

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013
AT 5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**

Called to order at 5:32 PM

Present: Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross

Absent: Nick Nelson, Larry Whalen

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

Public Present: Jim Peters, Mike Starck, Paul Brummer, Dave Thomas, Charlie Brummer, Greg Thury, Barb With, Pete Rogers, Charlie Meech, Holly Tourdot, Linda Fuller, Katy Gorman

I. Public Comment A*

Letter from Ted Pallas read by Greg Thury.

II. Town Administrator's Report presented by Pete Clark and placed on file by unanimous consent.

1. Final legislative language on County Property Tax Exemption presented by Administrator Clark, who said that he has spoken to the Ashland County Administrator about this. Clark reiterated how important this is to the Town. The bill is summarized here in the language of the Analysis of the Legislative Reference Bureau:

"Under this bill, a city, village, or town is exempt from the county property tax levy related to operating or maintaining, or providing services to: an airport, community health clinic, emergency fire, ambulance and medical services and business and economic development information and assistance service and programs, if the city, village, or town levies a tax for the same purposes and in an amount that is proportionate to the amount the county levies for those purposes.

2. Community Center: Discussion regarding whether this is a concept or a structure; Ham Ross pointed out that the Town already has many of the components of a Community Center. Town Administrator Pete Clark replied that it is a concept for now that has the potential to become a facility. Clark reported that the organizing meeting held for the Community Center was well-attended, and another meeting will occur. The video of this meeting is or will appear as a link on the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce website.

3. Madeline Island School of the Arts CUP amendment.

Town Administrator Pete Clark stated that this amendment was undertaken with a view to clarifying language in the CUP that may cause problems down the road. He added that there had been no complaint filed. He went on to say that on further reflection, he felt that this is a matter best handled by the Town Plan Commission.

Jen Croonborg-Murphy asked who would be paying the fee for this action.

Greg Nelson stated that the Town Board makes final decisions on the granting of Conditional Use Permits and that this can be resolved without a complaint.

Jen Croonborg-Murphy asked what the procedure would be since this would be going to the Town Plan Commission (TPC) without a prior public hearing.

Pete Clark pointed out that the TPC serves a specific function but that the buck stops with the Town Board. The TPC works for the Town Board.

Jen Croonborg-Murphy stated that she is just looking for due process.

Pete Clark reiterated that he was simply looking down the road and attempting to clarify language. He stated that this amendment was not brought by the School of the Arts,

The consensus of the Board was that this matter would be referred to the TPC.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Review of interview reports and hiring of invasive species intern: Motion to hire Ethan Rossing as the invasive species intern to begin in late May and work till late August at a

rate of \$13 an hour for a term not to exceed 599 hours; Ethan's pay will come from a \$10,000 grant provided by the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve. HR/JP 3A MC

B. Parks

1. Proposed contract change with Arnie Mackey Const. RE: Big Bay Town Park: motion to approve the contract change in the amount of \$14,164.19. JP/GN 3A MC

2. Request for authorization to purchase materials for electrified sites. Motion to authorize the purchase of electrical materials in the amount of \$24,694.95. HR/JP 3A MC

C. MRF

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

IV. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Bell Street Properties. Re: Certified survey map @ Block 36, 751 Bell Street – LP 014-00437-000 Zoning Administrator Jen Croonborg-Murphy explained that the Town Plan Commission had approved the application before the final map was submitted, and that the final map does include some changes. Ashland County has not yet approved the application. Motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for LP#014-00437-000 [per Town Plan Commission recommendation] pending approval of the map by Ashland County. HR/JP 3A MC

B. Harbors

1. Recommendation to appoint two members to Harbor: full member and alternate: Motion to appoint Tim Eldred as a full member [term ending date of 3/10/16] and Jon Berg [term ending date 3/10/15] as an alternate, as well as Arnie Nelson as Chair and Michael Childers as Vice Chair of the Harbor Committee. JP/HR 3A MC

3. Recommendation and Resolution to approve revised/updated Harbor Plan & Statement of Intentions. Motion to approve and sign the revised/updated 3-year Harbor Plan & Statement of Intentions as follows:

2013 Expected Funding Sources: \$90,000

2014 Expected Funding Sources: \$2,236,000

2015 Expected Funding Sources: \$\$5,000

JP/HR 3A MC

4. Review of proposal and recommendation to authorize Smith Group JJR to proceed with Design Development and Permit application for 'Fishing/Transient Dock'. Motion to continue the dialogue with JJR. HR/JP 3A MC

C. Committee on Local Agriculture

D. Community & Public Works Planning Committee

1. Draft Resolution Creating a Community Awards Program: motion to approve the draft resolution for presentation and approval at the Regular Town Board Meeting on April 9, 2013. HR/JP 3A MC

2. Community Awards Committee Bylaws: motion to approve the By-laws of the Community Awards Committee. HR/JP 3A MC

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report: motion to approve the February, 2013, budget report as a draft. HR/JP 3A MC

B. Items for Annual Town Meeting

C. Administrative Assistant's Report placed on file by unanimous consent. The Board would like to hear the presentation by Tom Ketchum, insurance agent for the Town.

D. Consideration of pay for Town Board Supervisor: motion to authorize the compensation for Town Board Supervisors be pro-rated between the outgoing and incoming Supervisors in the month of April. The actual resolution will be on the April 9 RTBM agenda: Resolution #0409-2013 A motion to pro-rate the compensation of Town Board Supervisors in the month of April. JP/HR 3A MC

VI. Vouchers approved by motion in the amount of \$32,725.42. JP/HR 3A MC

VII. Alternative Claims none.

VIII. Treasurer's Report approved by motion showing a balance of \$1,072,395.56 JP/HR 3A MC

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting 2/12/13 approved by motion as submitted. HR/JP 3A MC

B. Regular Town Board Meeting 2/26/13 approved by motion with one correction: JP/HR 3A MC

X. Police

A. Police Chief's Report March 2013 placed on file by unanimous consent.

XI. Emergency Services

1. Fire Department

A. Approval of election of officers and chief – Effective Date
Per Fire Per Fire Department recommendation, motion to approve Rick Reicheitzer as Chief and Alan Hardie as Assistant Chief. Effective ending date for Gary Flores is March 30, 2013; effective starting date for Rick Reicheitzer to be April 1, 2013. JP/HR 3A MC The Town Board added its kudos and gratitude to the Fire Department for its fine performance during a difficult three-month period. In particular they wished to thank Rick Reicheitzer & Tim Eldred for the eleventh-hour work that they did to secure a life-saving raft for the department.

1. Ambulance

A. Resignation of Nick Nelson – Personnel/Training Officer – Consideration of Sarah Schramm as new P/T Officer: Per Ambulance Service recommendation, motion to appoint Sarah Schramm as Personnel/Training Officer. HR/JP 3A MC

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

1. Annual Mtg

- A. Griggs Approach – intent to borrow @ \$60,000for project – amendment to Road Expenditure budget.
- A. Appropriate content for Town website
- B. CAP resolution Resolution #0409-2013A A resolution creating a Community Award for Service to the Town.
- C. Resolution #0409-2013B A Resolution to pro-rate the pay of incoming/outgoing Town Board Supervisors in the month of April.

XIII. Public Comment B**

XIV. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XV. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

XVI. Adjourn at 6:38

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk
Approved as corrected on 4/9/13
Patty Hobin, Town Clerk