

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2016
5:00pm AT TOWN HALL**

Town Board Planning and Education Meeting/ Workshop
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Jim Patterson, Mike Anderson, Sue Brenna

Town Board Members Absent: John Carlson, Mike Starck

Staff present: Lisa Potswald, Carey Baxter (MRF), Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Paul Brummer, Barb With

1. Call to Order: at 5:00pm

2. Planning and Discussion on the Following Topics:

A. Big Arn's Road and Brian's Road: The Town Staff are working on putting together figures and an analysis. Discussion on how it would be nice to have a public hearing prior to Labor Day, the Board members present do not want to unless there is more information and figures to provide. As updates come in they can be discussed at Board Meetings as well as put on the website or in the Gazette. Administrator L. Potswald suggests having the engineering study available at the public hearing so specifics can be discussed. The estimate for a wetland delineation was around \$6500 plus the cost of an engineering study, all of which is not budgeted for this year.

B. Pickerel Street: The letter from Attorney Katie Posewitz was helpful in laying out what needs to be done. The Town Plan commission will meet and discuss the topic and make a recommendation to the Town Board, and the Board wants to make sure they are following procedure to do it correctly, even if that is different than the past.

C. Cell Tower: Supervisor Starck wrote a memo that stated he would like to see this continue. L. Potswald contacted Red Cliff and they are looking into two different sites, one of which would be good for the Island. L. Potswald is meeting with Red Cliff's planner next week to discuss. Discussion also included looking into the parks service after there were a couple of incidences with the storm the past weekend.

D. Materials Recovery Facility Operations and Exchange: Carey Baxter present to discuss; though the exchange can be a great thing, it is costing quite a bit to maintain due to garbage being dumped there, couches, electronics, etc that no one would want are being left (it is thought that this is happening so that they don't have to pay the dump fees to dispose of them). C. Baxter submitted a cost sheet to show that about \$675 has been spent already this year in removal and disposal of items left at the exchange. Discussion on possible solutions (including a video camera, more signage, ordinance, fines for leaving garbage, someone to 'man' it, etc). Barb With showed up to discuss her thoughts on how great the exchange is, and volunteered to come up with a program and oversee it that would include a volunteer schedule with possible incentives and possible fundraising to cover costs. She will bring some ideas to the next Town Board meeting.

E. Budget: The draft agendas for budget workshops will be put together next week by Lisa and Barb. In August the capital equipment plan will be worked on, the budget binders will be used again this year, but will have more of the big picture and less detail unless asked for.

F. Possibility of a three year budget cycle: Lisa is working on having the Town switch to a three year budget. The budget will need to be approved each year, and there will be modifications/ changes made each year, but the outlook will be three years. Lisa will be doing some training with the department heads on the change.

G. Town Board Meeting Format: Discussion on the possibility of having a 'committee of the whole' meeting following the regular Town Board meetings. This would be a time where the Board could discuss the items that would appear on the next agenda, so that they can get some of the discussion and questions out prior to having to approve items on the regular agenda. This allows time to 'digest' the information, and not feel pressured into making a decision right after getting new information. It will require the Board and the Town Hall staff to work a couple of weeks ahead. There will be a draft of the committee of the whole meeting for the next regular meeting to get a sense of what it might be like.

H. Public Use of Town Property: places discussed included the use of the Pergola for a pop up concert, and a request for a film project to use Town property. Discussion on the use of Town property for the film project included that if it doesn't cost the town anything, and the film group isn't making any money, and the requests are reasonable, it should not be a problem. The film project may request use of some of the Town property the weekend of July 22-24th. They need a waiver/ release to be signed. There will be a Special Town Board meeting on July 19 at 5:55pm prior to the Board of Review meeting to address the release form.

I. Other Items: nothing at this time.

3. Adjourn: Adjourned at 6:18pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted, July 26, 2016. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.