision would have to stand as is until it was brought up again at another Town Meeting.

Construction easement Longs Point Lane: Emerson Coy called Mr. Gaulke stating the BIA needs to do some work on Longs Point Lane which has some type of drainage problem they need to fix. They need a construction easement to do the work as that road had been turned over to the town. Mr. Gaulke does not have the resolution yet from Emerson Coy. Mr. Gaulke is looking for the board to approve the construction easement along Longs Point Lane and when Mr. Gaulke gets the resolution he has approval from the board to sign it. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the construction easement and when the resolution comes Mr. Gaulke has the authority to sign it. Motion carried.

Bartenders License: Bartender application was received from Candace Maulson. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the application as presented. Motion Carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to adjourn at 1:17 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk