

**TOWN OF LAPOINTE
PUBLIC HEARING:
Law Enforcement Review Panel Membership
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2014
AT TOWN HALL
Following the Public Hearing on Public Nuisance Ordinance
Approved Minutes**

Town Board Members Present: Michael Childers, Marty Curry, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross

Public Present: as per sign-up sheet

Ham Ross acting as Chairman (motion during first public hearing of the evening)

I. Call to Order at 6:34pm

II. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the Law Enforcement Review Panel and its membership

Discussion about the Panel itself and qualifications of the members that would be on the panel. There have been many questions, with input from attorneys and the Wisconsin Town's Association. Many of the questions are still unanswered, as the Town is awaiting some feedback from a municipal law attorney.

Lots of discussion. Discussion points included:

- Whether the Town can address issues in contracts of the Law Enforcement Officers. Many not in favor of this because officers have already been hired.
- There is peer review in place with Ashland County, but the panel would be to address certain complaints on officers and to discipline.
- Questions of what criteria would be used to decide on members for the panel. As well as what training would be needed and what the 'job description' would be. (This is also still being worked out; no answers yet)
- M. Stark gave a statement, and letter to the Town Board that he wants to be on the panel.
- What about having a part time police department with the addition of volunteer constable positions.
- Possibility of sending out letters to the public who have signed up for the panel and have them submit a letter of intent that would include why they think they would be a good candidate.

III. Adjourn at 7:07pm

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk
Approved as submitted, October 14, 2014