

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Regular Town Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 13th, 2011 5:30 PM at Town Hall

Called to order at 5:47 pm

Present: Greg Nelson, Beth Fischlowitz, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen

Dept. Heads present: Barb Nelson, Keith Sowl

Public Present: Mike Starck, Scott Grabarek

I. Public Comment

Mike Starck spoke in support of item X.B.: . Consideration of pay/benefit increases for full-time employees due to required retirement contributions

Mike Starck also stated that he was unsure why item IX.A.2 is on the agenda & requested to know if there is anything he should know before the County Supervisors' Meeting.

II. Vouchers approved in the amount of \$33,378.01. BF/HR 5A MC

III. Alternative Claims approved in the amount of \$99,112.01 BF/HR 5A MC

IV. Treasurer

A. Monthly Treasurer's Report: Motion to approved the Treasurer's Report showing a total balance of \$1,422,970.70, a checking account balance of \$708,993.53, and a cash balance of \$797,102.28 BF/HR 5A MC

B. Delinquent Personal Property Taxes Re: options available to the Town: not available

V. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting (RTBM) 7/26/11 postponed

B. RTBM 8/23/11 postponed by motion LW/HR 5A MC

Motion to move to item IX.A.2 BF 5A MC

Motion to move to item X.B. GN/HR 5A MC

Motion to return to agenda at item VI.A. HR/BF 5A MC

VI. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Foreman's Monthly reports dated 8/6/11 & 9/9/11 placed on file by unanimous consent

2. Griggs Approach Ramp

a. WI DNR Recreational Boating Facilities Grant #RBF-1371: consensus of the Board to review this project at budget time.

3. Public Lake Access: two "No Parking" signs have been installed at the alleyway between the Ferry office & the Beach Club

B. Parks

1. Big Bay Town Park Reservation System with Leisure Interactive/Hercules system

a. Review of Campground policies, procedures, rates: the Clerk was directed to post on the Town website the Town's intention to use an internet reservation system beginning January 1, 2012. Also, Beth Fischlowitz, Keith Sowl & Dick Hardie will form recommendations to the Town Board regarding campground policies, procedures & regulations, and rates.

2. Big Bay Town Park Improvement Project: Foreman Sowl has scaled down this project. The State Park remains firm in its opposition to use part of the road for a parking lot. Foreman Sowl has been speaking to Wisconsin State Congresswoman Janet Bewley in this regard.

a. WI DNR Stewardship Grant Application: the park attendant & building were removed from this project. Keith will be attending with Wisconsin Coastal Management regarding this & the Griggs Approach project

3. Joni's Beach – use of St. John's church property: the St. John's Church Council gave its permission for the Sea Scouts to use their property which is adjacent to Joni's Beach for the storage of boats.

C.

D. MRF

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: dated 9/9/11 placed on file by unanimous consent

E. Harbors

1. Regulation of buoys & vessel types: referred to Harbors Committee
2. Regulations of breakwater & breakwater use: referred to Harbors Committee. Greg Nelson reiterated that the Wisconsin Department of Revenue told him that they do not regulate the breakwater, that the Town needs to.

VII. Police

- A. Police Chief's Report: dated 9/8/11 placed on file by unanimous consent

VIII. Emergency Services

- A. Fire Chief's Reports: placed on file by unanimous consent
- B. Fire Dept. Request for Engine #3 replacement and Purchasing Procedures: Motion to
 1. Authorize expenditure of fire department designated funds for security deposit not to exceed ten percent of the asking price or \$10,000 whichever is less.
 2. Expend department designated funds for travel expenses for inspection of apparatus, not to exceed \$1500.00 per apparatus inspected
 3. Negotiation of purchase, including repairs, additional equipment, and delivery.
 4. Expend fire department designated funds for negotiated purchase price not to exceed \$100,000.

HR/BF 5A MC

- C. Ambulance Service Report for August placed on file by unanimous consent

IX. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Zoning Administrator's monthly report: not available
2. Ashland County Zoning Committee Meeting: Inter-Municipal Agreement: consensus that no one was sure why this was on the agenda.
3. Woods, Thomas & Marcy **RE**: Addition/Alterations without Land Use Permit 908 Nebraska Row LP#014-00408-0100 – Zoning Administrator's Request for Orders: withdrawn at request of Zoning Administrator

X. Town Hall Administration

- A. Monthly Budget Report placed on file by unanimous consent
- B. Consideration of pay/benefit increases for full-time employees due to required retirement contributions:

Much discussion, the main points of which are summarized below:

- several Board members felt that this is a budget concern to be addressed at budget time
- Beth Fischlowitz pointed out that this is budget neutral for 2011
- Greg Nelson expressed concern regarding what would happen in 2012.
- Scott Grabarek stated that he could not afford to work for the Town if there is not some relief.
- ~~Larry Whalen~~ **Greg Nelson** suggested that this could be done in the form of a bonus.
- Mike Starck is willing to find out what other municipalities in the area are doing about this.
- Beth Fischlowitz requested that Glenn Carlson be asked to explain this to the Board.

Postponed.

C. Town Insurance: Inland Marine Blanket Policy: Foreman Sowl has worked with the Town's insurance in this regard and found a few changes to make that save the Town some money.

D. General Code Draft Review: postponed by motion HR/JP 5A MC

E. Anishinaabeg Gathering September 23-25th, 2011: Beth Fischlowitz will be greeting at this event on behalf of the Town.

F. Winter Transportation 2011 - 2012 Season: ongoing

G. Agreement between Town of LaPointe & AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps: motion to authorize Chairman Nelson to sign the Agreement. HR/BF 5A MC

H. Letters from Board of Commissioners of Public Lands & USDA Rural Development – available funding: motion to approve putting these brochures in with the tax bills in December. HR/BF 5A MC

I. Request from Bayfield Chamber of Commerce – Applefest Parade Attendance: the Town regrettably declines

- J. 2012 Budget Timeline: the schedule for budget workshops was approved by consensus
- K. Revising Town's Personnel Policy on Grievance Procedures: postponed

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. Minutes
 - 1. RTBM 7/26/11
 - 2. RTBM 8/23/11
 - 3. RTBM 9/13/11
 - 4. STBM 9/13/11
- B. Review of Big Bay Town Park Campground policies, procedures, rates & regulations
- C. Harbors
 - 1. Regulation of buoys & vessel types
 - 2. Regulation of breakwater & breakwater use
- D. Consideration of pay/benefit increases for full-time employees due to required retirement contributions
- E. General Code Draft Review
- F. Winter Transportation Agreements
- G. Revising Town's Personnel Policy regarding Grievance Procedures

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XIII. Adjournment at 7:35 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as corrected on 9/27/11: corrections shown by strike through/bold, italic, underlined.

Patty Hobin

Town Clerk