

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013
AT 5:30 AT TOWN HALL**

Called to order at 5:32 PM

Present: Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Nick Nelson (until 6:50 PM)

Absent: Larry Whalen

Staff present: Pete Clark, Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Keith Sowl, Rick Reicheitzer

Public Present: Robin Trinko-Russell, Leslie Mack, Dave Thomas, Marty Curry, Julie Stryker, Mike Starck

I. Public Comment A*

1. Letter from Robin T. Russell supporting Big Bay Town Park Improvement Project and suggesting possible solar panels to heat the showers—especially during the winter.
2. Jen Croonborg-Murphy letter reviewing Zoning Clerical Assistant's years of service and excellent performance.
3. Leslie Mack comments regarding the condition of the Airport Pilots' Lounge.

- I. Town Administrator's Report** presented by Pete Clark; placed on file by unanimous consent
- A Community Center working group: a meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2013 at 4:00 PM at Town Hall for the purpose of a preliminary setting of parameters. Ham Ross suggests using the facilities that the Town already has.

Nick Nelson leaves at 6:50 PM

B. Administrator Clark reports on the reconvening of the Winter Transportation Committee; he has spoken with Gary Russell in this regard.

C. Town participation/consultation in the issuance of variances by the State. Administrator Clark has contacted the State in this regard.

Greg Nelson states that he spoke to James Price regarding the fire suppression variance granted to the Madeline Island School of the Arts by the State, and Price stated that the "information sent to Madison was not full disclosure."

Clark also spoke with James Price who stated that the State had "circumvented the interest of the Town."

Greg Nelson asked if there is consensus on the Board that the Town must be apprised of variances that are being considered.

Consensus agreement on the part of the Board.

Rick Reicheitzer stated that, acting as the Town's Fire Inspector, he had granted a variance contingent upon the approval of James Price.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report March, 2013 presented by Keith Sowl; placed on file by unanimous consent.

2. Approval of additional appropriation for Flood Pump – 4-cycle v 2-cycle

Administrator Clark explained that when he called to order the used 2-cycle Typhoon Flood Pump, he was told that a new 4-cycle pump was available for an additional \$1095. He further reported that Windsleds Inc. had offered to pay the \$1095 for the purpose of being partners with the Town on the pump. Administrator Clark stated his reluctance to put the Town in joint ownership of Town equipment. He requested that the Town appropriate the \$1095 and pay for the pump itself.

Jim Patterson asked about the warranty on the pump.

Pete Clark responded: one year.

Motion to approve the additional appropriation of \$1095 for the purpose of purchasing a new 4-cycle Typhoon Flood Pump. HR/JP 3A MC

3. Griggs Approach bid documents – review and approve

Motion to approve the Notice for Griggs Approach Ramp Replacement and to solicit bids for same. HR/JP 3A MC

B. Parks

1. Kurt Goodermote group rental of Big Bay Town Park

Jim Patterson asked if it is true that only one person caused the disturbance that occurred in June of 2012, and will this person be controlled in 2013?

Ham Ross stated that with the improvements at the Town Park, the situation with regard to this annual reservation is changing.

Greg Nelson asked if any reservations have been made.

Keith Sowl stated that he told Kurt Goodermote in January to get on the reservation website and make a reservation.

Jim Patterson stated that in fairness to all, the group needs to make a reservation.

Ham Ross asked if the Town had been paid by the company that runs the reservation system.

Pete Clark: yes

Motion to approve the rental of the Big Bay Town Park by the Kurt Goodermote group for the weekend of June 7-9 for the same rate as 2012. [Clerk's note: that amount is \$530] JP/HR 3A MC

2. DNR High Capacity Well Permit – discussion and consideration: the question under consideration was whether or not the Big Bay Town Park would use more than 100,000 gallons of water daily for thirty days. The consensus was that it would not. Foreman Sowl's recommendation was to "mark the box no, and mail it back."

Motion to authorize the Town Chair to sign the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources High Capacity Well Permit Water Use Property Number 13148 JP/HR 3A MC

3. Policy regarding events held at Big Bay Town Park [including the picnic shelter, the Recreation Center & Joni's Beach: Administrator Clark reported that he had asked for and received the policy used by the City of Ashland regarding similar policies and regulations. These will be brought to a Town Board meeting.

Jim Patterson stated that he has concerns regarding the use of the new shelter with its fireplace.

Discussion followed regarding public vs. private use, exclusive use, weddings on any of the beaches, and various circumstances surrounding these uses.

Pete Clark ended the discussion by saying that the Town will have to be sure to accommodate impromptu uses and exclusive uses—balance the expectations and uses.

C. MRF

1. MRF Supervisor's Report for March, 2013 placed on file by unanimous consent

D. Harbors

IV. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Zoning Administrator's Report for March, 2013: placed on file by unanimous consent
2. Resignation of Zoning Clerical Assistant accepted with great regret and good wishes for her future.

3. Authorization to post for Zoning Administrator Assistant: discussion regarding wages and what would be a fair wage.

Consensus to not post an exact wage.

Greg Nelson stated that if an applicant is interested, he/she can ask the wage.

Jen Croonborg-Murphy stated that Barb Nelson (Administrative Assistant) suggested a range of wage.

Greg Nelson proposed to word the posting "not to exceed the budgeted amount."

Jen Croonborg-Murphy also stated that the benefits for this job would be minimal, so her thought was to remove them and allow her to discuss benefits with the applicant. The Town Board and Administrator Clark agreed.

Discussion followed regarding the deadline date for applicants: how much time is enough time?

Motion to post for interviews for the position of Zoning Administrator Assistant with a deadline for applicants of March 28, 2013, and a stated wage as: "Maximum wage to be amount budgeted." JP/HR 3A MC

B. Harbors

C. Committee on Local Food System

V. Town Hall Administration

- A. Budget Report January & February, 2013 not available due to illness

B. Revisions and clarification of proposed legislation – County Prop Tax Levy Exemption: Pete Clark reported that the final draft of the proposed legislation has been completed with more inclusive language, and that he would like to get the process of moving it through the State Legislature as soon as possible.

Motion to approve the final draft of the proposed legislation for the County Property Tax Levy Exemption as presented on March 13, 2013. JP/HR 3A MC

C. Memorandum of Understanding – Town/Chamber – Recording Community Forums/Mtgs : Pete Clark reported that this Memorandum was drafted and supported by Supervisor Nick Nelson and allows an interchange of personnel and equipment between the Town and the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce. He feels it is good step towards ensuring an informed electorate. Jim Patterson asked if Lois Carlson, Chamber Director, had seen the Memorandum. Pete Clark replied that he is not sure, but in any case the Memorandum would go first to the Chamber Board of Directors. Ham Ross expressed some discomfort with the Memorandum and asked exactly how much interweaving would occur. He asked the full breadth of the Memorandum. Clark replied that, while the Chamber sponsors the Candidate Forums, there was apparently some misunderstanding regarding use of the Town equipment for recording. He added that this is in the best interest of the Town because at this time the Town needs some “serious participation” and that there is too much rumor that goes around Town. The Town should do everything it can to get the most good information to the most people . Jim Patterson added that it’s also a good move due to the rewrite of the Comprehensive Plan.

D. Items for Annual Town meeting [April 16, 2013]

VI. Vouchers not available due to illness

VII. Alternative Claims February, 2013 pproved by motion in the amount of \$1,774,247.25 with Library claims in the amount of \$2568.88 JP/HR 3A MC

VIII. Treasurer’s Report not available due to illness

IX. Minutes

- A. Regular Town Board Meeting 2/12/13
- B. Regular Town Board Meeting 2/26/13

Postponed due to Clerk’s absence.

X. Police

A. Police Department

- 1. Police Chief’s Report for March, 2013 placed on file by unanimous consent.

XI. Emergency Services

- A. Fire Chief’s Report** for March, 2013 presented by Rick Reicheitzer and placed on file by unanimous consent with praise to the Department for carrying admirably during trying times.
- B.** Approval of Fire Department Officers: approval of Rick Reicheitzer as Fire Chief and Alan Hardie as Assistant Chief. HR/JP 3A MC

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

XIII. Public Comment B**

XIV. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XV. Liquor & Operators’ Licenses

XVI. Adjourned at 6:45 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as corrected on 4/9/13

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk