

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011
At 5:30 PM At Town Hall**

Called to order at 5:30 PM

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

Absent: Jim Patterson

Dept. Heads present: Keith Sowl, Carol Neubauer, Jen Croonborg-Murphy

Public present: Mike Starck, Jim Peters

I. Public Comment

Mike Starck asked about the Penokee Mine presentation that Nick Van Der Puy requested.

Town Foreman Keith Sowl said that he will sign and mail the grant applications that were supposed to have appeared on the agenda; Beth Fischlowitz pointed out that they had been approved. Sowl also stated that he disagreed with some of the insurance valuation amounts. [Agenda item IX. G.]

II. Vouchers approved in the amount of \$15,303.19 BF/HR 4A MC

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Withholding town licenses & permits due to delinquency: presented by Treasurer Carol Neubauer. Motion to authorize Carol Neubauer to ask Town attorney Mike Fauerbach to draft an ordinance in this regard: BF/HR 4A MC

Ham Ross asked if this is constitutionally allowable. Neubauer pointed out that this is Town related delinquencies only and not related to either county, state or federal. She also pointed out that the current ordinance needs some tweaking as it does not provide for notice. This will be handled by Mike Fauerbach.

B. Loan Refinancing Options: Motion to authorize Bremer Bank to draft a refinance of the Town debt at a rate lower than 3.75% spread over seven (7) years at the same terms as the Town currently has on the loan [payment complete on 8/15/18]: HR/LW 4A MC

IV. Minutes

A. Special Town Board Meeting (STBM) 8/2/11 approved as corrected: BF/HR 4A MC

B. Regular Town Board Meeting (RTBM) 10/11/11 approved as submitted: HR/BF 4A MC

C. STBM Budget Workshop 10/10/11: Law, Fire, Ambulance approved as submitted: HR/LW 3A 1 Ab (BF) MC

D. STBM Budget Workshop 10/12/11: Cemetery, Library, CAPP, LaPointe Community Clinic approved as amended: BF/GN 3A 1 Ab (LW) MC

E. STBM Budget Workshop 10/13/11: MRF, Town Plan Commission approved as submitted: BF/HR 4A MC

V. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Griggs Approach Ramp & Dock Project:

a. Interpretation of easement: postponed [a week to ten days] at the request of Mike Fauerbach. Clerk to post & publish for the Public Hearing on November 16, 2011, at 1:30 PM. The LaPointe Town Board felt that there is no need for Mike Fauerbach to attend.

b. Letter from Burke Henry **RE**: Recollections regarding history of Griggs Approach easement

c. Project scope and funding: Keith Sowl reported that it looks like the Town's portion of the match for this project will be \$24,000. He reported that the Town needs to prioritize on these projects as it looks like the funding is likely to be granted. [At the same time he reported that the match for the Big Bay Town Park project will be \$43,000.]

B. Parks

1. Risk Control Recommendations: Bleacher Modifications: Keith Sowl reported that, with Dave Valentine's approval, this will be fixed by raising the ground level around the back & sides of the bleachers.

2. Big Bay Town Park Web-site & Domain Name: Beth Fischlowitz reported the two choices for domain name for the park [at a cost of \$11.95 per year to be owned by the Town]: www.bigbaytownpark.com or www.bigbaytownpark.org. At Larry Whalen's suggestion, the LaPointe Town Board voted by motion to purchase both: HR/LW 4A MC

C. Airport

1. Airport Manager's Report: none

2. Airport Checklists: dated 9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, 2011, placed on file by unanimous consent

3. Paul Anderson Lease renewal Hangar Lot #9: not available.

D. Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. Extension and/or payment for MRF Supervisor unused vacation time: the Board would still like to see what it is that Ted Pallas, MRF Supervisor is requesting.

VI. Emergency Services

- A. Fire Chief's Report postponed from RTBM 9/27/11: not available
- B. Ambulance Service Report: postponed from RTBM 10/11/11: not available

VII. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Complaint from Mike Anderson **RE:** Robert Hartzell property #014-00192-0110: this is being reviewed by the Town Board since the Town Board granted the original CUP and placed conditions on it. It will appear on the next agenda with the Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Zoning Administrator, to provide more information. [In particular, she felt that the rental permits for the property in question have not been renewed.]

2. Final Draft of Zoning Ordinance: the Board presented concerns in two areas: B & B's, Boarding & Rooming [R 1]: change from one acre to three acres or more; Section 7 will return to what it was: the Town Plan Commission will recommend CUP's & the Town Board will approve (or disapprove). Public Hearings for CUP's will be held jointly between the Town Board & the Town Plan Commission. Jen Croonborg-Murphy will make these changes and present the amended document at the next Town Board meeting for final approval.

- 3. Certified Survey Map **RE:** Peter Havens SE ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 33 T50N R3W at LP# 014-298-0100 to divide one parcel into two: approved by motion and Town Chair authorized to sign: HR/BF 4A MC

B. CAPP

- 1. Presentation regarding of research Rieman Park: not available

VIII. Library

- A. Organizational Endowments Agreement: Town Chair authorized to sign by motion: BF/LW 4A MC

IX. Town Hall Administration

A. Administrative Assistant's Monthly Report: placed on file by unanimous consent. In her report the Administrative Assistant asked if the Town Board would like to invite the auditors to attend a town board meeting. The Board respectfully declined.

B. Policy for Concealed Weapon for Town Buildings & Facilities: awaiting advice/input from Mike Fauerbach

C. Personnel Policy **RE:** Carrying a Concealed Weapon: clerk to print & distribute article by Carol Nawrocki of the Wisconsin Towns Association.

D. Detail of pay out to employees **RE:** Governor's Budget Repair Bill: not available.

E. Employee Grievance Policy

1. Resolution #2011-1025 Appointing Bill Bussey as the Town's Impartial Hearing Officer: approved by motion at a rate of \$150 an hour: BF/HR 4A MC

2. Grievance Procedure Policy: clerk is directed to place this on the next agenda.

F. La Pointe Clinic Lease Agreement renewal: motion to authorize Chair to sign: BF/HR 4A MC

G. Insurance Recommendations for Building Revaluations: clerk is directed to place this on the next agenda.

H. 2012 Budget & scheduling of future budget meetings: STBM RE 2012 Budget Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011 at 5:00 PM

X. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

A. Bear Baiting [Clerk to contact Nick Van Der Puy in this regard]

B. Griggs Approach

C. Paul Anderson Lease Renewal Hangar #9

D. MRF Supervisor's vacation extension

E. Mike Anderson complaint **RE:** Robert Hartzell property #014-00192-0110

F. Final Draft Zoning Ordinance

G. Concealed Carry Law

H. Pay out to aggrieved employees

I. Grievance Procedure Policy

J. Insurance Building Valuations

XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XII. Adjournment at 7:30 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk
Approved as submitted on November 8, 2011
Patty Hobin, Clerk