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Woodruff town board takes issue with Lakeland Sanitary District

By Brian Jopek
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A letter from the Lakeland Sanitary District in late August to the towns of Woodruff, Arbor Vitae and Minocqua was a contentious agenda item for Tuesday's Woodruff town board meeting.

Town chairman Mike Timmons had invited the sanitary district's commissioners — Tom Wipperfurth, Mark Killian and Rick LaPlant along with superintendent Wilbur Peters — to the meeting to discuss, accord-

ing to the agenda item, "expansion of Lakeland Sanitary District."

The discussion, though, devolved quickly into what at times was some loud back and forth between Timmons and Peters and much of it regarding the letter the three commission members and Peters signed.

What the three towns did with the money received from the federal

government through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was what the commission and Peters inquired about in the letter, which was dated Aug. 30 and stated it had "been brought to our attention" that the three towns had received ARPA funds.

"Originally, those funds were supposed to go towards the infrastructure of water, wastewater, and internet

"After the fact, we're getting some attention."

Mike Timmons
Woodruff town chairman

A letter from the district stirs the pot

services to communities," the letter from the Lakeland Sanitary board reads. "As you may or may not know, treating wastewater should be considered one of THE most important services to any community. By treating wastewater properly and efficiently the District is protecting the land, rivers, and lakes as well as the health and well being of our community."

The letter to Arbor Vitae stated the Lakeland Sanitary District's

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MOOSE ON THE LOOSE IN MINOCQUA

A bull moose was spotted roaming the Lakeland area, from just north of Lake Tomahawk to U.S. Highway 51 and Poplar, on Wednesday, Oct. 12, in Minocqua.

Consulting firm for four town EMS holds public forum

Final report could be ready by December

By Trevor Greene
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Four north western Vilas County towns — Boulder Junction, Manitowish Waters, Presque Isle and Winchester — have contracted with a Wisconsin Dells-based consulting firm as a first step in improving and preventing issues of delayed emergency medical service (EMS) response times.

The response time issue is primarily due to low volunteer turnout.

On Tuesday, the owner and principal consultant for Strategic Management and Consulting (SMC), Dana Sechler, held a public forum in North Lakeland School's gymnasium.

The focus of the presentation centered on his experiences, what his company does and what people can expect.

"About 10 years or so ago I started pre-

senting at various places, (asking) 'Hey what are we going to do when there aren't volunteers anymore or there isn't the right funding?'" Sechler said. "People thought I was crazy."

The issue of waning volunteers was actually predicted five years before Sechler started presenting, he said, and the problem would start with EMS first and then hit fire departments next, based on the call volume each service typically has.

Sechler has been involved with EMS and fire services for nearly three decades. He has been part of local, state and national EMS projects, committees, boards and associations.

Sechler was president of the state's professional ambulance services and advocated for EMS to the state legislature.

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Florida surgeon general advises against mRNA Covid vaccines for men aged 18-39

Study: 84% higher relative incidence of cardiac death following vaccination for young men

By Richard Moore
OF THE LAKELAND TIMES

Scientists and public health officials in Europe have been signaling a growing concern about the mRNA Covid vaccines for some time now, especially about its use among younger adults and children, and now for the first time a major public health official in the U.S. has joined the dissent, as the Florida surgeon general issued a warning last week advising young men not to take the mRNA injections.

Last Friday, Florida surgeon general Dr. Joseph Ladapo issued new state guidance that young men aged 18-39 should not take the shots, citing a significantly high risk of cardiac-related death following vaccination.

The CDC pushed back sharply against the new Florida guidance and contin-

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