

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
PUBLIC HEARING
LEVYING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO A CUL-DE-SAC OFF MONDAMIN TRAIL
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011
At 5:30 At Town Hall**

Called to order at 5:02

Town Board members present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive input from the public regarding the levying of a special assessment for the purpose of making improvements to a cul-de-sac off Mondamin Trail, LP #014-0211-0100.

All notices have been properly published, posted & mailed.

Greg Nelson began the hearing by stating that all letters are a part of the record of the hearing, but that anyone who wishes to read his/her letter into the record was welcome to do so.

Gwen Patterson read her letter in which she stated that she is willing to pay the special assessment; she requests the payments be made over 10-15 years. She also felt that the gravel for the project should be provided by the Town and not included in the cost of the improvements because, as a taxpayer, she has already paid for the gravel.

Judi Patterson read her letter in which she urged that the gravel be paid for by the Town since the taxpayers have already paid for it, and she is a taxpayer.

Keith Sowl urges careful consideration especially regarding the gravel issue. This road is not an existing road as Miller Farm Rd. was. [Sowl is referring to the fact that petitioners on Miller Farm Rd. did not pay for the gravel used on their road.] He also pointed out that there is an existing CAPP recommendation to charge interest on special assessments.

Greg Nelson reminded the group that the only reason the Town bought the property was to help the owners of the adjacent property. The consensus at the time of the purchase was that acquiring the property did not obligate the Town to pay for a road.

Keith Sowl said that he had given high estimates in order to avoid the need for another public hearing; however, the Corps of Engineers is expecting a Phase I survey for archeological purposes. This would add one to two thousand dollars to the cost of the road.

Mike Starck asked if the Town could sell the cul-de-sac to the property owners?

Greg Nelson replied that doing so would require another Town Meeting, but yes it could. He added that doing so was originally an option, but it was determined that this way is better for the land owners.

Motion to adjourn: GN/BF 4A MC

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Sign-in list in the vault

Approved as submitted

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk