

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2014  
5:30PM AT TOWN HALL**

Approved as submitted June 10, 2014

**Called to order** at 5:32pm

**Present:** Greg Nelson, Michael Childers, Marty Curry, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross

**Staff present:** Pete Clark, Kristian Larsen, Lisa Potswald, Michael Dalzell

**Public Present:** Michael Starck, Paul Brummer, Linda Bono, David Boone

**I. Public Comment A\***

Mike Starck reminded the Town Board that the County Board adopted the Island's modified Shoreland Zoning Ordinance as part of the County Zoning, but that it has a two year 'sunset'.

Jim Patterson mentioned a note Ambulance Director Cindy Dalzell had in her report about the EMT designated funds, and that it has been taken care of.

**II. Town Administrator's Report:** Presented by Administrator Pete Clark and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included the Administrators thoughts on Health Care and the Clinic. He believes that the Board may have acted without pursuing options. Chairman Nelson pointed out that he thought this was just the beginning of the discussion on where Health Care is going on the Island. Other Town Board members agree that there is still a lot to talk about, and that by signing the Clinic Lease, they are not ending the discussion.

**III. Public Works**

**A. Roads**

1. Crosswalk at Big Bay Town Park: Signs have been put up, and the road will be painted soon. Foreman Larsen is waiting for a proposal on the lights, and has been talking with J. Carlson to do the work.

2. Crack Sealing of Town Roads: a proposal had been submitted by Fahrner Asphalt Sealers. The company was chosen because the County is using them and the Board thought it would save money by having the same company do the work at the same time. The proposal is for \$13,772.50, and Foreman K. Larsen would like it approved contingent upon Emmer with the County also approving the company. The funds for the project will come out of the Highway Equipment budget. Motion to accept the proposal of Fahrner Asphalt Sealers not to exceed the amount of \$13,772.50, which will include all material, labor, transportation including ferry fees, and upon the submission of a general liability policy with the Town of La Pointe as a named insured and the completion of a Hold Harmless Agreement with the Town. J. Patterson/ M. Childers, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**B. Parks**

1. Answering Machine for Big Bay Town Park: there is already an answering machine, it just needs to be hooked up.

**C. Airport**

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Presented by Michael Dalzell and placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion included a recent incident of a plane crash in which no one was injured. Administrator Clark asked for a report to be submitted for file about the incident. Other discussion about the pilots lounge. Supervisor Patterson had been out at the airport to check it out, and thought it looked good except for a door that needs to be replaced.

#### **IV. Committees**

##### **A. Zoning**

1. Building Code Violation at 197 Big Bay – Violation Fee: This is a complex issue, and is also on the agenda under Lawsuits and Legal Issues. Nothing discussed at this time.

##### **B. Harbors**

1. C.A. Nelson & Son, LLC Dock Lease 2014-2015: Motion to approve the C.A. Nelson & Son, LLC Dock Lease for 2014-2015 contingent upon Greg Nelson returning the signed copy and providing a check in the amount of \$1,241.65, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, 1 abstain (G. Nelson), Motion Carried.

##### **C. Community Awards Committee**

1. Change to Section 1.2 of the Community Awards Committee Bylaws: Section 1.2 staggers the terms of the members. Motion to approve, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Nomination form for 2015. Motion to approve the Nomination form, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Appointment of Committee members to serve one year terms, terms ending May 31, 2015. Motion to appoint Margie Denton, Pete Rogers, and Glenn Carlson for one year terms ending May 31, 2015, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Appointment of Committee members to serve two year terms, terms ending May 31, 2016. Motion to appoint Elizabeth Ellis and Suellen Soucek to serve two year terms ending May 31, 2016, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Administrative Assistant's Report: Discussion included renewing the Towns Insurance- the Town will be using the same insurance company as past years. Also discussed the vacation time of Barb Nelson and Waggie Erickson. Motion to extend the vacation time for both Barb and Waggie if they need it to, in an expedient fashion, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Motion to place report on file, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: None at this time.

C. Resolution #2014-0527: Appointing Alternates to Board of Review: Alternate #1 as Marie Noha, and Alternate #2 as Glenn Carlson. Motion to appoint Alternates to the Board of Review as listed, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS): Most of the items listed are the same as previous years, with the addition of a couple, and the completion of Griggs Approach and road to Industrial Zone. Discussion included that some of the projects require lots of funding and may be on the list for a while, others take more importance. List is developed by Board members, Foreman, Administrator, etc. Motion to approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy list for 2014-2017, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve, Invasive Species Agreement: This Memorandum of Understanding is between the Town of La Pointe and the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve regarding the employment and financial responsibility for the Invasive Species Interns. Motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve for the Invasive Species Interns, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Board of Review: Set date for Open Book and Board of Review: date set for Tuesday July 29, 2014. Open Book from 3:00-5:00pm, and Board of Review at 6:00pm.

G. Semi on Main Street Property: Mattingly Parcel Numbers 014004340100, 014004350100, 014004350200, Donation of Property, Judgment: M. Mattingly signed a document that gives the Town permission to remove the Semi from the lot on Main Street, in return he is hoping the Town vacates the Judgment against him for other property he owns. Questions arose about

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disposal, receiving the Title, back taxes owed on the Main Street parcels in the amount of \$9636.64, having a Special Town Meeting if the Town does acquire the property, and if the Town should accept bids for the removal of the semi-truck and trailer. Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to continue to pursue the removal of the semi-truck and trailer from Main Street and Pursue the details of the land acquisition, J. Patterson/ H. Ross, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Deduction to Ice Road Maintenance Invoice 2014: payment was not made to Nelson Construction for a bill of \$589.00 for the following of Propane coming across the ice road by Gene Nelson. Questions arose as to whether G. Nelson should be billed for the amount. The safety of the public travelling on the road and the integrity of the road is the responsibility of Nelson Construction, thus the Town Board motions to restore the \$589.00 to Nelson Construction, H. Ross/ J. Patterson, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (G. Nelson), Motion Carried.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$18,417.50 (presented as \$75,650.90 with one subtracted for further examination in the amount of \$57,233.40) J. Patterson/ H. Ross, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **VII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting May 13, 2014: Motion to approve as submitted, H. Ross/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **VIII. Emergency Services**

### A. Ambulance Service

1. Ambulance Director's Report: May is National EMS month; the Town Board thanks the EMT's. Report dated May 25, 2014 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

### B. Fire Department

1. Chief Engineer: Re-establish and Set Wage: Administrator Clark discussed that during last year's budget cycle, and with the hiring of a new Town Mechanic, there was a misunderstanding of the position (note the position title is Lead Engineer). He recommends the position be restored with the wage of \$150.00/ month (what it was previously) to David Boone. Motion to approve the re-establishment of Lead Engineer at \$150.00/ month, and for Administrator Clark to write a letter to D. Boone explaining the situation, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **IX. Library**

A. Library Board Minutes April 10, 2014: Placed on file by Unanimous Consent

B. Library Board Minutes May 12, 2014: Placed on file by Unanimous Consent

**X. Public Comment B\*\*:** Paul Brummer spoke that if the Town's Propane supplier would have better prepared for the winter, the Town would not have incurred the \$589.

## **XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

A. Discussion and Possible Action: Gene Nelson Building Issues: M. Curry motions to go into closed session to discuss the matter, no second after discussion that it may not be appropriate to do so at this time. Discussion included looking at Town Ordinances and bringing many of them up to date. This is an ongoing issue that will be discussed again the in the future.

## **XII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses**

### A. Operator Licenses

1. Ruth Umlor

2. Jeanna Penney

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- 3. Carrie Nelson
- 4. Barry Sterling
- 5. Jessica Schillinger
- 6. Shannon Murphy

Motion to approve Operator Licenses for Ruth Umlor, Jeanna Penney, Carrie Nelson, Barry Sterling, Jessica Schillinger, and Shannon Murphy as all things are in order, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**B. Non-Intoxicating Beverage License**

- 1. Madeline Island Yacht Club

Motion to approve the Non-Intoxicating Beverage License for the Madeline Island Yacht Club, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes (H. Ross out of room), Motion Carried.

**XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

- A. Semi on Main Street/ Mattingly
- B. Legal Discussion, 197 Big Bay Road

**XIV. Adjourn @ 6:52pm.** M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 4 Ayes (H. Ross out of room), Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk  
Approved as submitted, June 10, 2014