

April 17, 2018

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 17, 2018 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. (electors have signed in)

This meeting was properly noticed as required by law.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Mayer to approve the agenda.

Motion carried.

The clerk read the minutes from the April 18, 2017 Annual Town Meeting. Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Mayer approve the minutes as read. The motion carried.

Chairman Gaulke read the 2017 financial results. Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any questions. A few questions were raised regarding where does the interest revenue come from? It comes from the interest earned on the General Fund Account and Tax Account. We no longer have any CD's. Mr. Wetzel asked what happens to the amounts of the excess revenue and the excess amount of the expenditures not used. This amount is transferred to the contingency fund and is currently in process. Mr. Wetzel asked what is this fund used for? Mr. Gaulke explained that these amounts are used for large purchase items for example: a possible addition to the Fire House or new plow trucks/vehicles. These funds are used for items needed so loans do not have to be applied for. We currently do not know when these funds will be used. There were no further questions.

Mr. Gaulke opened up the meeting for discussion for any items allowed at an Annual Town Meeting pursuant to State Statute 60.11.

A motion was made by John Bernard to keep the Town Board a three person board. Motion seconded by Bill McCutchin. Mr. Gaulke explained how this item was brought up at the last Annual Meeting with a resolution 17-01 to increase the board to a five man board. This could only be done in an odd number year, which would be the Spring Election of 2019. That motion at that time is still in place. This would be a second motion and Mr. Gaulke looked at legal counsel to see if that original resolution 17-01 would be rescinded or if this motion would move it back to a three person board. Greg Harrold legal counsel stated it would be rescinded. Greg Harrold suggested to John Bernard that his motion be amended to read:

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Town Electors of the Town of Lac du Flambeau, being duly assembled at the Annual Town Meeting on April 17, 2018, do hereby direct that the Resolution adopted at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting directing that the Lac du Flambeau Town Board be increased to five members be and the same is hereby rescinded. The Town Board is directed to: therefore, keep the Town Board membership at three members.

Mr. Bernard states that language is exactly how he wanted his motion to read

and that he accepted the friendly amendment. Bill McCutchin, who seconded the motion, also stated that he agreed to the amended motion.

Harold Jackson made a comment that legal council should not have put his input into the motion. Mr. Gaulke stated that legal counsels input is to make sure that items are worded and done correctly.

Mr. Hanson is looking for diversity. Mr. McCutchin mentioned he would like to comment our town is at zero debt. How many other towns can say that? None that is known. Question was raised that with a three man board representation of the board cannot meet at the same time at meetings. This is incorrect as meetings can be noticed as a quorum of the Town Board will be present at such a meeting. Many felt the town is being run just fine. Others mentioned the more board members the more delays in decisions, simpler is better, and why fix what is not broke. Question regarding the times of meetings was brought up. Mr. Gaulke stated at this time he would like to take a vote on the motion on the floor. The vote was taken by a show of hands from the electors who had registered coming into the meeting. The vote was: 54 electors in favor of the motion rescinding Resolution 17-01 and 28 electors opposing the motion rescinding Resolution 17-01. The motion carried and the resolution was adopted. Mr. Hanson asked what was the count on the original vote to approve Resolution 17-01 which had been done at the meeting in April 2017. Mr. Gaulke said that the count was 35 in favor of the resolution and therefore Resolution 17-01 was rescinded by a larger number of electors than had voted in favor of it. As a result, Resolution 17-01 is rescinded.

Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any further questions.

Question asked regarding the road issues and the water problems on Moss Lake, road jurisdiction committee. These items are in the hands of the tribe at this time and we will keep all informed as we are notified. The title companies were also working on the road jurisdiction on behalf of the title companies.

Mention was made that the ambulance department needs looking into to see what could make response time better. The recruitment of more volunteers is greatly needed. The town does pay for the training. The ambulance runs and reimbursement fees are available from reports from Lifequest who handles the billing and collection of ambulance runs. Mrs. Faulkner asked about the job descriptions and evaluations for the town employees. Mr. Gaulke stated that job descriptions are available for the town employees such as the road crew, zoning administrator, clerk, and deputy clerk. The clerk's duties are mandated by state statute. Question was asked what committees are available to residents to be involved in. Mr. Gaulke stated we have a zoning committee, Board of Adjustment committee, Airport representative, cemetery committee. Agenda item requests can always be brought to the chairman or clerks attention and will be addressed as the chairman's discretion.

Mr. Gaulke asked if there were any further questions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to adjourn the 2018 Lac du Flambeau Annual Town Meeting at 12:07 p.m. Motion by Bill McCutchin seconded by Lester Kuerschner to adjourn the 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Edwards
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Town Clerk

*These minutes remain a
draft until approved at the
next annual Town meeting
April 2019.*