

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 2013
AT 5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**

Called to Order at 5:30 Pm.

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

Staff present: Pete Clark, Jen Croonborg-Murphy, Lisa Potswald

Public present: Barb With, Margie Denton, Pete Rogers, Anne Lacy, Larry Bean, Nate Pezewski of the Horton Group, Mark Schroeder of White Construction, Mike Stroede of Finely Engineering, and Steven L. Johnson of Finley Engineering.

I. Public Comment A* Margie Denton stated that she & Anne Lacy were at the meeting on behalf of the CAPP committee in support of the Alternative Energy Committee.

II. Town Administrator's Report presented by Pete Clark and placed of file by unanimous consent. Administrator Clark said that the permits for the Big Bay Town Park Improvement project have finally arrived. He also talked about his meeting with the Ashland County Board Finance Committee on Friday, May 24, 2013, for the purpose of discussing pending State legislation which would give Madeline Island and Washington Island certain property tax exemptions for services not received from their respective counties. The Finance Committee asked that "we leave Madison out of this," and seek to work out an agreement between the County and the Town. Asked by Nick Nelson if County Board Supervisor Mike Starck took a position on this issue, Clark replied, "No, he facilitated the discussion."

Motion to move to item V.E. on the agenda: presentation by Nate Pezewski of the Horton Group. JP/NN 5A Motion Carried.

Motin to move to item V.H. on the agenda: Steve Finley of Finley Engineering. HR/JP 5A Motion Carried.

Motionn to return to the printed agenda. JP/NN 5A Motion Carried

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Invasive Species Removal: Administrator Clark spoke briefly about the Workshop held today regarding herbicide spraying for invasive species.

B. Parks

1. Recreation Center Rental RE: Inline Skate Event: Motion to approve the rental of the Recreation Center by the Ashland Chamber of Commerce on June 15, 2013, from 5:00 AM till 12:17 PM, for the purpose of hosting the Inline Skate Marathon. NN/JP 5A Motion Carried.

2. Big Bay Town Park RE: Boardwalk: Administrator Clark reported on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources [DNR] visit on May 21, 2013 to determine the ordinary high water mark: he reported that the DNR had serious doubts about the current plan to lay the boardwalk [perlins], but that there may be other good ways to lay the boardwalk.

C. Airport

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist May, 2013: not available

IV. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Zoning Language Changes: nothing at this time

B. CAPP

1. Modification of By-laws for Community Awards Committee: motion to modify the by-laws of the Community Awards Committee to exclude item 1.2. NN/MC 5A Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Administrative Assistant's Report May, 2013: placed on file by motion. HR/JP 5A Motion Carried. The Administrative Assistant requested in her report that her vacation time and that of the Posting Clerk be extended. Motion to extend the unused vacation time of the Administrative Assistant and the Posting Clerk till September 1, 2013. HR/MC 5A Motion Carried.

B. Resolution #2013-0528 Appointing Alternates to Board of Review: motion to adopt and sign Resolution 2013-0528 Appointing Marie Noha and Glenn Carlson as alternates to the Board of Review. HR/MC 5A Motion Carried.

C. Energy Audit

1. Site Assessments: Larry Bean thanked the Board for making it possible to have the site assessments done. He reported that four of the nine residents who were assessed have agreed to pay \$540 towards the cost of their assessment. He added that several people have since shown interest in having site assessments on their property, but there is not money left available to do so.

2. Town Buildings: Larry Bean stated that the 2009 audit of Town buildings, but that it wouldn't be a bad idea to do another one. He indicated that the Library is interested in using solar-powered cooling, and that the prices of many of the energy-saving projects that were recommended in 2009 may have come down in the four intervening years since the last audit was done.

D. Public Spaces Project: Nick Nelson presenting. N. Nelson indicated that Ron Harrold [owner of Motion To Go, a bike & moped rental] had endorsed the Loan-a-Bike program, a plan to leave free bikes strategically placed around Town for people to use. Ham Ross asked if there was a fear of theft of the bikes. N. Nelson answered that he didn't think the project would increase the theft of bikes. Greg Nelson asked about the Town's liability exposure. N. Nelson stated that he would call the Town's insurance company to find out. P. Clark asked about the possibility of having sponsors for the bikes and using "hold harmless" agreements for the sponsors.

E. Presentation by Tom Ketchum RE: Town insurance: Nate Pezewski presenting for Tom Ketchum. Pezewski explained that the Town's insurance premium had increased; it is about \$4500 higher than last year [\$39,430] for several reasons: there are three new endorsements since last year; the police department has added two new employees; and the Town has suffered four losses in the last three years. By consensus, the 1981 Chevrolet van was removed from the insurance. Pezewski added that Big Bay Town Park improvements are covered while they are under construction as well as once they are complete. He ended by saying that he is willing to visit the Island any time and explain to the Board and/or the Townspeople the Town's coverage.

F. Live Streaming of Town meetings: Nick Nelson presenting. N. Nelson shared some information regarding costs of equipment that would be used for live streaming. Motion to authorize N. Nelson to spend up to \$300 for a camera, cable and microphone. This equipment will tie into a laptop. N. Nelson will try to find a Town-owned laptop to use; otherwise, there may be a need for an addition expenditure for a laptop.

G. 1% Volunteer Contribution: nothing new

H. Steve Finley, Finley Engineering RE: Fiber Optic Project: Steve Finley presenting. Finley stated that they hope to begin this project on June 3, 2013, and be completed by November. They will be starting downtown so as to have that completed and avoid disruption to

the summer tourist business: he is not anticipating street closures. They will be working from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Monday-Wednesday and staying on the Island during that time and maintaining an office at the airport. Finley explained that once the project is complete, the old service will be discontinued, and people with no Cheqtel account will not have service to their homes.

I. Request from WI Department of Natural Resources to issue Burn Permits: Pete Clark presenting. Greg Nelson expressed his desire to have everyone at Town Hall trained to issue the permits so that citizens would experience no delay in obtaining them. Marty Curry asked why there is no sign on the Island that indicates the fire risk. P. Clark will pursue getting a sign from the DNR. Motion to approve the granting of Burn Permits by the Town of La Pointe. HR/MC 5A Motion Carried.

J. Propane purchasing & septic waste hauling for Town of La Pointe: Clerk is directed to post for renewal of these services. Deadline for proposals for services will be June 11, 2013; proposals will be opened at the Regular Town Board Meeting on that day at 5:30 PM.

VI. Vouchers approved by motion in the amount of \$25,846.25. JP/NN 5A Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting May 14, 2013, approved as submitted by motion. HR/MC 5A Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

B. Ambulance Service

1. Ambulance Director's Report May, 2013: not available

IX. Library

A. Library Board Minutes April 17, 2013: postponed till June 11. 2013.

X. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. Nominations for membership on the Community Awards Program committee
- B. 1% Voluntary contribution
- C. Library Board Minutes 4/17/13
- D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist from May, 2013
- E. Ambulance Service Report from May, 2013
- F. Wisconsin Legislature RE: Penokee Mine Project

XI. Public Comment B** Pete Rogers stated that there is a hump in the road on Middle Rd. at the Capser Trail outlet caused by a frost-raised culvert. He feels that the Inline Skate skaters need to be warned about this.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XIII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Operators' Licenses

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| 1. Renee Micheletti | 3. Terryn Hardie |
| 2. Roberta Pallas | 4. Ricky Edwards |

Granted by motion: NN/MC 5A Motion Carried.

B. Non-intoxicating Beverage License

1. Sugar Shack: granted by motion. HR/MC 4A 1Ab [JP] Motion Carried.

XIV. Adjourned at 7:05 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 6/11/13 Patty Hobin, Town Clerk