

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 16, 2013
At 5:00 PM At Town Hall
*Approved Minutes 4-15-14***

Attendance per separate sign-up list.

I. Call to Order at 5:02 PM

II. 2012 Financial Report Motion by Burke Henry/second by Keith Sowl to approve the 2012 Financial Report. Approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes

- A. Special Town Meeting 6/10/11 Motion by Mike Starck/second Burke Henry to approve these minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.
- B. Annual Town Meeting 4/10/12 Motion by Mike Starck/second by Glenn Carlson to approve these minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.
- C. Special Town Meeting 10/2/12 Motion by Mike Starck/second by Margie Denton to approve these minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.
- D. Special Town Meeting 12/3/12 Motion by Mike Starck/second by Burke Henry to approve these minutes as submitted. Approved unanimously.

III. Increase in Approved Highway Expenditures

Town Chair Greg Nelson explained why the Griggs Approach Improvement Project is on the agenda for the purpose of approving increased highway expenditures at this time: At the Town Meeting to approve the 2013 budget that was held on 12/3/12, he explained to those in attendance that the Griggs Approach project had been taken off the budget for 2013 for several reasons, one being that there had not been an ice road for two years up till that time. Additionally, he explained, he had a mistaken idea of when the permits for this project expired. He said that the Town had taken bids for the project this spring, based on a \$57,000 grant from Wisconsin Coastal Management (a 60/40 split). He stated that there had been three bids and that the lowest of these was Nelson Construction's Alternate Bid at a cost of \$99,000. The Alternate Bid calls for using concrete planks rather than flexible armor matting. G. Nelson went on to explain that his understanding of the terms of a bank loan for this project were that the first payment would not be made until January of 2014; therefore, the project would not need to appear on a budget till 2014. In reality, even though the Town will not begin to pay off this loan until January, 2014, the money must be budgeted in 2013. He stated that he had no intention of misleading anyone.

Glenn Carlson asked if this represents an amendment to the 2013 Highway Expenditures.

G. Nelson answered yes.

Motion by Glenn Carlson/second by Mike Starck to adopt the amendment to the 2013 Highway Expenditures in the amount of \$150,000.

Judi Patterson asked if the money for the project can only be used for the project and what happens to the money that is budgeted and not used.

Jim Patterson explained that only the amount used for the project would be borrowed from the bank.

Glenn Carlson withdraws his motion.

Motion by Glenn Carlson/second by Steve McHugh to adopt an increase of \$120,000 in the 2013 Highway Expenditures.

Burke Henry asked if the increase in expenditures is adopted, when would the work begin.

Greg Nelson answered: this spring.
Burke Henry asked when the Town would need to write the first check to Nelson Construction.
G. Nelson answered: this spring.
Burke Henry asked where the money to write that first check this spring would come from.
G. Nelson answered that the money would be borrowed.
Burke Henry asked if the repayment of the load would begin in 2014.
G. Nelson answered: yes.

Marty Curry asked how interest would be accrued.
Greg Nelson answered: from the time of dispersal. He added that another consideration of the Town Board was that interest rates are low right now; and also that the ramp will make a good boat launch.

Jim Peters asked if there would be a dock.
Consensus of the Town Board: no.

Vote: 32 ayes; 0 nays.
Motion Carried.

V. Issues from the People

A. Marina Lachecki, Marty Curry commented on the health of retiring Town Board Supervisor Larry Whalen. The consensus of the group is that all are holding him in their thoughts.

B. Jen Croonborg-Murphy spoke of the need for "planned unit residential development." She stated that such developments would generate "impact fees."

C. Marina Lackecki spoke of the Speak Your Peace movement and asked that the Town Board consider adopting the principles of Speak Your Peace.

D. Burke Henry asked the status of the Tribal Relations Committee. Marina Lachecki responded that without tribal representation, there is no committee. She has approached the Red Cliff Band but has not heard from them.

Burke Henry asked if there had been any resolution to questions regarding how the committee would operate. Marina Lachecki answered that those questions remain. Greg Nelson stated that he is reluctant to name this as a committee until the bands of the tribe have been heard from. Nick Nelson later added that the intent of working with the tribes is continuing and that members of the Town Board have been working in a good direction in that regard.

D. Burke Henry asked about the permits required from the US Army Corps of Engineers for the Big Bay Town Park project and the fiber optic project. Town Administrator Pete Clark responded that at one o'clock this afternoon he had received word that the permits have been approved, but that the dock permits may take longer. Later Clark added that the CORPS is now endorsing a pact directly between the Town & the tribes for the purpose of coming together over future projects. Barb With later added that she has researched the Bayfield County Tribal Relations committee, and that they are a very powerful group.

E. Greg Nelson stated that the Town Board is in the process of researching the possibility of live-streaming Town meetings. He added that he feels this is another good step in the process of better communication. Burke Henry asked if the Town would be purchasing the equipment to do this. Nick Nelson stated that he had visited Washburn [WI] for the purpose of seeing their operation. They live-stream their meetings. He added that his research showed that the Town could purchase decent equipment for the project for as low as \$500. Ham Ross and Jim Patterson both thank Barb With for the videotaping that she's done so far and add that the Town is still in the research stage and still has questions about this project.

Motion by Keith Sowl/second by Glenn Carlson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.
Adjourned at 5:41 PM
Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as Submitted, Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk