

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP
Wednesday, October 17, 2012
At 5:00 PM At Town Hall**

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

Absent: Larry Whalen

Staff present: Pete Clark, Mike Anderson, Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Cindy Dalzell, Ted Pallas

Public Present: Dave Thomas

I. Call to Order at 5:04 PM

II. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) presented by Ted Pallas. MRF Supervisor reported that he will not be needing the Town Crew to work at the MTF much anymore and that is reflected in his budget request. He does intend to put aviation hydraulic fluid in the compactor this winter in order to make it run better. The HazMat portion of his budget reflects the fact that many computers have been disposed of recently. He urged that departments budget a dollar a pound for disposal of old computers at the same time that they budget to purchase the computers. He also stated that he feels that the cost of getting rid of refuse from Big Bay Town Park should be reflected in the cost of a campsite. He pointed out that Big Bay State Park pays for its refuse disposal. Pallas said that there will be no raise in rates in 2013 and that he asked for a 2.8% increase in wages.

B. Town Plan Commission presented by Jen Croonborg-Murphy. Croonborg-Murphy began by saying that the budget being presented has been approved by the TPC. She pointed out that her wages are low because of unpaid maternity leave in the year 2012. She is asking for no merit increases for anyone on the Zoning staff. She stated that the current Zoning Clerical Assistant will be leaving the Island soon, and that Croonborg-Murphy feels that it would be best to replace her with a Zoning Assistant who would have more responsibility. One of the expenses on the TPC budget is a scanner that can be used for maps. Also, Croonborg-Murphy has included the cost of a Ferry Line pass in her 2013 budget request: she will be moving off Island soon and will need a ferry pass. The town vehicle, which has been used by the Zoning Department, has not been usable for a while now; the TPC budget includes the cost of replacing it: ten thousand two dollars has been budgeted plus Kelly Blue Book value on the old one is \$2500 and might be added on trade in.

C. Ambulance Service presented by Cindy Dalzell. Wages are the biggest increase on the budget; this is in part due to the fact that there will be three new EMT's in the spring. Also the Ambulance Service co-directors have asked for a raise from \$116 per month to \$266 per month.

D. Fire Department: there was no one on hand to present this budget request.

E. Police Department presented by Mike Anderson: there are no changes in this budget. The cost of training has increased due to having one more officer. Town Administrator Pete Clark will be meeting with Jeff Beirl, Ashland County Administrator, to discuss the proposed \$2500 cut that Ashland County wants to make in the portion of the Police Department budget that Ashland County provides. The Chief's capital outlay budget does reflect a need for a new roof on the Emergency Services Building. Also, he is requesting a 2.8% increase in wages for all members of the department.

IV. Adjournment at 6:20 PM
Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk
Approved as corrected on 10/23/12
Patty Hobin, Town Clerk