

TOWN OF LAKE TOMAHAWK
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019
5:15 P.M. TOWN OFFICE

RAYMOND F. SLOAN COMMUNITY BUILDING

George DeMet, Town Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Present were Supervisors Stephanie Sowatzka and Larry Hoffman and Clerk Sharon Trimberger Lintereur. Lake Tomahawk residents present were Steve Forrest, Roger Dorsey and Steve Woller. Brian Jopek from the Lakeland Times was also present.

Chairman DeMet asked who wanted to speak and Steve Forrest expressed his desire to pursue the purchase of the old bank/Pizza Vault building. Forrest stated he didn't like the bids for the addition and thought they were too high and remodeling would save money.

Larry Hoffman spoke and stated he liked the idea of purchasing the bank/Pizza Vault and couldn't understand how the new addition would cost so much to build. He couldn't wrap his head around the price for the addition.

George DeMet then spoke. DeMet stated he made a list of pros and cons for pursuing the bank/Pizza Vault vs. the addition added on to the present community building. DeMet said the only pro he could think of regarding the bank/Pizza Vault building was cost. Chairman DeMet then stated what he felt were the cons against pursuing the bank/Pizza Vault building. The following are the cons: not what voters wanted or voted for at the annual meeting, eliminate a new tenant, and don't know what the utilities and maintenance of the building would be, voters will come back and say they didn't vote for this, design of the office through MSA is what we wanted the bank/Pizza Vault needs remodeling, if we go with the bank/Pizza Vault building and things go wrong then it is on the Town Board, and the bank/Pizza Vault is adequate and the new building addition is optimal.

Roger Dorsey stated that was no choice for the voters between bank/Pizza Vault and addition. DeMet stated that the Bank/Pizza Vault was not for sale when this went before the Town Board and the electors voted for the addition to the Community Building. Another electorate meeting would have to be called before we could even pursue the purchase of the bank/Pizza Vault.

Steve Woller stated that he thought the Town would be better off with the new addition and that it looks better if everything is in one building.

With everyone done speaking, Chairman DeMet then made a motion that we accept the next lowest bid from Teschendorf and Shrock for \$283,000. DeMet asked for a second and none was forthcoming.

DeMet then asked for further discussion and Stephanie Sowatzka stated she liked the idea of the bank/Pizza Vault but also thought the addition was the way to go. Sowatzka stated she was torn between the two but was leaning toward the addition and seconded DeMet's motion. Town Board vote was taken with two (2) ayes and one (1) nay, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Trimberger Lintereur-Clerk