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Town Board Regular Meeting held January 25, 2018 at the Town Hall at 7:00 p.m..

Present: Chairman David Wagner, Supervisor Larry Reas, Supervisor John Walasek, Clerk Judy Reas, Treasurer Carrie Kyle, Crew Supervisor Tim Schloer, Fabick sales representative Ben Knepper and 4 electors

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wagner.

**Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Public Comment.**

**Minutes of January 11, 2018 Regular and special meetings, review and act on.** Supervisor Reas made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Supervisor Walasek seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Vouchers, review and act on.** Checks 24097-24112 in the total amount of \$51,029.78 were reviewed. Supervisor Walasek made a motion to approve the vouchers, Supervisor Reas seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Tower Road Update.** The clerk reported that the Price County Highway Commissioner indicated that he has processed the request for reimbursement and the town can expect the check soon.

**Long Range Plan, Quotes from Cat.** Fabick representative Ben Knepper presented information for rental, lease and purchase options for equipment. He reiterated that the trade in value of equipment declines sharply when the equipment is older. Mr. Knepper expressed his kudos to the crew for the excellent maintenance of the equipment we currently have. The board was interested in a service agreement for the bigger maintenance items on equipment and Mr. Knepper noted that service agreements can be structured to meet the needs of the town. Mr. Knepper noted that Vision Link provides online GPS maintenance information to the service centers to notify of maintenance needs and hazards. Mr. Knepper noted that Fabick does provide financing for equipment. Mr. Knepper also noted that they may be able to provide a wheeled excavator for a demo period this summer if the town is interested in that piece of equipment. The board will continue to gather information for long range planning.

**Website progress.** The clerk reported that the holding page is up for the website and some of the pages have been completed. She expects the site to be up and functioning in February.

**Conditional use permit, review and act on.** The chairman presented a Town Driveway Access Permit that he received from Price County Zoning for Robert Hahn. The clerk notified Price County Zoning of the new form and requested contact be made with the applicant to request the \$50 application fee. Supervisor Walasek made a motion to approve the request pending approval of the crew supervisor and receipt of the application fee, Supervisor Reas seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Town Driveway Access Permit Application from Kenneth Dugenske, review and act on.** Supervisor Reas made a motion to approve the Town Driveway Access Permit from Kenneth Dugenske. The clerk had received the application fee and the crew supervisor has approved. Supervisor Walasek seconded the motion, motion passed.

**Timber cutting information.** Chairman Wagner reviewed the Timber Cutting Notices received from Price County.

**Room Tax Report.** The Room Tax Report for 2017 was reviewed. The amount retained by the Town of Lake for 2017 was \$5,147.79 and the cumulative ending balance is \$17,145.76.

**Road Weight Limit exception request, review and act on.** The clerk presented a request for a permit for an over-weight truck during spring breakup posting. The board participated in lengthy discussion regarding the permits. The board noted that the condition of the roads is severely impacted by over-weight traffic during spring break up and will work to restrict all routine over-weight traffic except in an emergency. The clerk will obtain information from the Wisconsin Towns Association for allowable restrictions and contact other townships to see what they are doing to preserve the roads. Crew Supervisor Schloer will contact Inspector Koski for availability to meet with the board and possibly the public. The board discussed placing a notice in the paper and/or a letter to those who have received permits in the past to invite them to the meeting on February 22.

**Road Work Report.** Crew supervisor Schloer reported on the need for a new plasma cutter. The Board directed him to obtain quotes. Crew Supervisor Schloer reported on the recent snow fall and the clean up efforts. It was noted that there are private individuals that plow driveways and leave snow in the road creating a hazard for drivers. The Board will review for legal action.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Reas, Clerk

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