

June 21, 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, Clerk Nancy Edwards were present. Others present: Please see attached sign in sheet attached to these minutes.

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. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve voucher numbers 49642-49676 from the General Fund and 1715-1716 from the Ambulance fund. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Un-reconciled balance of the General fund as of 06/15/2017 as \$805,496.56. Un-reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 06/15/2017 as \$476,426.52. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

**Public comment on agenda items:** None

**Employee use of Transfer Station:** This item back on the agenda again to clarify the mandatory request made at the annual town meeting to discontinue the transfer station fee use fee for all employees. After investigation of the statute and advice from the town attorney and the Wisconsin Town Association the statute 60.10(1)(b) fixes the authority of the town meeting to set the compensation of elective town officers only. The electors do not have statutory authority to require the board to remove the benefits of hired employees. Only the board has the authority over compensation to be paid to town employees. With that being said motion by Mr. Hanson to restore the provision of free use of the transfer station for employees and past employees, not elected officials. Motion seconded by Mr. Mayer. Motion carried.

**Request from Minocqua Library for funding:** Mr. Roessell President of the Minocqua Library Board of Trustees asked to be on the agenda today. Mr. Roessell stated that Lac du Flambeau residents use the library and borrowed 15, 560 items in 2016, therefore they are looking for library funding. The town of Lac du Flambeau does have a library and the town does provide the Lac du Flambeau library financial support. Mr. Mayer stated by statute we have the responsibility to support the Lac du Flambeau Library, so do we take away from the funding we have for the Lac du Flambeau Library or find a new source of funding. Mr. Roessell stated the town would probably seek new funding. Mr. Mayer stated if anything would be done he would like to see the Lac du Flambeau library expand. Mr. Hanson suggested perhaps working with the tribe grants could be applied for. The amount of funding the Minocqua Library Board is looking for is unknown at this time.

The Minocqua Library board will provide additional information and bring it back to the board if needed. Mr. Mayer stated he feels that the tribal government should also be a part of the discussion. Mr. Gaulke stated we will revisit this item at budget time. No action taken.

**Approval Liquor License application for 2017-2018.** Mr. Gaulke stated the Joint town/tribe liquor committee met last week and approved all applications. This also goes to the tribal council for their approval on June 26, 2017. Mr. Mayer is abstaining as one of the applications is for his place of business. The clerk presented a brief description of how the liquor license application process is done. Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the liquor license applications as presented. Motion carried. Mr. Mayer abstained.

**Bid specifications for road projects:** Mr. Gaulke reported he received a letter from the group Citizens for Education in Town Governance President Norm Wetzel questioning whether Mr. Gaulke had a conflict of interest in writing the road specifications prior to sending out for bids. Mr. Gaulke stated if the board would like we can hire a consulting firm to have them write the specifications for the road work needed. In the past the chairman has always did the specifications for the road work. The road work projects would always go out for bid as is required. Mr. Gaulke would always excuse himself from the bid review process to avoid any conflict of interest. Bids are received by the clerk sealed for presentation for an upcoming board meeting. Suggestion was made to have the road crew foreman write up the specifications for the road work. Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Mayer to have the road crew foreman draft the specifications for the upcoming road projects. Motion carried.

**Bartenders License:** Bartender applications were received from Barbara A. Simmons, Diane L. Williams, Victoria Crowe. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the applications presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Mayer to adjourn at 2:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Edwards  
Town Clerk