

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

Called to order at 5:32pm

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

Staff present: Pete Clark, Lisa Potswald, Michael Dalzell, Alan Hardie

Public Present: Barb Christensen, John Carlson, Paul Brummer

I. Public Comment A*: None

II. Town Administrator's Report: Presented by Pete Clark and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included potential collaborative revenue options for ice rescue as well as for the ice road (possibility of Bayfield assisting with maintenance costs).

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report: Placed on file by Unanimous Consent
2. Status of the Two-Ton Truck: Truck was totaled in a fire, decisions need to be made on whether to keep the sand spreader that was on the truck and is still functional. Insurance valued the vehicle at 25,722.50 with the sander, 21,522.50 without. Motion to authorize Foreman Kristian Larsen to accept the Insurance offer with the option of keeping or not keeping the sand spreader as he was unable to attend the meeting to discuss, J. Patterson/ H. Ross, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks

1. Hiring of Land Trust Outreach and Invasive Species Coordinators: Information only, Foreman Larsen and Bonnie Matuseski of the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve hired two Land Trust Outreach and Invasive Species Coordinators that will begin in late May.

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: Report dated March 6, 2015 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Supervisor Ross mentioned he would like to see the wire stripping machine used.

D. Airport

1. Airport Managers Report and Checklist: Report dated February 23, 2015 presented by Airport Manager M. Dalzell and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion on the perimeter fence project possibly being pushed back a year to 2017 to wait for funding, the Town has a 5% match, about \$20,000.

2. Request for Industrial Zone Lease Lot #9: Lot lease requested by Evan Erickson, Airport Manager M. Dalzell recommends approving the lease. Motion to approve the lot lease for Industrial Lot 9 to Evan Erickson, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Report for February 2015 presented by Planning and Zoning Administrator Lisa Potswald and placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Harbors

1. Appointment of Committee Members, New Term ending March 10, 2018: two full positions and an alternate are up for appointment. All three members expressed interest in reappointment, Gary Russell and Gary Krubsack as full members and Jon Berg as an alternate. Motion to appoint Gary Russell and Gary Krubsack as full members and Jon Berg as an alternate for the Harbor Committee with terms ending March 10, 2018. M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5

2. Three Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions. Resolution #2015-0310: the three year plan acts as a 'wish list' that will allow for harbor assistance if funds become available. The Statement of Intentions was approved by the Harbor Committee and has recommended it to the Board for their approval. Motion to approve Resolution #2015-0310 for the Three Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions, J. Patterson/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Joni's Beach Dock Extension: The Harbor Committee has approved and recommended to the Board to acquire the permit necessary for extending the dock at Joni's Beach. The permit would be good for three years with the possibility of a two year extension, so the project would not be done right away. The permit is \$603.00. Supervisor Childers would like to see a project plan and cost. Motion to submit application to secure a permit for the extension of the dock at Joni's Beach costing \$603 to look at future proposals for the project, M. Curry/ H. Ross, 4 Ayes, 1 abstain (G. Nelson), Motion Carried.

4. Harbor Dredge Limits Expansion: The Harbor Committee recommends having the dredge limits expanded to secure the possibility of harbor expansion in the future. Discussion on how congressional approval would be needed and the Board needs a plan on who to contact to enlist support. Motion to table to look into who would be the best person to contact, H. Ross/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Alternative Energy Committee

1. Recommendation from Committee to accept final report and payment authorization to Chippewa Valley Alternative Energy: Chippewa Valley Alternative Energy completed the requirements of their contract statement of work and the Alternative Energy Committee recommends the Board's approval. Motion to approve payment to Chippewa Valley Alternative Energy called for in their contract as budgeted, M. Curry/ M. Childers, 4 Ayes (J. Patterson out of room), Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report: Motion to approve Budget Summary Report dated 3/10/15, M. Childers/ H. Ross, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

C. Attachment 'B' to 2015 Compensations, Resolution #2014-1223: To reflect changes in the Parks positions approved at the last meeting; no changes in wages, just in job titles and positions. Motion to approve Attachment 'B' to 2015 Compensations, Resolution #2014-1223, M. Curry/ H. Ross, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Ashland County reimbursements in lieu of Tax Levy Exemption: Administrator Clark prepared a memo that included some areas where he thought the Town may be able to be reimbursed by the County for certain services; they include Economic Development, Animal Control and Public Health, totaling around \$36,500. The Board is worried that the County would not agree and not pay for some of the items, but hope that some reimbursements come, the matter is ongoing.

E. Ineffective and Disappearing Committees: Supervisor Patterson placed this item on the agenda to discuss the effectiveness of committees as well as if there are any that are not needed any more. Discussion included the possibility of in the future, instead of creating formal committees, that maybe a 'citizen workgroup' would work to get recommendations. Supervisor Childers would like to hear from committees, asking if their goals are met and if they are still effective. There are many committees that are needed, but some like the Tribal Relations committee, Community Awards, Local Foods, and CAPP need to be looked at.

F. La Pointe Community Clinic Updates: Barb Christensen of the Clinic Board was present to answer questions and clarify on the status of the clinic. Christensen explained that the clinic is no longer part of the Rural Health program because it was costing them money and they were not getting the benefits. There are many independent clinics that are leaving the program as it is better fit for clinics that are associated with hospitals. The change does not affect the patients; the clinic still accepts Medicare and Medicaid.

G. Governor's Proposal for County Wide Assessment: There have been many letters and memos on the proposal to eliminate local assessments. Ashland County will be discussing the issue on March 11, 2015 and it is currently unknown what their position is. The Board would like the template resolution in opposition of eliminating local assessments to be on a future agenda.

H. Town Legal Counsel Status and Future: Town Attorney M. Fauerbach is nearing retirement, discussion on the future of the Town's legal counsel. Administrator Clark questioned if the Board wanted to begin searching and screening other firms, or have Fauerbach's associates begin to take over. Ongoing matter.

Motion to move to agenda item XI. B: Emergency Services, Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Request for Proposals, H. Ross/ M. Childers, 4 Ayes (M. Curry out of room), Motion Carried.

XI. Emergency Services

B. Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Request for Proposals: Three proposals were received from Alarm 5 MSA, Jefferson Fire and Safety/ Scott Safety, and Industrial Safety Inc. Proposals will be reviewed by the Fire Department.

Motion to return to the agenda, item VI. Vouchers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve Vouchers in the amount of \$28,643.82, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims in the amount of \$1,906,611.96, and \$9,754.93 for the Library, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report as of February 28, 2015 showing a balance of \$1,207,202.28, and a total available checking account of \$698,851.77, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting February 24, 2015: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Childers/ H. Ross, 4 Ayes, 1 abstain (J. Patterson), Motion Carried.

X. Police Department

A. Police Chief's Report: Motion to place report dated 3/5/2015 on file, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report: Motion to place report for 2/10/15 to 3/10/15 on file, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XII. Public Comment B:** Paul Brummer states that the Town Plan Commission recommended that no extensions to Joni's Beach dock, just improvements.

XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues: Nothing at this time.

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. 2014 Financial Report and other agenda items for the Annual Town Meeting
- B. Committees
- C. Local Assessment Resolution
- D. ongoing future of Legal representation
- E. Insurance shopping/ quotes updates

XV. Adjourn. Motion to adjourn, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:23pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk
Approved as submitted, March 24, 2015