

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
PUBLIC HEARING
2010 BUDGET
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2009-
At 5:00 PM At Town Hall**

Called to order at 5:03 PM

Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen

Public Present: see attached sign-in list

Burke Henry asked about the amount proposed in the Roads budget for Winter Transportation. Greg Nelson explained that this number was achieved by Arnie Nelson and represents an average annual amount.

Burke Henry questioned the amount of \$30,000 budgeted for Harbors, specifically the \$10,000 designated for travel expenses.

Alan Fischlowitz explained that the figure includes attendance by Jerry Smith and Alan Fischlowitz at Superior Days in Madison.

Beth Fischlowitz further stated that the idea of putting that amount in the budget was to have enough to be taken seriously in the grant application process and is intended to be received back through the grant process.

Burke Henry asked how much revenue is expected from Harbors and where will the money come from.

Mike Starck pointed out that Harbors does show revenue on the revenue side of the budget.

Keith Sowl stated that he thought the \$30,000 was to be used almost entirely for matching funds.

Burke Henry then asked if Harbors & Docks is a budget-neutral item.

Town Board response: yes.

Burke Henry then asked if the Hagen Road Bike Project is also budget-neutral.

Keith Sowl answered yes.

Greg Nelson explained that the Town Board will be approving a short-term loan because reimbursement for this project will not be received until 2010.

Keith Sowl also explained that the State Park is paying for 20% of this project.

Burke Henry then asked if it is true that the Bureau of Aeronautics will not pay the interest on the loan payments for gravel purchased in 2008.

Greg Nelson explained that the Federal Aviation Agency does not pay interest.

The Town pursued this avenue, and it was declined.

Alan Fischlowitz asked if the Bureau is paying the Town the same amount that the Town paid for the gravel.

Keith Sowl answered yes.

Mary Ross asked if this would be paid in 2009 or 2010.

Sowl answered: "09 mostly."

Burke Henry asked that a report on the disbursement of the gravel be made available to the public.

Keith Sowl responded that it would be done.

Burke Henry asked why there is no fund balance transfer this year when there usually is.

Greg Nelson answered that this occurred because of grants that do not pay until 2010.

Keith Sowl requested more money for the Roads department because neither Ashland County nor the Section 154 funds have arrived yet.

Mary Ross asked about the capital outlay at the Recreation Center.
Keith Sowl responded that the tennis court resurfacing project needs to be completed still.

Mary Ross asked about the Rice Street Extension Project.
Keith Sowl responded that it would be put out for bids in December of 2010.

Those in attendance praised the Town Board for "holding the line on spending."

Motion to adjourn: Starck/Fischlowitz
Motion carried.
Adjourned at 5:35 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Clerk

Approved as submitted on 12/15/09
Patty Hobin, Clerk