

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011
At 5:30 PM At Town Hall**

Called to order at 5:33 PM

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

Dept. Heads present: Keith Sowl, Jen Croonborg-Murphy

I. Public Comment: Greg Nelson thanks Pastor Marina [who is present] for her prayerful intercession on behalf of the Green Bay Packers: Super Bowl 2011 Champions.

Keith Sowl, Town Foreman, states that he will not remain at the meeting till item IX. B. 3. and asks that the Town Board approve the letter RE Ashland County Housing Authority plans for a 4-plex on the Island.

II. Vouchers approved in the amount of \$39,273.95. BF/JP 5A MC

III. Alternative Claims approved in the amount of \$178,555.78. BF/HR 5A MC

IV. Treasurer's Report approved showing a total balance of \$3,529,817.52 and a checking balance of \$546,211.67. BF/JP 5A MC

V. Minutes

A. RTBM 1/25/11 approved as submitted. JP/BF 5A MC

VI. Public Works

A. Parks

1. Anishinaabeg Gathering on September 23-25, 2011: request for support & a permanent power pole off Old Fort Rd.: Clerk is directed by consensus to draft a resolution of support for approval at the Regular Town Board Meeting on 2/22/11. Discussion followed regarding a 200-amp power pole; Foreman Sowl had spoken to Pat Hennessy at Xcel Energy in this regard. Sowl estimates that the installation of the pole would cost \$1000 +/-, with an additional \$10-\$12 in monthly charges. [Clerk's note: funding for this will come from the Parks budget according to the Town foreman.]

2. Big Bay Town Park improvements: consensus of the members that it is too early in the process for meaningful discussion of this project.

B. Roads

1. Town Foreman's Report dated 1/8/11-2/4/11 by unanimous consent. The foreman states that the Town got \$2250 for scrap metal gleaned from the Hough Loader.

2. Cul-de-sac off Mondamin Trail LP #014-0211-0100

a. Set a date for a Public Hearing: February 22, 2011 at 5:00 PM at the Fire Hall. Clerk will publish, post & send a certified mailing.

b. Wetland filling & culver placement: historical/cultural concerns: Foreman Sowl is requested by consensus of the Town Board to contact Jason Berkner of USACOE [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers] regulator, to see if he will set up a meeting with the tribes for the purpose of establishing a Memorandum of Understanding in order to streamline the meeting of the requirements contained in NHPA 106. [National Historic Preservation Act]

3. Rice St. Extension: discussion regarding how best to proceed. Consensus was to allow the process to proceed.

4. Purchase of Zieman equipment trailer approved by motion [HR/BF] for a cost of \$10,025, which amount has been budgeted. [2001, 30-ton capacity; brakes & lights guaranteed] 5A MC

5. Northwoods Cooperative Weed Management Area "informal participant" approved by motion [HR/LW] along with a check for \$100 to the Cooperative. [budgeted]

C. Harbors: nothing at this time

VII. Police

- A. Police Chief's Report dated 2/4/11 placed on file by unanimous consent.
- B.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance Service

1. Ambulance Director's Report dated 2/5/11 placed on file by unanimous consent.

2. Job Descriptions

- a. Ambulance Director (Administrative Officer)
- b. Assistant Director (Personnel & Training Officer)
- c. Assistant Director (Acquisitions Officer)

All three job descriptions approved by motion: BF/JP 5A MC

3. Ambulance Billing Service RE: approve & authorize Ambulance Director to sign contract: Ambulance Direct approved to sign the contract by motion: BF/HR 5A MC

B. Fire Department

1. Changes in By-laws: informational only

2. Rewrite of Ordinance 800: The clerk is directed by motion [HR/BF] to request that Town's Attorney Mike Fauerbach review this document with the intent of revising it. 5A MC [This revision has also received Fire Dept. approval.]

IX. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Zoning Administrator's Report dated 2/8/11 placed on file by unanimous consent.

B. CAPP

1. Annual Award: see item #2 Policy for new Town Roads

2. Policy for new Town roads: Clerk is directed by consensus to request that the Community & Public Works Planning Committee move these two items up in their agenda, so that they are considered next in the Committee's work.

3. Ad hoc Committee on Affordable Housing

a. Ashland County Housing Authority grant application for 4-plex on the Island: motion to authorize the Town Chair to sign the letter of support for this project. JP/BF 5A MC

X. Town Hall Administration

A. Email from Jennie Sanders RE: Purchase by Jim Noha of a parcel adjacent to the library: discussion; no action

B. Update of Town Hall Honor Roll: clarification regarding whether or not the Honor Roll includes only names of service members who have died. The consensus was that there are names on the Roll of people who are still alive today, the Honor Roll is, therefore, meant to include all Islanders who have served in the US Military Service. Clerk is directed to seek out the names of those who should appear on the Honor Roll [Clerk's note: Gazette, website & posting]; Ham Ross will find the tags that are mounted on the Honor Roll & research the engraving of them.

C. Insurance limits on the Windsleds & van used by Windsleds, Inc.: clerk is directed by consensus of the Board to research this item and present that information at the Regular Town Board Meeting on 2/22/11.

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

A. Resolution regarding the Anishaabeg Gathering September 23-25, 2011-02-10

B. Rice St. Extension

C. Insurance Limits on the Windsleds & the van used by Windsleds, Inc.

D. Assessing a charge for Ice Rescues performed by La Pointe Volunteer Fire Dept.

E. Town Hall Honor Roll

X. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XI. Adjournment at 6:33 PM

Approved as submitted on 2/22/11; Patty Hobin, Town Clerk