

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2016
5:30PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

Called to order at 5:30pm

Town Board Members Present: Jim Patterson, Mike Anderson, John Carlson, Michael Childers, Mike Starck

Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne, Rick Reichkitzer and Tim Eldred of the Fire Department

Public Present: Sue Brenna, Jim Peters, Paul Brummer

I. Public Comment A*: Supervisor M. Starck wondered if any of the Board members were going to attend the Wisconsin Town's Association meeting at the end of the month.

Motion to move to agenda item XI. B. Fire Department. Fire Department request for continuation of the Service Award Program buy back, M. Childers/ M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Emergency Services

B. Fire Department request for continuation of the Service Award Program buy back: Tim Eldred of the Fire Department spoke on the subject giving a brief history as well as information on the buyback program. Six years of service have been bought back, and the department would like to buy back 20 years of service. For the 2016 budget that would be an additional \$5,395 that was not budgeted for and then a lesser amount to be paid in the next four years, to be completed 2019. Discussion on how donated funds will not be used for the buy back. Motion to process the buyback program for the Fire Department as requested and to complete the program over the next few years, M. Childers/ M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to return to Agenda item II, M. Starck/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

II. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared and presented by Town Administrator Lisa Potswald. Discussion on how there have been many inquiries on the solar array request for proposals and KBJR news wanted to come to the Island for a story but were unable to get here due to a car accident, so it may happen in the future. Report dated January 8, 2016 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report: Foreman K. Larsen had been on vacation and a few emergency purchases were needed, one for springs on a truck and the other for the motor on the sander. December 2015 report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Parks

1. Big Bay Town Park Reservations System Collections: L Potswald reported that Treasurer C. Neubauer stated the company still owes the Town around \$20,000. She will

continue to ‘hound’ them on getting payment.

2. Update on making the switch to Jet Pay for reservation collections: Treasurer C. Neubauer has set things up to switch over to a new company for credit card collections on Park campground reservations when the current company is all paid up. Some board members are interested in making the switch to the new company, Jet Pay, as soon as possible so that the old company won’t be collecting any more reservations.

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. MRF Supervisor’s Report: Interim Supervisor C. Baxter prepared the report for the month of December 2015. Report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report December 2015: L. Potswald busy with a lot of telephone inquiries in the month of December, and thinks that 2016 summer will be a good building season.

2. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report year 2015: Yearly report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Winter Transportation Committee: No updates as this time.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report: Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report dated 1/13/16, M. Childers/ M. Starck. Discussion on how the report shows some good news, expenditures are lower than anticipated and revenues were okay so the balance coming into 2016 is good. M. Childers appreciates the good management of the budget and L. Potswald thanked the Department Heads for their work. Vote on the motion, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: L. Potswald is in contact with Senator Baldwin and Duffy’s offices to work on finding funding for a new Windsled. It has been difficult due to the nature of the transportation specific to our area.

C. Nonprofit fee waiver for rentals: Many groups and businesses request the waiving of fees when renting a park shelter, usually the Rec Center. Supervisor Childers brought up this item so that when requests come in from La Pointe nonprofits, they can receive a waiver of the fees, still supplying a security deposit. Motion to approve Resolution #2016-0114 regarding waiving fees for just La Pointe nonprofits and only for the Parks and Recreation rentals, M. Childers/ J. Carlson, 3 Ayes, 2 Opposed (M. Starck and M. Anderson), Motion Carried.

D. Industrial Lot Lease: Updated form with sections and a few updates. Motion to approve the lease as presented, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Set a date and agenda for the February Workshop: Due to upcoming changes with legislation, the workshop for Zoning scheduled for Wednesday January 20 is cancelled. The Town Board scheduled their February workshop early since the zoning one was cancelled: scheduled for Tuesday January 19, 2016 at 4:30pm. The topics to include Madeline Island School of the Arts and possible next steps with the current situation as there had been a member of the public interested in assisting in negotiations; other topics from past workshops and the start of strategic planning.

F. National Marine Sanctuary Updates: Town Administrator L. Potswald has been in contact with a woman from Bayfield who could come to the Island to present and have a meeting regarding the marine sanctuary. Discussion on waiting until the summer population is around.

G. Updates on Assembly Bill 154: Lisa Potswald and Mike Starck travelled to Madison to speak at the Public Hearing for the bill. Supervisor Starck stated that he thought it went well and that the bill would pass the Assembly.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$932,508.46, M. Starck/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve alternative claims in the amount of \$112,576.91 and \$8,089.57 for the Library, M. Starck/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report as of December 31, 2015 showing a total of \$2,016,770.09 and an available checking account total of \$658,171.12, J. Patterson/ M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting December 22, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted with one change from 'Res' to 'Red', M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Police Department

A. Police Chief's Report: Report prepared by W. Defoe dated 1/5/16 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Police Department Intern Job Description: Supervisor M. Starck motioned to approve the job description as submitted, J. Carlson seconded. Discussion included questions on if the intern would be armed, if he is qualified to be armed, if he would ever be working by himself, and what stage of school he is in. M. Starck withdrew his motion. Motion to table the item to the next meeting in order to get answers to the questions, M. Childers/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Employment Agreement and hiring of Intern Officer Packer Mikinia: item tabled until the next meeting to get answers to questions discussed in the last item about the Intern Job Description.

XI. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report: Report prepared by R. Reichkitzer dated 12/7/15 to 1/12/16 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

XII. Public Comment B:** Paul Brummer would like the name that was mentioned earlier as a negotiator for MISA, it was R. Russell.
Tim Eldred complimented the Town Board on how well they are working together, as well as the Town Administrator. P. Brummer agreed.

XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. Nelson, et al. v. Defoe, et al. Case No. 15-cv-274-wmc: Nothing to report at this time.

B. Notice of Circumstances of Claim and Claim and Notice of Claim: Craftivity Inc/ Madeline Island School of the Arts: nothing to report at this time.

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Buyback resolution for the Fire Department, Resolution updates for the nonprofit fee waiver, Police Department Intern things, Army Corps updates on Historical places.

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Childers/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:39pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as corrected, if needed, for the word 'travelled' (which can be spelled with one 'l' or two), January 26, 2016. Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk