

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012  
AT 5:30 AT TOWN HALL**

**Called to order at 5:30 PM**

**Present: Beth Fischlowitz [BF], Jim Patterson [JP], Greg Nelson [GN], Ham Ross [HR]**

**Absent: Larry Whalen**

**Dept. Heads Present: Keith Sowl, Michael Dalzell**

**Public Present: Ed Slaminski (Big Bay State Park), Larry Hobin, Jerry Smith, Gary Russell, Margie Denton, Nick Nelson, Suellen Soucek, John Soucek, Marlin (Bud) Nelson, Ed Kale, Charlie Brummer, Marcia Henry, Burke Henry, Mike Starck**

**I. Public Comment**

Beth Fischlowitz stated that she feels there is a disconnect between the Town Board & the Town Plan Commission regarding long-range planning and strategy. She feels there should be a joint meeting of the two bodies to discuss this topic.

Ed Kale asked about the amount of lawyer's fees and the Zoning Administrator's time vis-à-vis the Conditional Use Permits.

**II. Vouchers** approved in the amount of \$18,583.08. BF/JP 4A MC

**III. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting 2/14/12 approved as submitted: BF/JP 4A MC

B. Special Town Board Meeting 2/21/12 postponed due to Larry Whalen's absence

Motion to move to item VII (F) BF/HR 4A MC

Motion to return to the agenda BF/HR 4A MC

**IV. Public Works**

A. Roads

B. Harbors

1. Final Report from JJR Re: Long Range Plan & Feasibility Study: Jerry Smith presented the Harbors Long Range Plan & Feasibility Study via a power point. He stated that the Town owns a one-half mile right of way from the end of Middle Road extending out into the Lake. He also announced that Madeline Island will host this summer's meeting of the Wisconsin Commercial Ports group. Discussion RE: the South Harbor Expansion, which will require coordination with the Madeline Island Yacht Club. BF asked what the next step should be. Smith stated that the Town Dock area needs to be on the Harbors Three-Year Plan in order to begin working on grants. Smith stated that he is very hopeful about getting grant funding from the Harbors Assistance Program. HR asked what this will do for the Town. Smith replied that the Town Dock area is a safety issue. GN stated that the Town cannot do anything without a feasibility study, and now we have one. Foreman Sowl observed that the permitting process may take a long time, and it, therefore, may be a good idea to commit to obtaining permits.

2. Appointment of Harbor Committee members to three-year terms ending March 10, 2012: Motion to re-appoint Gary Russell, Gary Krupsack, & Tim Eldred to three-year terms ending 3/10/15. BF/HR 4A MC

C. Parks

1. Ed Muzik [Big Bay State Park] to discuss interface between Town & State Parks: Ed Musik discussed four points:

a. new signage: Muzik presented the signs that will be used. They give mileage to the Park; he offered the option to consolidate the State Park signs downtown with the Town's signs. This will all be done under Foreman Sowl's direction but at no cost to the Town.

b. connecting the Boardwalk & Lagoon Ridge Trail: various points of approach and connection were discussed. Again this will be done in coordination with Foreman Sowl. Muzik also requested to place signs (at State expense) on the Town Park side of the trails stating that dogs on leashes are allowed in the state park, but are not allowed on the state park's section of beach nor on the Barrier Beach Boardwalk Trail nor at designated picnic areas.

c. a memorandum of understanding between the Town & the State regarding the trails; consensus of the Board was to pursue this

d. Ed Kale's potential kayak concession at the State Park.

2. Approval of contract with AVD Archaeological Services to do archeological studies at the Big Bay Town Park site: approved by motion not to exceed \$6,896.25. BF/JP 4A MC

**D. Airport**

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklists for 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, & 2/19, 2012 placed on file by unanimous consent.

2. Airport Statement of Intention for Bureau of Aeronautics (Six-Year Plan): approved by informal consensus. Airport Manager Michael Dalzell stated that the funds for this plan are in the Designated Fund. Resolution #2012-1013 to Adopt the Statement of Intention will appear on the agenda for the Town Board meeting on 3/13/12.

**V. Emergency Services**

**A. Fire Department**

1. Fire Chief's Report for January, 2012 not available
2. Fire Chief's Report for February, 2012 not available

**B. Ambulance Service**

1. Ambulance Director's Report February, 2012: previously approved

**VI. Committees**

**VII. Town Hall Administration**

A. Administrative Assistant's Report for February, 2012, placed on file by unanimous consent.

B. Personnel Policy RE: Credit Cards to Department Heads: not available

C. Town Administrator Ordinance: Amend or Rescind Existing Ordinance: informal consensus to rescind the current ordinance. Ordinance #2012-03 Repealing Ordinance #09-14-A Creating the Position, Duties, and Responsibilities of the Office of Town Administrator will appear on the agenda for the Town Board meeting on 3/13/12.

D. Ordinance #2012-02 Extending Town Officer Terms in Response to Change in Election Laws: adopted by motion. BF/HR 4A MC

E. Town Website RE: Additional Administrator Access: informal consensus to give the Zoning Administrator access to the login and password.

F. Margie Denton Proposal RE: Approval for permission to open a mobile concession stand: informal approval given.

G. Potential items for Annual Meeting: none

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

A. Library minutes January, 2012

B. Harbors JJR study: the next step

C. Resolution 2012-1013 to Adopt the Airport Six-Year Plan

D. Ordinance #2012-03 to Rescind Ordinance #09-14-A which created the Town Administrator position.

E. Memorandum of Understanding: Town of La Pointe and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources RE Big Bay Town Park & Big Bay State Park Trails.

**IX. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

**X. Adjournment at 7:19 PM**

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 3/13/12

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk