

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2015**  
**5:30PM AT TOWN HALL**  
Approved Minutes

**Called to order** at 5:33pm

**Present:** Greg Nelson, Michael Childers, Marty Curry, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross

**Staff present:** Pete Clark, Kristian Larsen, Lisa Potswald

**Public Present:** John Carlson, Jen Croonborg Murphy, Charles Brummer

**I. Public Comment A\***

A. Jen Croonborg-Murphy spoke regarding the Senate Bill 25 that is being introduced into legislation. She believes the current language of the bill is flawed and does not read the way the Town intends it to. She would like it looked into to ensure the Bill is clear and will provide the Town with full zoning authority.

B. Jim Patterson mentioned a memo he prepared that highlighted some topics he would like on future agenda items based on discussions at the Candidate Forum.

**II. Town Administrator's Report:** Presented by Administrator Pete Clark and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included brief updates on regional ice rescue support, the resolution being presented to Ashland County for their support in the Town's legislation, and more discussion following the public comment by J. Croonborg- Murphy. Senate Bill 25 has been introduced, but there are still many stages it will go through. It was reviewed by the Legislative Reference Bureau with a packet of history, purpose, and intent. Administrator Clark ensures the Board that if there are any discrepancies in the language, that there is still time to get them cleared up. Supervisor Childers suggests that the Board review documents from the Legislative Reference Bureau to clarify. A letter of intent sent to the legislators may also be useful to make sure the language does not need to be changed to ensure the Town will regain zoning authority in the shoreland areas as well as the rest of the Island upon passing of the Bill.

**III. Public Works**

**A. Roads**

1. Foreman's Report: Presented by Foreman Kristian Larsen and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included the two ton Town truck that caught on fire, the truck itself is totaled, but hopefully the plow, sander and box are salvageable. Bilingual signs are at the shop and K. Larsen would like to have the Board look at them and discuss at the next meeting.

**B. Parks:** Foreman Larsen would like to restructure the parks department a bit, and change some of the job descriptions. He will prepare something for the next meeting.

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

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

**IV. Committees**

**A. Planning and Zoning**

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Report dated January1, 2015 through January 31, 2015 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

## **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Budget Report: Supervisor Childers and Administrative Assistant Barb Nelson have been meeting to draft a summary report that is only a couple of pages. The current budget report shows the Town is a bit short on revenues and high on expenditures compared to last year at this time. Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report dated 2/10/2015, M. Childers/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: prepared by Lisa Potswald and placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

C. Attachment "A" to 2015 Compensations Resolution #2014-1223: Adjustments have been made to EMT wages, they will now receive a per diem instead of an hourly rate which clears up some issues the department has been dealing with, and wages for fire fighter responses have gone down for calls that are standby or stand down. All have been approved by departments. Motion to approve Attachment "A" to 2015 Compensations, Resolution #2014-1223, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Resolution #2015-0210: 2014 Collection & Use of Additional 1.5% Accommodations Tax: The resolution spells out the Town's use of the Accommodations Tax and the remainder being paid to the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce. The Town used \$2150 to pay for Discover Wisconsin and \$8,336.18 on the tourism infrastructure project of the Big Bay Town Park Shelter. The Chamber will receive \$19,451.10. Supervisor Childers would like to make sure that the Chamber is aware of the resolution prior to passing it. Supervisor Curry is concerned that money generated here on the Island is being used to promote business off Island because the Chamber gets the Accommodations tax and also promotes off Island businesses who are Chamber members. Resolution postponed until the next meeting, February 24, 2015.

E. Resolution of Support by Ashland County for La Pointe Legislation: Resolution will be taken up by the Ashland County Zoning Board on Wednesday February 11, 2015, if passed it will go to the County Board for approval. Discussion on if language needs to be updated or changed at all to reflect prior discussion on Senate Bill 25 and intent of the Town. This resolution is just support for corrective measures to be taken to regain Town zoning authority. Motion to approve the Resolution of Support by Ashland County for La Pointe Legislation, M. Childers/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Discussion and Consideration of Town Administrator Leave: Administrator Clark requests the Board take up the matter at a later meeting, the memo he prepared introduces the topic and the Board can have time to consider.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$46,537.62, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VII. Alternative Claims:** Motion to approve Alternative Claims in the amount of \$129,889.14 and \$5,373.74 for the Library, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, 1 abstain (H. Ross), Motion Carried.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report as of January 31, 2015 showing a total of \$3,160,879.53 and a total available checking account of \$185,687.76, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **IX. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting January 27, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **X. Police Department**

A. Police Chief's Report: Motion to place report dated 2/4/15 on file, H. Ross/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Speed Monitoring Trailer Grant: There is an interest in getting a speed monitoring trailer (shows the speed limit and the speed of cars to assist in deterring speeding vehicles on the roads). The cost is around \$6400.00 but there are two grant sources as well as the possibility of donations. Discussion on if it would be okay to use on the County roads, safety, it would not record and there is no camera, and how it would not be a substitute for patrol. Town Board is in favor of pursuing it if it will not cost the tax payers any money, strictly funded by the grants and by donations.

## **XI. Emergency Services**

A. Fire Chief's Report: Placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Request for Proposals: The fire department is requesting proposals for the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Replacement Program, proposal submission deadline 5:00pm on Tuesday March 10, 2015. Motion to approve the Request for Proposals, M. Childers/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Updates on Regional Ice Rescue Support: Administrator Clark has had discussions with Bayfield and Ashland County as well as the Coastguard and the National Parks Service on opportunities to receive financial support for Ice Rescue services provided by the Town of La Pointe. There is the possibility of contracting with and/ or invoicing the different entities to defray costs as we are the primary asset for ice rescue in the region. Discussions to continue.

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

## **XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues:** None

## **XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- A. Clarification on Senate Bill 25
- B. Bilingual Signs
- C. Parks Job Descriptions
- D. Resolution 2015-0210 Accommodations Tax
- E. Ineffective and disappearing committees, Regular Employee Reviews, and the Bayfield School district as per J. Patterson's Memo

**XV. Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:00pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.  
Approved as Submitted, February 24, 2015