

**TOWN OF LONG LAKE
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

April 11, 2023

Town Hall

The regular monthly Town Board meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 Tinker and seconded by Lubensky to approve the minutes from March 14, 2023, 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. Motion carried.

Public Comment: Barbara Bouma read a statement on disruptive treatment of the election inspectors at the April 4, 2023, election even though it was cleared by the Wisconsin Election Commission Supervisor, Ryan Williams, in advance that they were all cleared to worked and no laws were being broken. Also, that a candidate on the ballot violated election laws by entering the voting place for a second time after voting and disrupted the election processes. Scott Frolik stated his reason for his objection to the election inspectors. Diane Heinrich pointed out that all election inspectors have complete training to be Chief Inspectors and that there were no laws broken on April 4, 2023. She also thanked James Whitehead for stepping up and doing a wonderful job after no one else did when Leroy passed away even after the town board waited a month for someone else to show interest. Mike McGough wanted to be sure that the new board will review the use of the town hall for the exercise class and wants to store equipment in the town hall for this class. John Long wants the contract for Mike Houser to be held off for the new board and that it should be up for bid. He also questioned the clerks use of mileage for a meeting. Mick Givens wanted to thank the outgoing board. He also states he personally felt intimidated by the present of the election inspectors. He commented on the last months minutes about his thoughts on the District Attorney complaint. He also commented on the current revaluation of the town which is ongoing. Scott Frolik recommends making an extension to Mike Houser's contract.

Approval of the Payment Plan for BFCESD Building: Motion by Lubensky and seconded by Tinker to approve the monthly BFCESD building payment of \$6,711.47 to be paid in May. Motion carried.

Approve Independent Contactors Agreement with Mike Houser: Motion by Whitehead to approve Independent Contactors Agreement with Mike Houser, no second was made after asking three times. Motion dies.

Approve Equipment Lease Agreement with Mike Houser: No action taken.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only: Terry O'Brien stated the new board members talked about Mike's contract but made no decision yet. Scott Frolik would like to see a monthly spreadsheet of all the work Mike does and the scope of the work. Greg Tinker is concerned these contracts are time sensitive. Debbie Bouma pointed out that Mike Houser has always listed his daily work on his monthly bill and as open records anybody can view that statement. Joe Hoy commented that the recycle center is manned by Gerald who is employed by Washburn County, Mike is contracted by the town to restack and move the brush back. Greg Tinker asked if the new board could act on Mike Houser's contract at or after the Annual Meeting. Terry O'Brien wants to know why Mike Houser does not come to monthly meetings. Mick Givens wanted to know when the contract expired. John Long wants to know why nothing is not bided in this town. Mick McGough wants to point out that towns need to be protected with references and insurance for a contractor. Greg Tinker wants to be sure Mike Houser isn't offended by the actions of tonight. Barbara Bouma pointed out how sad it is that the town supervisors couldn't second the current motion tonight and now is worried in public comment about offending him. Terry O'Brien agreed with what Greg Tinker said. Bob Moullette agrees with what Greg Tinker said and

wants to sit down with Mike Houser. Mick Givens agrees that Mike Houser has done a good job with the past chairmen, and he was also concerned with the new board getting the road tour completed.

Reports of Town Officers:

Debbie: Explained that Spooner Scholl District discovered they had made an error on the ballots after they were delivered, and absentee were sent out. This effected 13 townships and will add extra election expenses to all the effected townships which have not been figured out yet.

Brenda: Stated it had been a privilege to work with outgoing board members.

Dan: Stated that he had been a member of the board for over twenty years as chairman and as a supervisor and thanked everyone he had served with.

Greg: Stated it had been a privilege to be a part of the board and he enjoyed working with everyone.

James: He wished the new board the best and looks forward to siting in the red chairs again and asking questions and commenting.

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 Tinker and second by Lubensky to pay vouchers #6044-6064 and the EFT. Motion carried.

Adjournment: On a motion from Lubensky and second by Tinker the meeting was adjourned at 6:55p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Debbie Bouma, Town Clerk