

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2015**  
**5:30PM AT TOWN HALL**  
Approved Minutes

**Called to order** at 5:30pm

**Present:** Mike Anderson, John Carlson, Michael Childers, Mike Starck. Jim Patterson arrived at 5:58pm

**Staff present:** Kristian Larsen, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

**Public Present:** Paul Brummer, Elizabeth Ellis

Motion to appoint Michael Childers as chair of the meeting in the absence of Jim Patterson, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 3 Ayes, 1 abstain (M. Childers), Motion Carried.

**I. Public Comment A\*:** Paul Brummer had read an article in the Island Gazette on the success of Big Bay Town Park, and stated that he disagrees on the success because of the large cost to build/ upgrade; even though it was grant money, tax payers still paid.

**II. Interim Town Administrator's Report:** None submitted

**III. Public Works**

**A. Roads**

1. Foreman's Report: Presented by Foreman K. Larsen with discussion on the Road & Parks crews getting ready for winter by putting the sander on the one ton truck as well as turning water off and closing the comfort stations at Big Bay Town Park next week. The pit toilets remain open all year. Unanimous Consent to place the September report on file.

**B. Parks:** Nothing at this time.

**C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)**

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: Report dated October 9, 2015 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

**IV. Committees**

**A. Planning and Zoning**

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Report for the month of September placed on file by Unanimous Consent

**B. Community Awards Committee**

1. Community Award Nominations: Elizabeth Ellis, Chair of the committee, spoke that the committee was pleased with the number of nominations received for the 2015 selection of awards. Discussion on the possibility of placing a plaque at Town Hall to honor the award recipients as well as providing each recipient with a personal plaque of sorts. Motion to approve the nominations submitted by the Community Awards Committee: Gary and Robin Trinko Russell received the Community Appreciation Award, Ken Cadotte received the Hall of Fame Award, and C. William Muter received the Roll of Honor Award. M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **C. Alternative Energy Committee**

1. Resignation of committee member: Acknowledgement of Burke Henry's resignation from the AEC.

### **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Budget Report: Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report dated 10/12/15, J. Carlson/ M. Starck, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: None at this time.

C. Town Board liaisons on Clinic Board, Library Board, Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce, and Madeline Sanitary District: Letters were received from the Clinic and the Chamber, neither of which is interested in having a liaison at this time. It was also noted that the Sanitary District would not be interested at this time either. No liaisons assigned.

D. Town Administrator Hiring Process: Clerk M. Montagne addressed questions on the hiring process for the Town Administrator: The Town Board would like to perform the interviews during a special meeting, other items including background checks and following up on references will wait to see who the applicants are, and who are contenders for the position.

E. DRAFT Management Discussion & Analysis for audit ending 12/31/14: the Draft audit report prepared by Administrative Assistant B. Nelson was presented at the last meeting, but postponed for further review. Motion to approve the DRAFT Management Discussion & Analysis for audit ending 12/31/14, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Resolution #2015-1013: Existing Employer Option Selection- WI Public Employer's Group Health Insurance Program: Resolution is to declare intent to offer dental insurance to eligible employees due to dental coverage being a separate policy in 2016. Discussion on how there are 16 eligible employees, which is greater than the actual number of employees receiving insurance currently. Motion to approve Resolution #2015-1013: Existing Employer Option Selection- WI Public Employer's Group Health Insurance Program, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Dental Insurance Coverage 2016: The Board previously approved providing dental coverage to eligible employees in 2016 because it will be a separate policy and not offered as part of the health insurance. Administrative Assistant B. Nelson prepared different percentage options for what cost the Town could cover while leaving the remainder for the employee to cover. Discussion on how the new plan will not cover as many services. Motion to have the Town pay 50% of the dental coverage cost for eligible employees who are enrolled with the insurance, which will come out to around a \$3,060 annual cost for the Town, M. Anderson, J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Cell Tower Service Updates: Supervisor M. Starck talked with a representative of Washburn, WI because they are planning on expanding their cell tower and have hired a consultant to assist in their efforts. Because around 70% of the Island does not get good cell coverage, M. Starck would like to have this consultant prepare a letter to the Board with this services and fees to see if it would be something the Town Board is interested in to pursue upgrades in the future.

I. Status and possible rescinding of Resolution #2015-0817 for Department of Safety and Professional Services Inspection for Tom's Burned Down Café: Motion to table the agenda item until the next meeting, M. Childers/ M. Anderson, 3 Ayes, 1 opposed (M. Starck), Motion Carried.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$25,666.57, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VII. Alternative Claims:** Motion to approve alternative claims in the amount of \$105,621.08 and \$5,015.07 for the Library, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report as of September 30, 2015 showing a total of \$899,884.75 and a total available checking of \$430,404.66, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**IX. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting September 22, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**X. Police Department**

A. Police Chief's Report: Brief discussion on the agreement between the Police Department and the County: hopefully things will be figured out during the budget process. Unanimous Consent to place the report dated 10/9/2015 on file.

**XI. Emergency Services**

A. Fire Chief's Report: Report dated 9/8/15 – 10/13/15 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Ambulance Director's Report: September Report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

**XII. Public Comment B\*\*:** None.

**XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

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

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

**XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** Status of Inspection at Tom's Burned Down Café

Jim Patterson entered at 5:58pm

**XV. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:59pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk  
Approved as submitted October 27, 2015, M. Montagne