

June 7, 2012

To: Town Board

From: Michael Anderson

Re: Monthly Police Report for June 2012

During the month of May 2012 the La Pointe Police Department responded to the following:

- 48 Various Complaints/Incidents
- 11 Citizen Assist Requests
  - 2 Non-Reportable Traffic Accidents
  - 2 Reportable Traffic Accidents
- 10 Vehicle Title/Registrations
  - 1 False Intruder Alarm
  - 9 Traffic Citations
  - 2 Parking Violations
  - 1 Noise Complaint (Bar Related)
  - 4 Animal Calls

It appears that everything related to traffic control is in order for the June 16th In-Line Skate Marathon. We will be getting some assistance from the Sheriffs Department and many volunteers. The Ashland Chamber staff has done a very good job organizing the event so hopefully the weather cooperates and all goes well.

A few months ago the Town Board passed an ordinance to prohibit carry concealed weapons in public buildings. Paragraph (b) states that signs shall be erected on public buildings. I'm reminding you that this section of the ordinance has never been followed up on. You've probably seen the signs on public buildings on mainland. I'm not aware of any problems having occurred but I am aware of several people from the island who have received a permit to carry a concealed weapon and without the signs the ordinance becomes not enforceable.

I have been approached by people who are confused over new ATV/UTV laws which become effective on July 1, 2012. Most questions are in line of "Is La Pointe's ATV ordinance going to be changing?". I will briefly try to sum it up for you so you can answer some questions if you are approached. The Town has had a ATV ordinance for the past several years. It has been approved and recorded by the WI DNR. In all renewal applications it spells out new license requirements

which are self explanatory. What seem to confuse people is that our ordinance only addresses routes. You can think of routes as municipal/town roads that are signed and approved for ATV use. The new or changes to the laws involve trails, we have no trails on the island and this is where the confusion is. There are hundreds of miles of trails on mainland but none on the island therefore we do not need to change/amend our current ordinance. If someone wants additional information about this matter send them to me and I can explain it further.

The 2011 Explorer had developed a overheating problem. As it turns out there was a recall on the cooling system and it was repaired, I hope, yesterday at Asdhland Ford.

For the past several years on July 4th the town crew has covered the no parking signs down around the ball park area to increase parking spaces for the parade and fireworks. This has seemed to work well so unless the Town Board chooses to discontinue this tradition I'll instruct the police to disregard the signs for that day.

You all should have received a copy of a letter the Town Clerk, Patty Hobin, had sent to Tom Nelson regarding him removing his dock/boat from the break wall. To date, I have not spoke with Patty as to whether or not she has received the return receipt for the certified mail she sent. I pointed out in the past that I questioned the section of the ordinance authorizing the police to take a vessel that was in violation to the marina "Madeline Island Yacht Club" because it is a private business. I spoke with the MIYC management about this and they made it clear that they do not want the vessel in question brought to their marina. If the owner of any vessel fails to comply with the ordinance and the marina refuses to allow it on their property I see no other choice but to hire a marine salvage type company to remove the vessel from the water and we will have to bill the owner for the costs. I would imagine there is also a possibility of damages resulting from this type of project but according to the town attorney that problem falls upon the owner for not complying with the ordinance. I just want all of you know about this in advance should Tom decide to not follow the ordinance.

Sincerely,

Michael Anderson  
Police Chief