

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 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: Lisa Potswald, Kristian Larsen

Public Present: Charles Brummer, Paul Brummer

I. Public Comment A*: Charles Brummer thanked Ham Ross and Marty Curry for their service as Town Board Members as this is their last meeting.

II. Town Administrator's Report: None

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report: Presented by Kristian Larsen and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion on waiting for paperwork to go through in regards to the Town truck that was burned.

2. Dust Control: Discussion on whether to post for bids or try to do the dust control in house. Due to the amount of work and money that would go into trying to get equipment up to par, the materials, and the labor, it was decided to post for bids as has been done in the past.

B. Parks

1. Hiring Park Attendant: Motion to hire Keptner Powe as the Park Attendant for \$14.00/ hour, hours not to exceed 1200, and with a starting date of May 5th, 2015, M. Curry/ H. Ross, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Extension for Camp Host Applications: A couple of applications have been received, but Foreman K. Larsen would like to extend the deadline until April 22nd to see if there are any others interested. Motion to extend the deadline for applications until April 22nd, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Post for Recreation Center Summer Staff Positions: Director and Assistant: Discussion on whether to rehire last year's Director and Assistant who have expressed interest in the positions, or to post and get a new batch of applicants. Motion by Ham Ross to endorse Patty Anderson and Reva Pallas as the Director and Assistant if they submit their paperwork, second for discussion by G. Nelson. More discussion on posting versus giving Foreman K. Larsen permission to hire Patty and Reva. Vote, 3 Ayes (H. Ross, G. Nelson, J. Patterson), 2 Opposed (M. Childers, M. Curry), Motion Carries.

4. Joni's Beach Dock Extension Recommendation: The Town Plan Commission recommended to the Town Board that there be no extension at this time. Repairs can be done, but the extension is not in the Park & Rec Plan. Discussion on having the future Park & Rec Plan (with the assistance of Foreman Larsen) include the extension for future consideration, but take no action at this time.

5. Kayak Racks Requested for North Shore Trail: The Town Plan Commission will be discussing this item at their April 29th meeting, but Planning and Zoning Administrator L. Potswald wanted to update the Board on some information from the DNR regarding increased costs and requirements.

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: none at this time.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Report for March placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

2. Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of La Pointe and Ashland County Regarding Investigation, Enforcement and Prosecution Related to Zoning in the Shoreland Area on Madeline Island: Planning and Zoning Administrator L. Potswald believes that the Town is done with the requirements of the agreement, and recommends approaching Ashland County requesting to terminate the agreement. Discussion on if there is a possibility of any reason the County would not want to, thoughts are that if there are any new issues that come up, there could be a new agreement drafted. Motion to authorize Lisa Potswald to talk with Ashland County Administrator about the potential termination of the MOU/ Agreement, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbors

1. Harbor Assistance Funding Resolution #2015-0414: Motion to approve Resolution #2015-0414: Restoration of Full-Funding for Harbor Assistance Program, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Updates on Harbor Dredge Limits Expansion: Nothing at this time.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report: Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report dated 4/13/2015, M. Childers/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: Report dated April 10, 2015 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

C. Resolution #2015-0414A: Opposition to County Wide Assessment: Motion to support and approve Resolution #2015-0414A: Expressing Concern and Opposition to County Wide Assessment, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Resolution #2015-0414B: Support of Legislation to Reinstate Town Zoning: Motion to approve Resolution #2015-0414B: Expressing Support for Legislation to Restore Shoreland Zoning in the Town of La Pointe, M. Childers/ H. Ross, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Impartial Hearing Officer: Attorney Colleen Daly has expressed interest in being the new officer following the retirement of the current on, W. Bussey. Motion to appoint Colleen Daly as the Impartial Hearing Officer for \$150/ hour, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Follow up with resolutions at the next meeting.

F. Schedule Meeting with Attorney Katie Posewitz: Due to the change in Town Board members, maybe the meeting should wait until the first Regular Town Board Meeting in May.

G. Ashland County Agreements and Reimbursements

1. Zoning: Old agreements are currently still in place, the most recent was only signed by the Town, not by the County with the Town billing the County for permits and not getting reimbursed. Ongoing issue.

2. Law Enforcement: Current agreement in place is from 2008.

H. Ashland County Reimbursements in Lieu of Property Tax Exemption: Ongoing agenda item as the Town is trying to receive reimbursements for duplicate services from Ashland County in lieu of the Property Tax Exemption.

I. Property, Auto and Liability Insurance Renewal 6/10/2015: The Board would like both the current Insurance Company, Horton and the newly interested company, Rural Mutual, have a representative come to one of the meetings in May to discuss and meet with the Board.

J. Scheduling Personnel Meetings for Reviews: Discussion on having a memo sent to the Department Heads about scheduling meetings. The Board would like to have a procedure or checklist for the meetings so they are productive.

K. Status of Town Administrator: Motion to move this agenda item to the end of the meeting, after item XIV, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$29,483.23, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. *[clerk's note: it was realized that one voucher had sales tax, so the actual total is \$29,455.58]*

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve alternative claims in the amount of \$88,015.28 and \$4,038.04 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 March 31, 2015 showing a total of \$1,194,741.65 and a total available checking account of \$604,245.57, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

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

B. Special Town Board Meeting March 26, 2015: Motion to approve March 26, 2015 minutes as submitted, H. Ross/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Police Department

A. Police Chief's Report: Motion to place report dated 4/8/2015 on file, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report: Report dated 3/10/15 to 4/7/15 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Regional Ice Rescue Discussions: Discussions have been taking place on receiving regional support for Ice rescue. Discussion on how there is some worry about accepting money from regional entities and then being liable to travel long distances to provide ice rescue support. The Board would like Ice Rescue and the Fire Department to be involved in the discussions as well as the winter transportation committee. Ongoing item.

XII. Public Comment B:** Paul Brummer mentions that there was a La Pointe county back in the 1850's (in reference to a comment made about La Pointe being its own county earlier in the meeting).

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

XIV. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Non-Intoxicating Beverage License ending June 30, 2015

1. Madeline Island Bakery: Motion to approve a Non-Intoxicating Beverage License to Madeline Island Bakery ending June 30, 2015, M. Curry/ J. Patterson 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Adventure Vacations: Motion to approve a Non-Intoxicating Beverage License to Adventure Vacations ending June 30, 2015, M. Curry/ J. Patterson 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Chairman G. Nelson leaves the meeting.

V. Town Hall Administration

K. Status of Town Administrator: Motion to go into closed session as per the following statute, M. Curry/ M. Childers, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1) (f) Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par. (b) applies which, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations. If the Town goes into closed session, it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

No motions made in closed session.

Motion to nominate Jim Patterson as the contact person (with Labor Attorney P. Albrecht) for issues regarding the Town Administrator, M. Curry/ M. Childers, 3 Ayes, 1 abstain (J. Patterson), Motion Carried.

XV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Rescind old and adopt new resolutions for the Impartial Hearing Officer

Meeting with Katie Posewitz

Rec Center Summer Staff

MRF Report

Zoning Agreements

Personnel Meeting Checklist

XVI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn H. Ross/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:18pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

Approved as corrected, May 12, 2015