

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014
5:30PM AT TOWN HALL**

Approved Minutes as submitted 4-22-14

Called to order at 5:33pm

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

Staff present: Pete Clark, Kristian Larsen, Lisa Potswald, William Defoe, Rick Reichkitzer

Public Present: Michael Starck, Michael Childers, Burke Henry, Jim Peters, Paul Brummer

I. Public Comment A*

Burke Henry read a letter stating that he is disappointed in the Town Board's decision to not support the SeaGrant study proposal. He hopes they will reconsider their position.

II. Town Administrator's Report

Presented by Administrator Pete Clark and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included land acquisition in regards to transient dock: no development at this time, but will be moving forward with designs and permits so the Town is ready when the time is right.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report: Presented by Kristian Larsen and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included process for purchasing Calcium Chloride for limiting dust on roads this summer.

2. Stop Sign at Griggs' Approach/ Sunny Slope: In times of Ice Road, the intersection can be dangerous. Interim Police Chief William Defoe recommends putting up a yield sign since Griggs is considered an alley. Town Board agreed that a temporary yield sign should be placed during use of the approach.

B. Parks

1. Rec Center Summer Staff: Questions arose whether to post for the position or not. G. Nelson offered that Kristian get in contact with former Rec Center Staff and see if they are interested in returning, and go from there.

2. Concession Sales at BBTP for Camp Host: Foreman Larsen was wondering if this could be included as an incentive for the Camp Host position. Administrator Clark received an opinion from Wisconsin Towns Association that it may not be the best option. If formal concessions are to be sold there should be a contract and lease.

C. MRF

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: Placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

IV. Committees

A. Zoning

1. ZA's Report: Presented by Lisa Potswald and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included that reports in the future will also include monthly revenue, there were two permits issues during Moratorium, and ZA working on a cell tower ordinance.

2. Ashland County Zoning Ordinance Amendment: These Special Development Requirements for the Town of La Pointe have been approved by the TPC and will be discussed at the Public Hearing on 4-9-14. The Town is presenting them for adoption by the County, and needs Town Board approval. Motion to approve the Special Development Requirements for the Town of La Pointe as an Amendment to Ashland County Zoning Ordinance and recommend termination of the moratorium to the Ashland County Zoning Committee effective the day the Special Development Requirements go into effect N. Nelson/ M. Curry 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Town of La Pointe Rental Ordinance #2014-01: Ordinance was approved at the last Board Meeting (3-25-14), but there was not a signature page, so it is on the agenda again to finalize it. Motion to approve the Town of La Pointe Rental Ordinance, Ordinance #2014-01 J. Patterson/ H. Ross 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report: Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report dated April 8, 2014. J. Patterson/ N. Nelson 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: Update on the Fire Department SCBA project that includes a total of \$72,605 of the \$100,000 budget secured. Prepared by Lisa Potswald and placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

C. Discussion: Use Winter Transportation Building: There is an unused office space and 'lounge' area of the building that are not being used. Discussion on what the space could be used for, seasonally or permanently. Long term, future plans could include moving the winter transportation stuff (windsleds etc.) to a structure closer to the approach, and using the building for the Police Department. A more immediate use could be as a daycare center. This is an ongoing discussion.

D. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDs): This is the beginning of the discussion to look at what projects the Town wants on the list this year.

Motion to move agenda item XI. A and XI. B. up N. Nelson/ M. Curry 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report: Report dated 3/11/14- 4/8/14 Placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Ordinance 2014-02: Authorizing the La Pointe Fire Department and La Pointe Ambulance Service to Hold Volunteer Funds: It was decided that this Item be held for two weeks to make sure everyone had a good chance to look it over and also to make sure the Fire Department and Ambulance/ EMTs also were in agreement. The ordinance will allow the creation of dedicated accounts for volunteer funds, which would be under the control of the departments.

Motion to return to the agenda (V. E.) N. Nelson/ M. Curry 5Ayes Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

E. Interim Police Chief: William Defoe addressed the Board that there is currently nothing in policies for handling complaints on the Police Chief. Interim Chief Defoe would like to work with the Town Administrator in creating a better relationship with the Sheriff's department so they could be the third party interest if anything were to come up.

F. Review of Town Administrator: Motion to go into closed session to discuss/ perform a job review of the Town Administrator N. Nelson/ J. Patterson 5Ayes (By Roll Call) Motion Carried.

Motion to return to open session M. Curry/ N. Nelson 4Ayes (H. Ross out of room) Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$22,786.33 M. Curry/ N. Nelson 4Ayes (J. Patterson out of room) Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims in the amount of \$93,389.54 and \$3,865.63 for the Library M. Curry/ N. Nelson 4Ayes (J. Patterson out of room) Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve Treasurer's Cash Summary as of March 31, 2014 showing a general total of \$1,087,010.34 and a Total available checking account of \$641,769.43. N. Nelson/ H. Ross 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Amend Regular Town Board Meeting, February 25, 2014: Motion to approve the amended Regular Town Board Meeting minutes for February 25, 2014, H. Ross. N. Nelson 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Regular Town Board Meeting, March 25, 2014: Motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Town Board Meeting on March 25, 2014. H. Ross/ M. Curry 5Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Police

A. Police Department

1. Police Chief's Report: Presented by William Defoe and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included creating a facebook page to post scams, lost dogs, and other items of interest to the community, and the use of the Winter Transportation Building as a Police office.

2. Job Description/ Job Posting for Police Chief: The position of Police Chief will be posted. Deadline for applications will by May 2, 2014. Administrator Clark will be the liaison for applications.

XII. Public Comment B:** Town Board members thanked Supervisor Nick Nelson for his service on the Board the last two years.

Supervisor N. Nelson brought up two items that he worked on as Town Board Supervisor and is hoping will continue; 1% for Public Spaces, with the creation of a Community Center, and the Microloan program.

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

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Budget Amendment, Bids for new playground at the Rec Center

XV. Adjourn at 7:37pm N. Nelson/ M. Curry 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 as submitted, Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk 4-22-14