

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2013  
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**

APPROVED MINUTES: Approved as corrected on 9-10-13

Call to Order at 5:30pm

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

Absent: Greg Nelson

Staff Present: Pete Clark, Lisa Potswald, Michael Dalzell

Public Present: Dave Thomas, Michael Childers, Dick Hoffman, Mick Starck, Charlie Brummer, Marina Lachecki, Julie Stryker.

**I. Public Comment A\***

A. Dick Hoffman expressed concern and disappointment in regards to unsupervised public use of work out equipment in Emergency Services Building.

**II. Town Administrator's Report:** presented by Pete Clark and placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

A. Administrator Clark reported that he met with contractors at the Town Park regarding the completion of the project.

B. Clark also reported that he was to have a meeting with White Construction, Norvado and Finley Engineering on Wednesday August 28, 2013 to ensure the Island is made whole before their departure. Discussion ensued about some safety issues, driveway blockages, and the mess made of the ditches. All of these issues are to be discussed at the meeting Wednesday.

**III. Public Works**

**A. Roads**

**1. Arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer:** Administrator Clark stated that some insects may have been spotted on the Island, and the conversation must begin on how to take action in prevention and removal of the species.

M. Curry brought up the importance of retrieving our firewood from here on the Island because of the dangers of transporting the species through the timber industry.

N. Nelson mentioned that he thought there were signs in the Bayfield parking lot as well as at the Town and State Parks. He thinks the best course of action is to do some research, talk to the Town Foreman as well as the Wilderness Preserve, to get a better understanding of what needs to be done.

J. Patterson agreed that additional signage may be necessary asking to not transport firewood.

Discussion ended with Pete Clark stating that he will talk to the Ferry Line to see what signs are already in place in the Bayfield parking lot, and what we can add.

**2. Special Event Permit RE: Blue Green Organix:** Motion to postpone permit request until September 10, 2013 meeting to allow time to answer questions as to what Bluegreen is requesting in terms of Bell Street road usage. HR/MC 4A Motion Carried.

**B. Parks**

**1. Dock at Joni's Beach:** The dock is in need of some repair. The Town and The Island Association may collaborate to make repairs. Administrator Clark stated that there is a \$1700.00 Joni's Beach Fund that can be used. The town also has treated lumber available to use. To be on next agenda.

**2. Rental Request Form RE: Big Bay Town Park Picnic Shelter:**

Administrator Clark stated that he had been to the Park and talked with campers about the rental form and fee for the use of the picnic shelter.

M. Curry expressed concern about how to differentiate La Pointe residents vs. out of town guests.

H. Ross stated that there cannot be any discrimination, that as a public facility, anyone can use it unless it has been reserved.

J. Patterson mentioned the difference between having a party, reserving it, and casual use; formal vs. informal.

N. Nelson drew attention to the fact that the Rental Request Form did not have any time constraints, no limitations. He would like to see times for 'first come, first serve' and times for reservations, like the existing Recreation Center time table.

H. Ross requested there be only one four-hour rental per day, to balance maximizing the fiscal gain and the public use of a Town facility.

J. Patterson is in favor of limiting the times the shelter can be rented and letting the rest of the time be for casual use.

Motion to approve draft of the Rental Request form for the Big Bay Town Park Picnic Shelter with an amendment to allow only one four-hour rental per day. NN/MC 4A  
Motion Carried.

**C. Airport**

**1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist:** presented by Michael Dalzell and placed on file by unanimous consent.

Addendum to add that the construction is going well and is on track. There should be no closings after Labor Day. There was also a concern of safety of the pilots because of an incident regarding Ms. Mack and her providing take off information that only the Airport Manager should responsible for. Administrator Clark to talk to her to make sure it does not happen again.

**IV. Committees**

**A. Zoning**

**1. Update from Zoning Administrator:** presented by Lisa Potswald and placed on file by unanimous consent. ZA Potswald also updated that mailing the Comprehensive Plan Survey was costing more than anticipated, and the expenses have been updated in the memo dated 8/26/2013. She also hopes that the survey will be mailed in one week.

**2. Appointment of Town Plan Commission member to a term ending 4/30/16.** Ham Ross defers because Greg Nelson, Chair is absent. Postponed to September 10, 2013 Meeting.

**3. Appointment of Seated Member to Zoning Board of Appeals to fill out a term ending 6/30/16.** Ham Ross defers because Greg Nelson, Chair is absent. Postponed to September 10, 2013 Meeting.

**4. Text Changes to Zoning Ordinance:** Presented by Lisa Potswald. She has been in communication with Attorney Fauerbach on text changes. In order to go

through the correct process, the changes must go through the Town Plan Commission, meeting on September 4, 2013. Notification will be given to all of the CUP holders and property owners within 500 feet of properties with CUPs. Public Hearing will be rescheduled at the September 4, 2013 TPC meeting.

**B. CAPP:** none at this time.

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

**A. Administrative Assistant's Report:** Accepted by motion. NN/JP 4A  
Motioned Carried.

#### **B. Resolution #2013-0827 Benefits for Domestic Partners:**

Points of discussion include:

H. Ross thought the Resolution was made likeable, there is a commonality to it.

M. Curry stated that it is good to extend the rights, and that the Resolution represents the island and it's community.

P. Clark believes it is the right Resolution for the Island community, that it sets a trend.

H. Ross expressed concern that the Board is there to do the people's work, and bringing big issues like this to the table politicizes the Board. He does not want the Board to get bogged down in personal agendas. He does not want too many large issues like this because it can distract from the business at hand.

M. Curry states that these are position papers, to let the citizens know where the Board stands on the issue. He is not afraid of taking a stance.

J. Patterson agrees that the Board must be careful in not becoming too political, it can be dangerous. He wants to ensure that the Board is doing its best to make the Town of La Pointe a better place for the people.

N. Nelson stated that he was very happy and proud of the Resolution. It sends a strong message that great things are happening.

Motion to adopt Resolution #2013-0827 Benefits for Domestic Partners. MC/ NN 4A (Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry) Motion Carried.

**C. Clarification of New Clerk Start Date:** Occurred during Special Meeting, New Clerk start date to be August 27, 2013.

**VI. Vouchers:** Approved in the amount \$112,509.37. HR/NN. 4A Motion Carried.

#### **VII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting August 13, 2013: Approved. Motion to place on file HR/MC 3A, 1 Abstain, N. Nelson. Motion Carried.

#### **VIII. Emergency Services**

B. Ambulance Service

1. Ambulance Director's Report: not available, advance to next meeting.

#### **IX. Library**

A. Library Board Minutes July 11, 2013: not available, advance to next meeting

#### **X. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

A. Special Event Permit RE: Blue Green on Bell Street

B. Ambulance Director's Report

C. Library Board Minutes July 11, 2013

D. Dock at Joni's Beach

E. Appointment of Town Plan Commission member to a term ending 4/30/16.

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**XI. Public Comment B\*\***

**XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

**XIII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses**

**XIV. Adjourn: At 6:35PM**

**\*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

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