

**Town of La Pointe**  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**2014 Budget Workshop**  
Approved Minutes

**Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**5:00 pm at the Town Hall**

**Present:** Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross

**Absent:** Nick Nelson, Marty Curry

**Staff Present:** Pete Clark, Connie Ross

**Public Present:** Dave Thomas, Seri Demorest, Barb Christensen, Julie Schmidt, Holly Tourdot (briefly)

**1. Call to order** at 5:04pm

**2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:**

**A. Cemetery:** Presented by Ham Ross. There was only one burial in 2013, but many purchases. A slight remainder in the 2013 Sexton budget will hopefully go towards the shed. The 2014 Budget proposal is slightly lower than 2013.

**B. Library:** Presented by Connie Ross. 2014 budget proposal is up about 9% from last year, mostly because of wages. There was also an \$8,000 request for books and equipment, (up \$1,000 from last year) because of less grant money available and coming in.

Capital Outlay projects in 2014 are for a new roof, air conditioning, and work on the crawl space. C. Ross mentioned that maybe not all of it to be funded by the Town, but having the Library take on some of the cost. H. Ross suggested meeting half way; each paying 50%. J. Patterson suggests maybe prioritizing the projects and only funding the roof project for the next year, leaving the air conditioning and crawl space for 2015. The board agrees.

Wage increase for 2014 brought on vigorous discussion, though is set due to prior agreement.

Administrator Clark suggested the Library paying for its own books, due to the money the Library has in its Designated Funds, and the Town would then take care of the physical building. J. Patterson suggests having the books/equipment budget remain at \$7,000 for 2014 and not increase to \$8,000. C. Ross agrees, but also mentions that the Library is an integral part of the community and acts as a community center for those who do not want to go to the bar.

**C. CAPP (Community & Public Works Planning Committee) and other Ad Hoc Committees:** Nothing to present at this time.

**D. Clinic/ Health Center:** Presented by Barb Christensen. 2014 budget is coming in the same as 2013. Things are going well at the Clinic and there is no need for additional requests. B. Christensen would like to check into the 2013 money (\$4,643) budgeted for the roof, as construction is coming up.

**3. Adjourn** 5:38pm. HR/JP 3A Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.  
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