

June 7, 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.

Motion by Mr. Mayer and seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the agenda. Mr. Hanson wanted discussion on two of the agenda items which were #9. Public comment and #10 meeting times. He would like them to be put on the next agenda as discussion and action items not just discussion items. Motion by Mr. Hanson seconded by Mr. Mayer to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve voucher numbers 49605-49641 from the General Fund and 1713-1714 from the ambulance fund. Motion carried. Mr. Hanson requested that the clerk provide a copy of the check registers as well as all his mail to be emailed to him in advance so he may review these items before the meeting. It has been the office practice in the past to put these items in the supervisor folders for pick up at any time before the meeting. Per request the requested information will be emailed to Mr. Hanson prior to the meetings for review.

Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer Messinger provided her report on the financial status as follows: Reconciled balance of the General fund as of 05/31/2017 as \$853,107.52. Reconciled balance of the Ambulance Fund as of 05/31/2017 as \$471,920.10. The transfer station business has been growing weekly. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Mr. Hanson would like copies of the treasurer's report put on the table for electors to review prior to the meeting. Mrs. Messinger will provide the requested information to be available.

Discussion Public Comment on agendas: Supervisor Hanson requested this item be placed on the agenda for today's meeting. Mr. Hanson stated they did a polling of other municipalities regarding public comment on the agendas. In most cases they would allow for a time for public comment. Mr. Gaulke asked if he was referring to public comments on agenda items or public comments on non-agenda items. Mr. Hanson replied both. The town attorney's opinion stated discussion on agenda items is allowable however, discussion on non-agenda items could have no discussion and would have to be placed on the next agenda if the chairman so chooses. Mr. Mayer stated that while working on the county board and also confirmed by Wisconsin Towns Association and legal council by putting public comment on the agendas for non-agenda items it is not a good practice and not advisable as we could violate the open meeting laws. After lengthy discussion Mr. Gaulke stated for the reasons stated previously he chooses not to put on the agenda a public comment period for non-agenda items. He does not have a

problem with a public comment period on agenda items only. Under state statute the chairman has the power to set the agenda. Any citizen can ask the clerk, chairman, or supervisors for an item to be placed on the agenda. This can be done by phone, email or stopping into the office with the request. Again the chairman has the power to allow the agenda item or to decline the agenda item. It is a known practice that the chairman has always allowed any person to speak on an agenda item.

Discussion of meeting times: Mr. Hanson requested this item on the agenda. He feels that evening meetings would allow more working people to attend. Meetings have always been held in the afternoon and we did have a rather good turnout today. Town board meetings are held to conduct town business. Mr. McCutchin stated that the majority of citizens/working people are not even present during the off season. Mr. Gaulke stated in the summer a night meeting would not work with his working schedule. Mr. Mayer stated that night meetings are not ideal for him but he would make sure he would be present whatever the meeting time would be. The county holds their meetings during the day. One citizen present today stated you are never going to appease everybody with the meeting time. If this meeting today was held at night she would not be present. By night time she is ready to retire. Years ago meetings were held at night and there was not a good turnout.

Audit 2018: At the annual meeting it was an advisory request from the electors to have an audit of the town's financial books. Mr. Gaulke and supervisors are not opposed to having an audit done. An audit costs approximately \$10,000, but it is an expense that would have to go into the 2018 budget. Mr. Hanson made a motion to have an audit in 2018 and done bi-annually. Mr. Mayer and Mr. Gaulke declined to second the motion. Motion by Mr. Mayer to have an audit done in 2018 and after that is completed we can determine with the advice of the auditor and results of the audit how often this should be done. Motion seconded by Mr. Gaulke. Mr. Hanson opposed. Motion carried.

Bartenders License: Bartender applications were received from Trisha K. Jenz, June LaBarge, Wallace M. Soulier, Mary Mitchell, Jacqueline M. Tomasello, Samuel Snoddy, Angel Johnson and Ann Chosa. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Gaulke to approve the applications presented with the exception of the application for Ann Chosa which is being denied. Motion carried. Mr. Hanson abstained due to the fact that he cannot comment on one of the applicants. Motion by Mr. Mayer seconded by Mr. Hanson to adjourn at 2:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Edwards
Town Clerk