

TOWN OF LAPOINTE
PUBLIC HEARING: Petition to lay a road: Big Arn's Road
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2014
AT TOWN HALL 6:00PM
Approved Minutes

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

Public Present: as per sign-up sheet

I. Call to Order at 6:00pm

II. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the Petition requesting the layout of a new highway on 'Big Arn's Road' in the Town of La Pointe as submitted by certain landowners in the Town of La Pointe and received in the Town Hall on August 18, 2014 with additional documents submitted on August 25, 2014 and September 2, 2014.

From the starting point of South Shore Road due North on the existing easement locally known as "Big Arn's Road" terminating at what known locally as "Brian's Road." The shared property boundaries on the west LP #014-00210-0110, 014-00210-0600, 014-00210-0200, 014-00207-0200, 014-00207-0800, and the shared property boundaries on the east LP #014-00210-0800, 014-00210-0700, 014-00210-0500, 014-00210-0400, 014-00207-0300, & 014-00207-0500.

Town Clerk M. Montagne clarifies that all notices, postings, and publishing requirements were met, and certified mail notices were sent out in accordance with Wisconsin State Statutes.

Clerk M. Montagne read into the meeting two letters submitted by property owners of Brian's Road, Michael and Alexandra Caswell and Carey Baxter.

Caswells' letter was in favor of having the road remain private; however, if it was to go forward and become a Town Road, then they would like to have it the full width of 66 feet.

Baxter's letter was similar in that he may not be completely for the road being a Town road, but if it does, then he asks that it not get punched through to Miller Farm Road, that the property owners receive the same considerations that the Miller Farm Road owners did, and that the road be 66 feet and not the smaller road that some have requested.

Keith Sowl spoke that he believes Big Arn's Road should be a Town road, and that all the property owners who use the road should be assessed. Believes it should be the 66 ft width, and would not like the connection to Miller Farm Road be done at this time due to budget concerns. If the Town goes ahead to do it, he would like to see it all done right away and not in parts. He wonders about gravel, that the property owners may have to pay for some because there is not much left from the last large purchase. He thinks Nelson Surveying should come out to delineate and survey.

Linda Bono spoke in favor of the Town taking over the road and thanked the Board for taking up the issue as she believes it is well overdue. The upkeep of the road is beyond what the owners can do and hopefully having it become a Town road will settle some of the contention of the owners on the road.

Paul Brummer read and submitted a letter that was not in favor of the Town taking over the road because of the expense, gravel costs, it would be in violation of the Town's Zoning ordinance

because of the creation of substandard lots, the road width, that the Chairman and a Supervisor signed past petitions, and that he thinks the property owners should pay for the upgrading. Beth Alsgaard would like to see the road improve but is concerned about if the road would get connected to Miller Farm Road. She is worried that the cost would be too high because the area in between the two roads is now mostly wetland.

Chris Wolfe is against having the Town take over the road because of the increase in taxes, the loss of privacy, and that all the property owners are not in favor. If the Town Board does take it over, then she is requesting that it be the full width of 66 feet.

Foreman Kristian Larsen is okay whether the Town does it or not, but think that the 66 feet is best *for* proper culverts and ditches. He also requests that there be a good turn around at the end for the equipment.

Gary Krubsack is in favor because of the wear and tear on the vehicles as well as the safety of the owners. He also offered some of his land at the top/ end of the road for the punch through to Miller Farm Road instead of using the current easement.

Clayton Douglas says it doesn't really matter if Big Arn's Road becomes a Town road or not, but states how bad it currently is, and if it goes, that he requests 66 feet- he can move anything on his property that would be in the way.

Meg Brown spoke that she does not want the road to be taken over; she would like it to remain private.

Greg Nelson who had abstained for Miller Farm Road decisions spoke that he is concerned with creating another dead end road, and does think that it should be a through road, but will take into consideration the wetland issue.

William Hagen stated that he is on the Town Crew, and does not think that the dead end will be a big deal. He wants 66 feet, and what about pushing other Town dead end roads through if it is that big of a deal. Discussion on how other roads do not have easements to do so.

Motion to adjourn H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourn at 6:38pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Clerk

Approved as amended (the addition of the work 'for') at the Regular Town Board Meeting
November 11, 2014. MM