

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2014
5:30PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes (as corrected, 3-25-14)**

Called to order at 5:31pm

Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry

Staff present: Pete Clark, Kristian Larsen, Lisa Potswald, Michael Dalzell, Rick Reichkeitzer, Michael Anderson, Members of Police Department: Bill Defoe, Dan Carpenter, Josh Novak

Public Present: Michael Starck, Michael Childers, Barb With, Joe Rose, Jim Peters, John Carlson, Leslie Mack, Tom Nelson, Chris Wolfe, Meg Brown, Charles Brummer, Paul Brummer

I. Public Comment A*: Nick Nelson noted to Town Board and public that the meeting was streaming video live, and will also be recorded. Leslie Mack brought the status of the terminal building at the airport to the Board. She said the airport has been busy on the weekends, and she personally has been providing things like toilet paper. She also said there may be issues with the bathroom that need to be addressed. And Joe Rose introduced himself as candidate for County Supervisor. He invited members of the Board and public to attend a meet and greet at the Library Wednesday.

II. Town Administrator's Report: Presented by Administrator Pete Clark and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included the Greg Nelson Memorial Tax Exemption Legislation that recently passed the Senate, and will go to assembly soon.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report: Presented by Kristian Larsen and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included Town Board thanking the Road Crew for all the work they have done on the roads, plowing and grading. Foreman Larsen discussed purchasing blades from the County.

B. Parks

1. Big Bay Town Park: Summer Park Staff: The camp hosts from last year will not be returning this year. Foreman Larsen has prepared notices and job descriptions to post. A few minor changes to the description because there are less construction issues. Motion to approve job descriptions and postings for Campground Host(s), N. Nelson/ M. Curry 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. MRF

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: Report dated March 7, 2014 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

D. Airport

1. Lease of Industrial Zone Lot #8: David Ehlen: Nothing at this time, will be on next agenda.

IV. Committees

A. Zoning

1. ZA's Report: Report dated February 28, 2014 presented by Planning and Zoning Administrator Lisa Potswald and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included the public

hearing on March 14th for the moratorium, and well as the ongoing issue of the effects of the Hegwood Case and Zoning within 1000 feet of shoreline.

B. Harbors

1. Appointment to Harbor Committee: There are three positions whose terms expired, Arnie Nelson, Charles Meech as full members, and Bob Kron as an alternate. All three have expressed interest in being reappointed for another term. Motion to appoint Arnie Nelson and Charles Meech as full members, and Bob Kron as an alternate, H. Ross/ J. Patterson, 4Ayes, 1 abstain (M. Curry) Motion Carried.

C. Winter Transportation Committee

1. Appointment to Winter Transportation Committee: The re-establishment of the Winter Transportation Committee has been in the works for some time. A couple of weeks ago, the Administrator met with the Bayfield Superintendent, Dave Aslyn and Maintenance/Operations Supervisor, Steve Dunn. We worked through the membership – five (5) members – Town Board, At-Large Town, MIFL, Superintendent of Schools and Maintenance/Operations Supervisor – as well as the understanding that all expenditures will, ultimately, be brought to the respective Boards for approval.

Motion to appoint the following for the re-formation of the Winter Transportation Committee: Town Board Member Ham Ross, At-Large Town Member Gary Krubsack, Ferry Line Member Gary Russell, Bayfield School Superintendent Dave Aslyn, and Maintenance/Operations Supervisor Steve Dunn. M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 4Ayes, 1 abstain (H. Ross) Motion Carried.

2. Winter Transportation Resolution: The previous Resolution (00-11-14) establishing the Winter Transportation Committee was reviewed and revised. Revisions are adding one (1) Bayfield School representative. So the Board will have five members; two Island members (one Town Board and one citizen at large), two member from the School District, and one MIFL representative. The other revision is striking the clause that allowed the Bayfield Board members to be removed without cause. All other elements of the Resolution remain as they had been. Motion to approve the Winter Transportation Resolution with the minor changes, M. Curry/ N. Nelson, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Grant Update: Informative agenda item, waiting to hear on Apostle Islands Area Community Fund Grant, The Woods Charitable Fund, and FEMA for the fire Department for the SCBA project.

B. Delinquent Personal Property Taxes: Treasurer Carol Neubauer presented a memo asking the Town Board to approve the charge off of the personal property taxes from Tax year 2010 in the amount of \$35.34 and Tax year 2011 for \$29.37 to remove the amounts from the Town's books. Motion to approve the charge off of the personal property taxes, \$52.51 from Paul Wroblewski, and \$12.20 for Chuck Nelson, a total of \$64.71. N. Nelson/ H. Ross, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Consideration of SeaGrant Research Proposal and Request for Support: The Town was approached by SeaGrant Researcher/Engineer, Gene Clark, regarding a research grant to study the effects of storms on shoreline erosion on Madeline Island, inventory solid-crib, rock-filled docks, classify shoreline areas as to erosion sensitivity, determine the effects, and establish/recommend alternative designs and construction formats by which erosion could be mitigated. SeaGrant was interested in a letter of support from the Town and some calculation of the value of whatever the town and its staff might do in conjunction and/or support of the project. Administrator P. Clark reviewed the proposal and found it to be conclusions in search of facts, and determined that the study would be

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significantly invasive and potentially bias. It is the Administrator's opinion that the proposal and subsequent conclusions are not in the best interests of the Island or its property owners – the bias and assumptions remain and the proposed research would be substantially invasive and compromising private property and existing dock owners. The Administrator recommended to the Board, the approval of a letter to be sent to The Assistant Director of the Sea Grant College Program, NOAA, and members of Congress that opposes the proposal, as currently configured. The Town Board agreed that the proposal may not be fully developed, and includes bias. The Board would like Administrator Clark to send the letter, but change the language, so it is less abrasive, and address the letter to G. Clark. They would also like to invite G. Clark to come and meet with the Board to clarify and answer questions. Motion to have Administrator Clark send the letter as amended regarding concerns about the study, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 4Ayes, 1 abstain (G. Nelson), Motion Carried.

D. Wage Resolution #2013-1226B, Attachment 'B': Based on the decision of the Board at the last meeting, the Team Leaders of the EMT's will continue to receive the same compensation they did in 2013. Motion to approve the Wage Resolution #2013-1226B, Attachment 'B', N. Nelson/ M. Curry, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$30,832.21, J. Patterson/ H. Ross, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve alternative claims in the amount of \$1,787,480.14 (includes \$565,099.56 tax payment to the County, and \$980,639.08 tax payment to the Bayfield School District) and \$9,532.68 for the Library, J. Patterson/ N. Nelson, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting February 25, 2014: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, N. Nelson/ J. Patterson, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Police

A. Police Department

1. Police Chief's Report: Motion to place report dated March 6, 2014 on file, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Police Chief Succession: The Police Chief's official date of retirement is May 24, but has accumulated sufficient vacation, personal and sick time that allows him to be out of the office from much of the remaining time. The Chief has largely turned the administrative/day-to-day functions over to one of the current officers. Discussion included the search for, evaluation of, and, ultimately, the hiring of a new Chief. Lots of discussion between the Board, Administrator, and current Chief about what steps to take next: whether to promote a current officer, or post for the position. Town Board decided that though they believe the promotion of Officer Defoe would be good, they want to make sure they have the best candidate possible for the position, so they will post. The Board decided to promote Officer Defoe as interim Chief to handle administrative/day-to-day functions for 90 days as well as post for the position. After 90 days, there will be a review of Defoe's performance as well as review of any applications received, and a final decision will be made then. Motion to promote Officer Defoe as interim Chief (90 days), and post job opening for Police Chief. J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report: Report dated 2/11/14- 3/11/14 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Fire Department Bylaws: the Fire Department approved changes/ updates to the bylaws that included membership changes, benefits, and voting in of officers every four years, as well as general

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clean up. Motion to approve revisions of La Pointe Volunteer Fire Department Bylaws, N. Nelson/ J. Patterson, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Public Comment B:** Mike Starck will not attend Joe Rose's meet and greet.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues: Nothing at this time.

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

A. Airport Lot Lease #8

B. Hiring of Mechanic

XIV. Adjourn: at 7:13pm. M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

*This portion of public comment is restricted to one minute in length. For those wishing to speak for longer than one minute, that item appears later in the agenda.

** Public Comment which is longer than one minute

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk
Approved with corrections on March 25, 2014