

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, October 16, 2012  
At 5:00 PM At Town Hall

Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross

Absent: Greg Nelson, Larry Whalen

Staff present: Connie Ross, Pete Clark

Public Present: Linda Fuller, Madelaine Karwoski, Barb Christenson, Ludlow North

I. Call to Order at 5:04 PM

II. Consideration & Possible Acceptance of Bids for a New Well at Big Bay Town Park: one bid was received, and it was from Melin Well Drilling & Pump Service of Ashland, WI. The total cost given is \$45,904.00; the total bid sheet is available at Town Hall for anyone wishing to see it.

III. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Cemetery presented by Ham Ross. There are no changes in the 2013 budget request for the cemetery. The mowing bill for the season still needs to be paid: it will be about \$1300. Ham Ross, Sexton, reports that he is rebuilding the Sexton's building using the \$1467 in the column marked "Estimate Rest of 2012" and the \$1200 in Cemetery General Expenses. He is donating windows and doors as well as his labor. He would also like to purchase six plastic lawn chairs, and that expense is included in his budget.

B. Library presented by Connie Ross. The Library requests a 46% increase in wages for the Library Director & the Head Librarian. Pete Clark, Town Administrator expresses his concern for the effect on future budgets: per state statute the annual library budget can never be less than the average of that budget over the last three years. Clark's suggestion is to break this increase into two years at 23% per year. This increase is based on a survey of libraries in the surrounding area. According to Ludlow North, the Madeline Island Public Library has been well below the average for many years.

C. Community & Public Works Planning Committee & other Ad Hoc Committees: CAPP presented by Linda Fuller. CAPP is requesting \$600 in its budget so that it may return to its work.

Discussion followed regarding the ad Hoc committee on Alternative Energy and the need for it to reconvene.

The ad Hoc Committee on a Local Food System was presented by David Thomas. This committee is requesting \$2500 in its budget for the purpose of doing research. Ham Ross & Jim Patterson request that the committee break down the \$2500 into some specific areas of expenditure.

D. Clinic/Health Center presented by Barb Christenson. The Clinic/Health Center is requesting an additional \$1500 be added to its budget to cover the increasing costs of computer upgrades that are needed for records keeping. Discussion followed regarding

the need for new roofs at several town buildings and how that cost will be split up among the various departments. Barb Christenson pointed out that the Clinic does a considerable amount of fund-raising in order to help with its expenses.

III. Adjournment at 5:57 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk  
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