

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2016**  
**5:30PM AT TOWN HALL**  
Approved Minutes

**Called to order** at 5:30pm

**Town Board Members Present:** Jim Patterson, Mike Anderson, Sue Brenna, John Carlson, Mike Starck

**Staff present:** Lisa Potswald, Ric Gillman, Kristian Larsen, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

**Public Present:** Barb With, Paul Brummer, Alan Schiefelbein of Rural Mutual Insurance

**I. Public Comment A\*:** Paul Brummer mentioned that prior to any work being done on Big Arn's Road or Brian's Road that the raised culverts, seams, etc. on the black top roads be repaired. He also mentioned that he hopes the Town Board will still allow the appeals period following the approval of a CUP to remain in the Zoning Ordinance (for agenda item IV. A. 1.) Supervisor M. Starck comments that Kenny and Alice Cadotte have been moved to an assisted living facility in Green Bay, WI.

Motion to move to agenda item V. Town Hall Administration, F. Rural Mutual Insurance, Alan Schiefelbein, agent present for discussion and questions, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**V. Town Hall Administration**

F. Rural Mutual Insurance, Alan Schiefelbein, agent present for discussion and questions: Agent A. Schiefelbein of the Town Insurance Company, Rural Mutual was present and mentioned that Rural Mutual will be adding the AWOS system at the airport to the policy. He also mentioned that the contract date will be extended with the same/current rates to January 1, 2018 so that the renewal date will be the same as the Workers Compensation renewal date. Previously the renewal occurred in June. Thus our current contract is an 18 month contract instead of a 12 month contract.

Motion to return to agenda item II, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**II. Town Administrator's Report:** Brief discussion on the Purchasing and Contracting Policy to be held until after the budget workshops are over so that Department Heads can focus on budget first. Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated September 26, 2016 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

**III. Public Works**

**A. Roads**

1. Big Arn's Road and Brian's Road: Nothing at this time, more information at the next regular Town Board Meeting.

**B. Parks**

1. Leisure Interactive Issues for Big Bay Town Park 2015 Reservation Fees: The President of Leisure Interactive verbally agreed to pay some of what was owed to the Town by

September 15<sup>th</sup>. No payments have been made. Treasurer C. Neubauer will be contacting the California Attorney General again to follow up (Leisure Interactive is located in CA). The Parks department will be looking into finding a new host for the Town Park website, and in the meantime, records of all reservations are being kept so hopefully nothing will be lost in a transition.

### **C. Airport**

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: The new AWOS system is up and running at the airport. Real time weather conditions can be listened to by calling 715.747.5519. There are still a few kinks to work out in the range of the system. Report prepared by Michael Dalzell dated September 27, 2016 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

## **IV. Committees**

### **A. Planning and Zoning**

1. Zoning Ordinance change Section 7.2 Conditional Use Permit J. (page 74): Section 7.2 language was accidentally omitted when the Town Board approved the ordinance changes at the last regular Town Board meeting on September 13, 2016. The main change in section 7.2 is the 45 day waiting period to issue a CUP after approval has been changed to 30 days. Town Attorney Katie Posewitz also submitted a memo that stated the language could also include "the thirty (30) day period for issuance of the conditional use permit may be shortened or waived at the Town Board's discretion". It is to be noted that even if the Town Board waived the 30 days, there is still a 30 day appeal period. Motion to approve the language change in Section 7.2 of the Zoning Ordinance from 45 days to 30 days and to add the sentence from Katie Posewitz that it may be shortened or waived at the Town Board's discretion, M. Anderson/ M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **B. Winter Transportation Committee**

1. Appointment of Committee Member to Term Ending September 9, 2019: No one has signed up. Sign-up sheets to remain up.

## **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Administrative Assistant's Report: Includes new information on the tax levy. Motion to place the report prepared by Barb Nelson for September 2016 on file, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Budget Summary Comparison Report: Motion to approve and place the Budget Summary Comparison Report for August 2016 on file, M. Anderson/ M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Grant Updates: The WI Coastal Zone Program grant was going to be applied for, for building a second walkway and floating dock at Big Bay Town Park, but the Harbor Committee has also expressed interest in applying for the grant. Administrator L. Potswald to look into priorities and options, as well as other grants, after meeting with the Harbor Committee.

D. Turnout for Transportation Meeting September 29, 2016: Foreman K. Larsen prepared a list of transportation and infrastructure concerns on Madeline Island. The Town Board decided the top three concerns at this time are Town Dock improvements, the Windsled, and getting water for fire protection on the north end of the Island. Motion to instruct Kristian and Lisa to send the list of concerns with the top three named to the Wisconsin Towns Association for their Turnout for Transportation event, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Island Institute Visit: the plans are being finalized for the visit on October 12 and 13, 2016. At least 5 people are attending from Maine, Michigan, and other areas.

G. Attachment 'D' to 2016 Compensations Resolution #2015-1222: This is for the merit raises that were approved at the last Town Board meeting on September 13 for Barb Nelson, Kathleen Erickson, and Kristian Larsen. Motion to approve Attachment 'D' to 2016 Compensations Resolution #2015-1222, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Mass Appraisal Report: Annual report prepared by Assessor Jennie Martin. No discussion.

I. Special Event Permit: Car Show October 22, 2016: The event will close Le Sueur and Bell Streets to regular car traffic. Barricades will be provided by the Town. Motion to approve the Special Event Permit by the Chamber of Commerce for the Car Show to be held on October 22, 2016, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

J. Consideration of DRAFT Management's Discussion & Analysis of Year Ending 12/31/2015 Report: Report not ready, will be on the next agenda.

K. Chequamegon Chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby request for support: the request is for the Town to support in urging our Congressional Representative to support and promote Congressional legislation to address climate change. Motion to ask Clerk Micaela Montagne to get in touch with the Chequamegon Chapter of Citizen's Climate Lobby and add the Town of La Pointe to the list and letter that will be sent by the Chapter, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, 1 Opposed (M. Starck), Motion Carried.

L. Resolution #2016-0927 Dakota Access Pipeline, Standing Rock Support: Island resident Barb With requested this agenda item and resolution expressing solidarity with indigenous resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Discussion on how the Town has a precedent with opposing the Penokee mine as well as the in stating importance of water and watershed areas. Barb With discussed the importance of Madeline Island and its support for the cause because of its importance and sacred nature with the Ojibwe/ Anishinabeg peoples. Motion to approve and sign Resolution #2016-0927 Expressing Solidarity with Indigenous Resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, 1 Opposed (M. Starck), Motion Carried. Barb With also requested a Town flag, but the Town does not have one.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$50,373.42, M. Starck/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VII. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer's Cash Summary Report as of August 31, 2016 showing a total of \$1,518,861.93 and a total available checking of \$963,349.77, Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **VIII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting September 13, 2016: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Starck/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **IX. Police Department**

A. Follow up from Meeting with Ashland County Administrator and Finance Committee on Law Enforcement Budget: Background on discussions with County Administrator Jeff Beirl given. The Town and J. Beirl finally settled on an agreeable amount the County will contribute to the La Pointe Law Enforcement budget for the next two years (2017 and 2018): \$129,500 for the

general Law Enforcement budget, including wages, and \$4,500 towards the squad car, for a total of \$134,000. The Ashland County Finance Committee has agreed and approved this, but the County Board has not yet met and passed the budget.

B. Two Year Law Enforcement Agreement with Ashland County: The two year agreement lays out the budget for the next two years as stated in the previous agenda item. Motion to accept Ashland County's proposal for 2017 and 2018 budgets of \$134,000 and in the mean time working on updating the 2008 agreement between the Town and the County in regards to Law Enforcement, M. Anderson. M. Starck, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **X. Emergency Services**

A. Ambulance Director's Report: Report prepared by Cindy Dalzell dated September 27, 2016 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

#### **XI. Library**

A. Library Board Minutes September 8, 2016: Minutes placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

**XII. Public Comment B\*\*:** Paul Brummer stated that if the Town ever considers coming up with a Town flag that it should consider Leona Seagull/ the Drunk Duck.

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

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

A. Purchasing and Contracting Policy and Procedure Manual - Second Read  
Also; the Draft Management's Discussion & Analysis of Year Ending 12/31/2015 Report for the audit, Winter Transportation Committee member, Island Institute visit, budget information.

**XV. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.  
Adjourned at 6:20pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.  
Approved as submitted October 11, 2016, M. Montagne