

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2013
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**

Called to Order at 5:30 PM

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

Absent: Nick Nelson

Staff present: Pete Clark, Lisa Potswald, Keith Sowl, Micaela Montagne, Michael Dalzell

Public Present: Margie Denton, Lois Carlson, Mike Starck, Dave Thomas, Jim Peters, Ryan Murphy, Holly Tourdot

I. Public Comment A* None

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

- A. Administrator Clark reported that he is working on legislation that would exempt Madeline Island from any ban on "bar to solid crib, rock-filled dock structures."
- B. He is also working with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources [WI DNR] to understand regulations related to docks & piers.
- C. He also met with JJR [the engineering company overseeing the Harbors Improvement Project] and the WI DNR regarding a grant for the fishing pier and special anchorage area that are components of that improvement project.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Report August 2013: presented by Keith Sowl & placed on file by unanimous consent. Ham Ross asked if the hiring of more laborers is currently budgeted. Foreman Sowl replied that the Big Bay Town Park budget for labor hours is under budget, but that there is "still a long way to go" at the Park.

2. Requested Repairs **RE:** Various Roads equipment and/or truck:

Discussion ensued regarding the requested repairs and the state of various road equipment.

Points of discussion summarized as follows:

Regarding the undercarriage of the JD 450G bulldozer [a parts quotation for which was submitted by Nortrax in the amount \$6132.48 plus \$2600 in labor if Nortrax does the work]

Greg Nelson questioned the need for new brakes if the current ones are only half worn down.

Keith Sowl said he questions doing the repairs at all, claiming that the 'dozer runs well but is old.

Jim Patterson asked if the issue was adding track shoes.

Sowl replied, "No, the whole repair, period."

Discussion followed regarding who would do the work and a potential time frame for it.

Greg Nelson stated that he favors the repairs without the growzers/track shoes.

Motion to authorize Keith Sowl to pursue the needed repairs to the JD 450G bulldozer without the track shoes [\$1850] till budget time. JP/HR 4A Motion Carried.

Regarding the 1996 Chevy 2500 5.7 [for which there was a parts quotation of \$1609 submitted by Shift Rite Transmissions of Kankakee IL]

Marty Curry asked if there was a transmission place closer to home.

Greg Nelson stated that it used to be Roads Dept. procedure to replace a truck every six years.

Marty Curry asked if anyone had looked into the possibility of leasing some Town equipment.

Keith Sowl replied, "No" and added that in his opinion the truck is done.

Jim Patterson said that in view of the fact that the truck is needed for plowing, what would be the replacement arrangements.

Sowl replied that he hopes to get one in December of 2013 and begin paying for it in January of 2014 [on the 2014 budget].

3. Wheelchair Ramp Project (WRP) Request to store materials @ Town Shop: presented by Jim Patterson and praised by the Town. The ramp will be modular and movable to different homes as

needed. It can be stored outside. Consensus to grant approval for storage of the materials at the Town Shop/Airport area based on approval and placement by Keith Sowl and Airport Manager Michael Dalzell.

B. Parks

1. Use of reservations for Picnic Shelters: Pete Clark to create a form using the Recreation Center template. Ham Ross stated that he would like to make some money from this.
2. Contract with White Construction: **RE:** Boring water line for Big Bay Town Park: Motion to authorize Foreman Sowl to negotiate with White Construction for boring a waterline at Big Bay Town Park at a rate of \$10 a foot for 300 feet [with some additional cushion] for a total amount not to exceed \$4500. MP/MC 4A Motion Carried.
3. M.I. Community Gardening Project, Inc. request Rec Center rental fee waived for 09/07/2013: motion to authorize the waiver of fees for the rental of the Recreation Center for the Madeline Island Community Gardening Project, Inc. HR/JP 4A Motion Carried.
4. Extension and increase of hours for Invasive Species Intern position: Administrator Pete Clark reported that this is budget neutral as there is still money in the funds provided by the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve for the Invasive Species project. Motion to authorize the extension and increase of hours for the Invasive Species intern. JP/HR 4A Motion Carried.
5. Extension and increase of hours for Parks Assistant/Laborers: motion to authorize an extension and increase of hours for the Parks Assistant/Laborers up to 1000 hours. HR/JP 4A Motion Carried.
6. Posting and/or hiring of additional Parks Assistant/Laborer: [This should be a Parks Improvement Laborer] This is also budget-neutral [see item #4 above]. Motion to hire an additional Parks Improvement Laborer. HR/MC 4A Motion Carried.
Motion to hire a friend of the Intern contingent on an acceptable interview with the Town Foreman.

C. MRF

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

D. AIRPORT

1. Update from 8/12/13 Pre-Construction Meeting **RE:** Airport Lighting Project: placed on file by unanimous consent.
2. Unpaid 2013 Hangar Lease #9A: this had been paid by the time of the meeting.

IV. Committees

A. Zoning/Town Plan Commission

1. Zoning Administrator's Report August 2013: presented by Lisa Potswald & placed on file by unanimous consent.
2. Scheduled Public Hearing for 09/11/13 @ 5:00 pm **RE:** Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments: Zoning Administrator Lisa Potswald said that there will be several pieces [of language] presented, including 7.3.
3. Vacation of appointment of member to Zoning Board of Appeals term ending 06/30/2016
 - a. Post and/or appointment to fill 3 yr term ending 06/30/2016: Postponed by motion [JP/MC 4A motion carried] pending attorney input. Marty Curry asked if there is a need to post. Chair Greg Nelson responded that he wants a sign-up sheet.
4. Resignation of TPC Member Ron Madich: accepted by motion [HR/JP 4A motion carried] with great regret.

a. Post and/or appointment to fill term ending 04/30/2016: consensus agreement to post for the position.

B. Harbors

C. Committee on Local Food System

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report July 2013 accepted by motion JP/HR 4A motion carried

B. Bremer Bank Loan for Griggs Approach Project: motion to approve the Treasurer's recommendation to borrow \$129,000 at a rate of 2.5% to be paid in three installments at a rate of \$45,000 per payment with a maturation date of January of 2016. HR/MC 4A motion carried.

C. Budget Amendment #2013-5: approved & adopted by motion JP/HR 4A motion carried

D. Proposed 2014 Budget Schedule: consensus agreement that the schedule works for everyone.

VI. Vouchers: approved in the amount of \$29,731.63 JP/HR 4A motion carried.

VII. Alternative Claims July 2013 approved in the amount of \$11,256.97 [Library] plus \$116,017.48 JP/MC 4A motion carried

VIII. Treasurer's Report July 2013 approved for the period ending July 31, 2013, showing a checking balance \$668,227.25. JP/HR 4A motion carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting June 25, 2013: approved as corrected [showing a correct balance of \$2900 for Discover Wisconsin. HR/JP 4A motion carried.

B. Regular Town Board Meeting July 23, 2013: approved as corrected showing the time called to order and those present. JP/GN 2A 2 ab motion carried.

C. Special Town Board Meeting August 6, 2013: approved as corrected deleting the word "agenda" and showing the correct spelling of Micaela Montagne. MC/HR 4A motion carried.

X. Police

A. Police Department

1. Police Chief's Report August 2013 placed on file by unanimous consent

XI. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report August 2013 placed on file by unanimous consent

a. Repair & Outfitting of donated 1994 Toyota Truck

b. Outfitting of donated 1984 ten person Zodiac

Motion to authorize both the repair & outfitting of the 1994 Toyota truck & the zodiac in the amount of \$10,000, money to come from the Fire Department budget. JP/HR 4A motion carried

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

A. Donation to ramp project [Clerk's note: this is not allowed by statute & will not appear on the agenda

B. Zoning Board of Appeals appointment

C. Town Plan Commission appointment

D. Proposed resolution in support of Home Rule & Same Sex Marriage

E. Recreation Center upgrades

XIII. Public Comment B**

Jim Peters asked about a ramp at the Recreation Center

XIV. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XV. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Application for Temporary Class "B" License

1 .Madeline Island Community Gardening Project, Inc.

a. September 7th, 2013 @ Harry E Nelson Recreation Center

c. b. Request for waiver of \$10.00 picnic license fee

Approved by motion with a waiver of fees. JP/MC 4A motion carried.

XVI. Adjournment at 6:40 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

***PUBLIC COMMENT A:** 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 B:** Public Comment which is longer than one minute

Approved on August 27, 2013
Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk