

**TOWN OF LONG LAKE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 15, 2022

Town Hall

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman James Whitehead. Supervisor I, Dan Lubensky, and Supervisor II, Greg Tinker were present along with Clerk, Debbie Bouma, and Treasurer, Brenda Derousseau. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Verification of notices was confirmed by the Clerk.

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Lubensky and seconded by Tinker to approve the minutes from October 11, 2022, Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Approval of Financial Report: Motion by Lubensky and seconded by Tinker to accept the Treasurer's Financial Report as presented by the Treasurer. Motion carried.

Adopt 2023 Town Budget: : Motion by Lubensky and seconded by Tinker to accept the Town Budget for 2023 at \$366,250.26 as presented. Motion carried.

Consider/Approval Agreement with Atlas Inspection Agency: Motion by Tinker and seconded by Dan to approve a 1-year agreement with Atlas Inspection Agency. Motion Carried.

Approval of the Payment Plan for BFCESD Building: Motion by Lubensky and seconded by Tinker to approve the monthly BFCESD building payment of \$11,625.58 to be paid in December. Motion carried.

Consider/Approval of Resolution 2022-5 Birchwood Four Corners Emergency Service District 2023 Assessment: Motion by Tinker and second Lubensky to approve Resolution 2022-5 BFCESD 2023 Assessment as presented for \$41,420.15. Motion carried.

Consider making a recommendation to Washburn Cty Hwy Dept to open Cty. Hwy. D from Lapcinski Rd to Co. Hwy P (Long Lake portion), and Cty. Hwy. P to Audubon Rd. (Long Lake portion) to ATV/UTV Use: Chairman explained Washburn Cty Hwy Dept's requirements for requesting the opening of a Cty Hwy to ATV/UTV traffic and explained that it was also viewable on their website. Motion by Whitehead and second Lubensky to request Washburn Cty Hwy Dept to open Cty Hwy D from Lapcinski Rd to Cty Hwy P (Long Lake portion) and Cty Hwy P to Audubon Rd (Long Lake portion). Motion carried.

Discuss options of getting Eastside Rd to Church Road open to ATVS: Board had a discussion on the possibilities to opening Eastside Rd to Church Rd. By consensus, the board will put on the December agenda to bring this recommendation to Washburn Cty Hwy Dept as it has many times in the pass but will also have Chairman Whitehead speak with the Birchwood Bobcats about some other options too.

Discuss road bushing and possible contract with Ryan Ullom Excavating: Motion by Whitehead and second Tinker to approve Ryan Ullom Excavating to road bush the ½ mile Schnacky Road both side for the price not to exceed \$3000 and the board will review the job at the December Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Update on Town Hall Remodel: Heating duct work is installed, and the new addition is completely closed in. We done our best to get the siding to match the historical building appearance.

Reports of Town Officers:

Debbie: Met with the attorney about the hearing on Sunsets, and he will be here on the December 13th meeting to discuss the town options. Also have met with attorney about the email from the Washburn County DA about the open records request.

Brenda: Tax season is here. Will be unable to attend the December 13th meeting.

Dan: Docks are out, and they held up better this year.

Greg: Would like to see what it would take to increase the board size and what Village powers would mean to the town.

James: Had appreciated all the input in a civil manner tonight, this is the way a meeting should be. Discussion whether it be good bad or ugly is useful if given in a respectful manner, but when we need to have a Washburn County Deputy on standby because of the people who cannot be respectful of others and the meeting process, I fear what may be come of our town. You must remember that every two years it is possible to a complete change to the board, and it is possible that no one will be trained or understand what needs to be followed as far as the State Statutes. This is not requirements or training for being elected. Just something to think about.

Correspondence: Correspondence was on the table for Board members to review and will be kept with the clerk's meeting records.

Approve Vouchers for Payment: Motion by Whitehead and second by Lubensky to pay vouchers #5912-5934, #1003 (ARRP) and the EFT. Motion carried.

Adjournment: On a motion from Whitehead and second by Tinker the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Debbie Bouma, Town Clerk