

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011  
AT 5:30 AT TOWN HALL**

**Called to order at 5:32 PM**

**Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen  
Dept. Heads present: Keith Sowl, Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Cindy Dalzell  
Public Present: Doug Griggs, Mike Starck, Tony Watts**

**I. Public Comment**

Keith Sowl asked that the Zoning Ordinance final approval be expedited so that the Sanitary Department can move to its new quarters.

Doug Griggs asked to speak during item VI.A.2.a.

**II. Vouchers** approved in the amount of \$79,448.78 BF/JP 5A MC

**III. Alternative Claims** approved in the amount of \$111,912.39 BF/HR 5A MC

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

- A. Treasurer's request for delay of cash summary granted by unanimous consent
- B. Treasurer's memo RE: Delinquent Personal Property Taxes motion to approve the Treasurer's recommendation and declare the personal property tax bill of the individual named in the Memorandum from the Treasurer dated October 31, 2011, to be uncollectible. HR/BF 5A MC [This motion refers to a charge back of \$203.26 in personal property taxes unpaid by Dave Armbrust since 2009.]

**V. Minutes**

- A. Special Town Board Meeting 10/17/11 Budget Workshop 2012 Budget approved as submitted HR/JP 5A MC
- B. Special Town Board Meeting 10/18/11 Budget Workshop 2012 Budget approved as submitted HR/BF 5A MC
- C. Regular Town Board Meeting 10/25/11 approved as submitted BF/HR 4A 1 Ab [JP not present at meeting] MC
- D. Special Town Board Meeting 11/2/11 Budget Workshop 2012 Budget approved as submitted BF/LW 5A MC

**VI. Public Works**

- A. Roads
  - 1. Town Foreman's Report dated Oct.8-Nov.4, 2011, placed on file by unanimous consent
  - 2. Griggs Approach
    - a. Discussion/concurrence/amendments regarding Attorney Fauerbach's proposed letter to Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources: Motion to ask Mike Fauerbach to send the draft of his letter to John Spangberg. WI DNR regarding the Griggs Approach project as it is. Much discussion involving the merits of the dock part of the project. BF/JP 5A MC
    - b. Approval Chequamegon Bay Engineering proposal for approach survey & design Motion to approve & sign with two conditions: there will be no payments for the work until 2012, and the other is that the survey & design phase will include only the survey, final design & cost estimates—without the bid documents. JP/BF 5A MC
- B. Parks
  - 1. Big Bay Town Park grant RE: prioritization of projects for Wisconsin Coastal Management Program grant applications: by motion the BBTP project is #1, and the Griggs Approach project #2 BF/JP 5A
- C. Harbors
- D. Materials Recovery Facility
  - 1. MRF Supervisor's Report dated Nov. 4, 2011, placed on file by unanimous consent
  - 2. MRF Supervisor's Request for Extension of Vacation approved per email from Ted Pallas on October 27, 2011.

**VII. Police**

A. Police Chief's Report placed on file by unanimous consent. Per his report, Chief Mike Anderson is requested by the Town Board to write a draft Ordinance & Personnel Policy section regarding the carrying of concealed weapons in Town-owned buildings.

### **VIII. Emergency Services**

#### **A. Fire Department**

1. Fire Chief's Report for September [postponed from the RTBM on 9/27/11]
2. Fire Chief's Report for October [postponed from the RTBM on 10/25/11] Neither available. See item XI.I

#### **B. Ambulance Service**

1. Service Director's Report for September [postponed from the RTBM on 9/13/11]
2. Service Director's Report for October [postponed from the RTBM on 10/11/31] September & October (submitted together) placed on file by unanimous consent.
3. Sale of retired Ambulance #508, a 1993 Ford Econoline E-350: much discussion ensued regarding whether or not Town employees would be eligible to purchase the used ambulance; Interim Ambulance Director Cindy Dalzell was directed to conduct a sealed bid process for the sale of the ambulance.
4. Resignation of Administrative Officer [Patty Hobin and her husband Larry, who is retiring as a driver] both accepted.

### **IX. Committees**

#### **A. Zoning Department**

1. Zoning Administrator's Report dated Nov. 9, 2011, placed on file by unanimous consent. [Clerk's note: this report should have been dated 11/8/11.]
2. Complaint from Mike Anderson RE: Robert Hartzell property #014-00192-0110: no new information available regarding the complaint; however, Jen Croonborg did state that the permits lapsed years ago.
3. Final Draft Zoning Ordinance: motion to accept with the two revisions as requested by the Town Board on 10/25/11. BF/HR 5A MC The Town Board was lavish in its praise of the Town Plan Commission, the Zoning Administrator & the Zoning Clerical Assistant for all the work they did on this revision. Clerk is directed to send letters of appreciation to the Town Plan Commission et.al.
4. Town Plan Commission
  - a. Resignation of member of Town Plan Commission: accepted by unanimous consent with great regret. Clerk is directed to thank Mr. Madich for his years of outstanding service and his part in the Zoning Ordinance revision.
  - b. Post for member for Town Plan Commission: term expiring 4/30/13 Motion to post for this opening: BF/HR 5A MC
5. Town Plan Commission's five-year review of Comprehensive Plan: discussed briefly.

#### **B. CAPP**

1. Report of Research RE: Riemann Park: not available.

### **X. Library**

- A. Library Board Minutes from September placed on file by unanimous consent.

### **XI. Town Hall Administration**

- A. Monthly Budget Report for the month of October approved by motion: BF/HR 5A MC
- B. Paul Anderson Lease Renewal Airport Hangar Lot #9: not available
- C. Concealed Carry Law: covered under Police Chief's report
- D. Grievance Procedure Policy: motion to define an employee as "people that are subject to the provisions of the handbook in terms of work rules, entitlement to benefits like sick time, vacation pay, holiday pay, etc." BF/HR 5A MC  
Also, by consensus of the Board, employees are to sign a form acknowledging that they have received a copy of the grievance procedure.
- E. Insurance Recommendations for Building Revaluations: not available
- F. 2012 Draft Budget: Jim Patterson had attended the Library Board meeting on 11/7/11 and had a report. According to Jim Patterson, the Library is extending its hours, programs and administrative duties. The Library Board plans to meet again on 11/15/11 to discuss budgeted hours and the capital outlay project [The Library Board's consensus was that the Campbell Fund was designated for purposes other than the Library roof and the crawl space.]. Chair Greg Nelson felt that the meeting on 11/15/11 is set too late in the budget process to be of help to the Town Board, and the Clerk is directed to contact the Library and tell

them that the Town Board is meeting on Friday, November 11, 2011, and requests more information before or at that meeting.

Discussion followed regarding the financing options [for the purpose of refinancing the loan for the gravel and the fire truck] presented by the Treasurer, but no decision was reached. This will likely be addressed at a Special Town Board Meeting on Friday, November 11, 2011.

G. General Code Binders

1. Review of Ordinances: the Clerk reported on having read the code book.

2. Resolution #2011-1108: Proposed Adoption of Town of La Pointe Code of Ordinance:  
adopted by motion: BF/HR 5A MC

H. 2012 Fee Schedule: Question RE: Special Event Permits: permit fee set at \$100 by motion with additional expenses related to the clean-up from the event to be billed to the permittee. HR/BF 5A MC

I. Appointed Officials' Hours: Clerk is directed to notice these individuals that henceforth their paycheck will be at Town Hall for them to pick up as they submit their hours.

J. 2012 Budget: previously discussed. Clerk error that appears twice.

K. Letter from Mort Cushman RE: proposed ordinance to prohibit the baiting of bears: the letter was read aloud and appears here:

"A proposal for an ordinance to the Town of La Pointe to prohibit the baiting of bears

Eighteen [18] of twenty-eight [28] states allowing bear hunting have prohibited the baiting of bear. In the extremely rare case a rogue bear needs to be relocated, baiting may be justified but overwhelmingly bear baiting creates bears who wander into backyards and sometimes houses looking for an easy meal.'

The excuse that the bear population needs to be culled because there are "too many" ignores the fact that we humans have limits to our knowledge and cannot engineer our world.'

Most importantly the use of baiting to show off as a trophy the remains of the animal in one form or another is to violate the truth that an end does not justify the means. In fact as Jesse Ventura said of baiting, "that ain't sport, that's assassination.'

In sum therefore whereas bear baiting is a subversion of the dignity accorded the honest hunter and is an insult to those who practice authentic hunting honorably, the Town of La Pointe prohibits the practice of bear baiting."

**XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

A. 2012 Fee Schedule

B. Paul Anderson Renewal Airport Hangar Lease #9

C. Mike Anderson complaint RE: Hartzell property #014-00192-0110

D. Concealed Carry Ordinance

E. Griggs Approach

F. Big Bay Town Park

**XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

**XIV. Adjournment at 7:37 PM**

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 11/22/11

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk