

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2013
5:30PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes 1/14/14

Called to order at 5:35 PM

Present: Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross

Absent: Nick Nelson, Marty Curry

Staff present: Pete Clark

Public Present: Michael Starck, Jim Peters, Evan Erickson

I. Public Comment A*: Ham Ross reports that the gas situation is not good on the Island. Both places to get gas were closed for a few days and he had to take his car to the mainland as well as other people. Administrator Clark will follow up with some phone calls. Greg Nelson mentioned why it wouldn't be possible for at least one of the gas vendors to get a credit card pump, so the station wouldn't have to be manned.

II. Town Administrator's Report: December 10, 2013 and December 26, 2013 reports presented by Pete Clark, mostly housekeeping items, clearing up and simplifying. Both reports placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report: H. Ross commented that with Keith taking time off, the roads are not getting plowed and are not up to par, causing some people to be upset. Discussion on how it is a judgment call by Keith and hopefully things will get done when it needs to get done. Unanimous Consent to place Nov 9-Dec 20 Foreman's Report on file.

2. Foreman Applications/ Hiring New Foreman: Four applications were received; three were Islanders and one from off Island. Administrator Clark interviewed three candidates and recommended Kristian Larsen for the position. P. Clark believes he has the skills, demeanor and dedication to do a good job, and thus recommended to the Board that they schedule a Special Meeting to interview K. Larsen. Town Board is in favor of having a Special Meeting to have a personnel discussion and go over the terms of hire with Kristian Larsen. Motion to post for a Special Meeting on December 30, 2013 at 5:00pm. JP/ HR 3A Motion Carried.

3. Ice Road Maintenance: Authorization of Ice Road Maintenance to Nelson Construction including fees will be on the Special Meeting agenda. Discussion included the machines down at the approach, if they should be using Town equipment or Nelson Construction equipment. Though it is the Town's job, they can hire Nelson Co. They needed both machines for safety reasons.

B. Parks: Nothing at this time.

C. Airport

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Discussion included a letter of complaint had been received. There was also concern that the airport was not closed during the Fire Department's training taking place in the airport parking lot. Unanimous Consent to place Airport Manager's Report for December on file.

IV. Committees

A. Zoning: Nothing at this time.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Administrative Assistant's Report: Motion to accept Administrative Assistant Report for December 2013 JP/ HR 3A Motion Carried.

B. Resolution #2013-1226A: Appointment of Election Inspectors: Motion to approve Resolution #2013-1226A HR/ JP 3A Motion Carried.

C. Wage Resolution #2013-1226B: Discussion included a letter received from T. Pallas on MRF wages. Supervisor J. Patterson would like to add an additional five cents to the hourly wage of the MRF supervisor and attendant, though the supervisor had not asked for a raise during budget time. There were also some gaps in regards to the EMT wages that needed to be filled in. Motion to save/ postpone the Resolution and discuss it at Monday's Special Meeting HR/ JP 3A Motion Carried.

D. Fee Schedule Resolution #2013-1226C: Discussion included the possibility of adding a transient docking fee in the future, but no specifics yet. Motion to approve the Resolution adopting the 2014 fee schedule HR/ JP 3A Motion Carried.

E. 2013-2014 Winter Transportation Agreement with Bayfield School District: Same contract as last year. Motion to approve the agreement HR/ JP 3A Motion Carried.

F. 2013-2014 Winter Transportation Agreement with Madeline Island Ferry Line: Motion to approve the agreement JP/ HR 3A Motion Carried.

G. Health Center Lease: Administrator Clark recommends that the current lease be extended for 30 days and not the full two years to give the Town and the Health Center time to clean up with a new lease. The current lease has not changed in ten years. This will also allow time for the current legislation to go through. J. Patterson mentions that maybe 30 days is not enough, how about 60 days. Motion to extend the current lease for 60 days JP/ HR 3A Motion Carried.

H. Windsled Maintenance: Windsled transportation would like Midwest Rescue Airboats out of Kansas to come and look at a Windsled that is in need of repairs. The estimate is for \$2,500. The Board discussed what if the repairs come to a lot of money, they do not want this to be an agreement that they will hire the company to do the work, just an agreement to have it appraised. Motion to approve Midwest Rescue Airboats to come and look at repairs needed JP/ HR 3A Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$43,518.84 and \$2,656.51 for the Library. JP/ HR 3A Motion Carried.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's cash summary of December 26, 2013 showing a total of \$614,147.89 and a Total available checking account of \$97,535.47. JP/ GN 3A Motion Carried.

VIII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting December 10, 2013: Motion to approve minutes as submitted HR/ JP 3A Motion Carried.

IX. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance Service

1. Ambulance Director's Report, both November and December Reports. Unanimous consent to place both reports on file.

X. Library

A. Library Board Minutes: November 14, 2013: Unanimous Consent to place on file.

XI. Public Comment B:** Jim Peters states that he is happy with the plowed road conditions on Sunny Slope Road this winter.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XIII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

XV. Adjourn at 6:40 pm JP/ HR 3A Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

Approved as Corrected (spelling error) January 14, 2014. Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.