

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2015
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

Public Present: Paul Brummer, Sue Brenna

I. Public Comment A*: None

II. Interim Town Administrator's Report: Report dated November 20, 2015 presented by Lisa Potswald and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion on putting together a procedure for performance reviews in 2016 to use the funds set aside for merit raises.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Request for a credit card limit increase for Foreman K. Larsen: Due to many larger purchases needed for the roads and parks departments, it has been requested that Foreman K. Larsen's credit card limit be increased from \$1500 to \$5000 so it is easier to make certain online and other purchases. Motion to bump up K. Larsen's credit card limit to \$5000, M. Starck/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks: Nothing at this time.

C. Airport

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Report dated November 22, 2015 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

D. Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. Interim MRF Supervisor: Motion to appoint Carey Baxter as Interim MRF Supervisor while Ted Pallas is on medical leave, with a retroactive start date of October 22, 2015, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Carey Baxter Wage Increase: Motion to approve a wage increase for Carey Baxter while Interim MRF Supervisor to \$18/ hour, retroactively starting October 22, 2015, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Lisa Potswald thanks the Town Board for attending the public hearing regarding the Hartzell property on Mondamin Trail. The Town Plan Commission will meet on December 2nd and make a recommendation to the Town Board for the Regular Meeting to be held on December 8, 2015.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Administrative Assistant's Report: November report dated 11/20/15 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve Budget Summary and Comparisons Report dated 11/24/15, M. Childers/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Grant Updates: Nothing new to report.

D. Future Legal Counsel: M. Fauerbach of Fauerbach, Martell & Posewitz will be retiring on January 15, 2016, the Town Board had previously met with Katie Posewitz who has been doing the general legal work for the town while M. Fauerbach has been taking on less and nearing retirement, but the Board has not made any decision on who they want as the Town's legal counsel. Discussion on how L. Potswald has been working with K. Posewitz on most things lately and she is pleased with K. Posewitz' performance. The Town also uses Attorney M. Anich for law enforcement and P. Albrecht for personnel issues. The decision to name K. Posewitz as the Town's lead attorney does not mean that they cannot consult anyone else, but the Town's insurance company has asked for clarification on who the lead attorney is. A resolution will be drafted for the next Town Board meeting stating that Fauerbach, Martell & Posewitz firm, with Katie Posewitz as lead attorney will be the Town's general counsel.

E. National Marine Sanctuary nomination: Supervisor M. Childers requested to have this on the agenda to make sure the Board and the Town is aware of it and would like to continue to be informed on what occurs with the future possibility of the nomination of the Chequamegon Bay area.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$76,953.34, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash summary Report as of 10/31/15 showing a total of \$855,920.85 and an available checking account of \$304,342.39, J. Patterson/ M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Minutes

A. Special Town Board Meeting, November 5, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Childers/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, 1 abstain (M. Starck absent), Motion Carried.

B. Regular Town Board Meeting, November 10, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Starck/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Special Town Board Meeting, November 11, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Childers/ M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Special Town Board Meeting, November 13, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Special Town Board Meeting, November 17, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Starck/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance Director's Report: Discussion on the use of the Winter Transportation Building by the EMTs for their meetings. Winter Transportation Committee and Arnie Nelson of Windsleds Inc have discussed this and decided that it is okay to use the building 'conference area'. The board is okay with use of Winter Transportation building once it's all worked out with keys and budgetary items like utilities have been worked out. November report prepared by C. Dalzell placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

X. Library

A. Library Board Minutes, October 7, 2015: Minutes placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

XI. Public Comment B:** Happy Thanksgiving from Paul Brummer

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. Nelson, et al. v. Defoe, et al. Case No. 15-cv-274-wmc: Hearing scheduled for October 2016.

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

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

Legal counsel resolution, Hartzell public hearing recommendation, cell tower presentation consultant.

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, 1 nay (M. Starck), Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:05pm.

Submitted by Clerk Micaela Montagne.
Approved as submitted, December 8, 2015