

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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, William Defoe, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Paul Brummer, Sue Brenna, Charlie Brummer

I. Public Comment A*: Paul Brummer read and submitted a letter that stated how Supervisor Mike Starck voted at the Town Plan Commission meeting in favor of what neighbors wanted, but did not vote in the past how the neighbors of Craftivity wanted.

II. Interim Town Administrator's Report: Report dated December 4th presented by Interim Town Administrator Lisa Potswald. Discussion included Town Administrator goals for 2016 which will be on the agenda for the next Town Board meeting. Other questions on agreements with the County and how the Law Enforcement agreement changes are developing. L. Potswald stated that the Sheriff is to contact Chief Defoe . The Board was impressed with the budget book and the presentation at the Budget meetings. Report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report: November 2015 report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Parks

1. Business permit for Big Bay Town Park: Foreman K. Larsen and Administrator L. Potswald thought it would be a good idea to have a business permit at Big Bay Town Park to eliminate any issues. A fee of \$200 per permit per year is proposed. L. Potswald to put together a draft of permit and agreement that would accompany it as well as look into if there are any issues with having state funding for the Park that would dictate what can be done in terms of licenses and permits.

2. Parks and Recreation Plan: The plan was started by the CAPP committee, and had been updated. The Rieman Park is not happening at this time, but modifications may come in the future. Motion to approve the updated Parks and Recreation Plan dated 2016-2021 as submitted by the Town Plan Commission, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. Interim MRF Supervisor's Report: Report submitted by Carey Baxter, dated December 2, 2015 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

D. Airport

1. Airport Insurance: Rural Mutual submitted a quote as well as Horton Group. Motion to go with Rural Mutual Insurance at the \$2,000,000 limit with an annual premium of \$1321, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Draft report for November prepared by L. Potswald has not yet been approved by the Town Plan Commission. Placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

2. Town Plan Commission recommendation regarding Hartzell and Waffensmith zoning map change request: Waffensmith withdrew his request for lot 7. The Town Plan Commission approve lots 4 and 5 be rezoned from R1 to R3. Motion to approve the zoning map change for the Hartzell lots 4 and 5 as per the Town Plan Commission's recommendation, M. Childers/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report: Motion to approve the budget summary report dated 12/8/2015, M. Childers/ M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: Nothing at this time.

C. Cell Tower Consultant: He was not able to make it at this time.

D. Attachment "E" to 2015 Compensations Resolution #2014-1223: Includes part time police officer wages as well as interim MRF Supervisor wage. Motion to approve Attachment "E" to 2015 Compensations Resolution #2014-1223, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. 2016 Fee Schedule: Discussion on hangar leases that includes an X, but price is not clarified. Motion to approve the 2016 Fee Schedule as submitted with the hangar lease item still needing clarification, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Resolution #2015-1208: Legal Counsel: This resolution is to formalize the relationship between Fauerbach, Martell & Posewitz legal firm as the Town's general counsel. Motion to approve Resolution #2015-1208, M. Childers/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. \$75,000 grant from Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation for solar array for Library and Clinic: The Town was awarded the grant for the solar array for the Clinic and Library. Discussion on the deadline to complete all work and have all payments submitted by June 2016, having so many weather and transportation unknowns. Interim Town Administrator believes it can be done in time if we act quickly. The grant is for \$75,000 and the Library is going to contribute \$20,000, so there is a budget of \$95,000. The Request for Proposals for contractors on the project to include penalties if not completed on time. Motion to approve and accept the grant from Wisconsin Office of Energy Innovation, M. Childers/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Town Board Workshops: Zoning and Strategic Planning: Supervisor Childers requested a workshop to discuss the zoning changes at the Town, County, State, and Federal levels. Discussion of what the current zoning structure is and how there are many questions that need answers. The zoning workshop would be for both the Town Board and the Town Plan Commission and is tentatively scheduled for January 20, 2015. Another strategic planning workshop is requested by L Potswald which may take a couple of sessions will be drafted and will begin in late January or March.

I. National Marine Sanctuary Nomination for the Chequamegon Bay area: There is a meeting on Monday December 14, 2015 near Ashland, hopefully there will be a recording of the meeting as it is in the evening.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$22,736.34, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims in the amount of \$91,118.58 and \$20,089.99 for the Library, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary report as of November 30, 2015 showing a total of \$737,379.60 and an available checking balance of \$299,869.50, J. Patterson/ M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting November 24, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Starck/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Police Department

A. Police Chief's Report: the dates for the Booze and Belts program have been changed to December 18 through January 3rd.

B. Request to extend Vacation and Holiday time: Motion to extend vacation and holiday time for Dan Carpenter and William Defoe (as they are not able to use it while they are short staffed) until March 2016, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Request to hire Part Time Officers: Motion to authorize W. Defoe to hire Richard Laakonen at \$19/ hour provided he meets all state requirements, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Chief Defoe would also like to hire possibly two more officers so they do not run into the same issues as this last summer and fall.

XI. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report: Report for 11/9/15 to 12/7/15 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

XII. Public Comment B:** Charles Brummer mentioned the cold patch replacement of black top at Browne's corner, that it is still bumpy, it would be nice to have it replaced with a hot mix as soon as possible.

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

Cell tower, Resolution for Fee schedule: include clarification of hangar lease, Town Administrator goals for 2016, scheduling workshops, workers comp insurance

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted, December 22, 2015. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.