

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
Tuesday June 8, 2010
At 5:30 At Town Hall**

Called to Order at 5:30 PM

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

I. Public Comment

- A. Darienne McNamara: not present
- B. Paul Brummer comments that the current propane provider should be asked to fill up all the Town's propane tanks now at last year's bid price before it expires.
- C. Charlie Brummer states that he thinks gasoline/diesel purchases should be put out to bids.
- D. Ham Ross commends Waggie Erickson for her excellent job at the cemetery.

II. Vouchers approved in the amount of \$40,259.13. Hamilton Ross/Jim Patterson 5A MC

III. Alternative Claims approved in the amount of \$80,525.06. Beth Fischlowitz/ LW 5A MC

IV. Treasurer's Report dated 5/31/10: motion to place on file: Total balance of \$1,233,941.15 and a checking account balance of \$805,466.73. Beth Fischlowitz/LW 5A MC

V. Minutes

- A. STBM 5/24/10 approved as submitted. Beth Fischlowitz/Jim Patterson 4A 1Ab (LW) MC
- B. RTBM 5/25/10 approved as submitted LW/Beth Fischlowitz 4A 1Ab (HR) MC

VI. Public Works

- A. Parks
 - 1. Letter from Birdie Pallas **Motion to move this item to X. B. Beth Fischlowitz 5A MC**
 - 2. Ordinance regarding camping/docking at Joni's Beach: postponed till RTBM 6/22/10
 - 3. Report of park usage from Beth Fischlowitz: Beth Fischlowitz reported that use of the park from 2000 to the present has remained steady at 40% occupancy or less. She stated that she will be requesting funding at budget time for necessary equipment to take reservations. She feels too much revenue is being lost.
 - 4. Draft of Revised Recreation Center Policy re: disorderly and/or destructive behavior: Ham Ross requested the Town's attorney Fauerbach talk about what, if anything, the Town can do during Star Bar/holidays, without an open container law. It was agreed that the ball players must have someone in charge and police themselves. Ham Ross is to write a letter (with the Clerk's assistance) to the Star Bar organizers requesting that they present to the Town what they plan to do to clean up the event. Chief Anderson pointed out that the umpires used to take charge of the event. Greg Nelson pointed out that the problems seem to occur off the field and after the games.
- B. MRF
 - 1. MRF Supervisor's Report dated 6/8/10 placed on file by unanimous consent
- C. Roads
 - 1. Town Foreman's Report dated 6/4/10 placed on file by unanimous consent
 - 2. Inline Skate Event: the event is proceeding; letters have been sent to the citizens in this regard
- D. Harbor
 - 1. Report from the Committee
 - a. Resolution #2010-0608 Request Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources Assistance Harbor Committee Long Range Plan & Feasibility Study. Motion to approve Jim Patterson/Beth Fischlowitz 5A MC
 - b. Appoint Alan Fischlowitz to authorize tasks to be performed by JJR under the contract with them. Motion to appoint Alan Fischlowitz to authorize tasks. Hamilton Ross/Jim Patterson 5A MC
 - 2. 2010 Lease Agreement with C.A. Nelson & Sons: Motion to approve and sign the Lease Agreement Beth Fischlowitz/Jim Patterson 4A 1Ab (Greg Nelson) MC
- E. Airport
 - 1. Narrative from Gene Nelson: It was noted that Gene Nelson did not include details about a partial repair as discussed at the Special Town Board Meeting on 5/24/10. The Town will forward Gene's letter to the insurance company for consideration & due process.
 - 2. Report of the Town Foreman's meeting with the insurance agents: see above. Motion to forward the Gene Nelson narrative to the insurance company. HR/BF 4A 1Ab. (Greg Nelson) Motion Carries

VII. Police

- A. Police Chief's Report dated 6/3/10 placed on file by unanimous consent. The Chief discussed the new law regarding mandatory auto insurance in the state. He is giving warnings for at least the next month.
- B. Safety Plan for July 4th & Star Bar Weekend: Motion to allow parking in "no Parking" areas, as marked by police BF/LW 5A MC The Chief discussed a potential plan for Star Bar and holidays. He stated that there is currently no

money budgeted for extra police. Greg Nelson responded that he would be willing to consider alternative funding options. There is no budget in the county, no extra police available, or boat open for late returning police. Greg Nelson asked why the police cannot stay on the Island all night over Star Bar weekend. Jim Patterson reiterated the need for a "third shift" of police. Chief Anderson replied that the Ferry Line had refused to run a special boat to take the police back to the mainland when their shift ends. He noted that the Town could use volunteers to help man the dock on the Fourth of July. He also suggested that in the letter sent to the ball teams it should be noted that if they are transported and found guilty, they will be charged all ferry costs as well.

VIII. Emergency Services

- A. Ambulance Director's Report dated 6/6/10 placed on file by unanimous consent

IX. Committees

A. Zoning

- 1. Zoning Administrator's Report not available
- 2. Memorandum of Understanding among Ashland County Land & Water Conservation, Ashland

County Zoning Administration, Town of La Pointe Zoning, & Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources Water Regulations: postponed till the Regular Town Board Meeting on 6/22/10

X. Town Hall Administration

- A. Monthly Budget Report placed on file by unanimous consent

B. Hiring Policies: Discussion regarding the application from Reva Pallas. The consensus of the Board is that there should be no discussion with candidates prior to the Town Board meeting at which the hiring will occur. The Town Clerk is directed to review current Town policies with a view to possible additions and also to remind department heads of the policies currently in place in this regard & the handling of hiring.

C. Memo from Administrative Assistant dated 5/26/10 re Zoning Board of Appeals meetings & pay: consensus of the Board that the ZBOA can call meetings any time for any reason.

D. Winter Transportation with the Bayfield School District: Town Chair Greg Nelson spoke to the Bayfield School District Vice-president, and reports that there are no areas of disagreement, but he will also follow up with the Board President.

- E. Chequamegon PACE Project: Clerk to follow up.

F. Towns' Insurance Agents: to be present at meeting: agent not present. Postponed till the Regular Town Board Meeting on 6/22/10

- G. Town website: postponed till the Regular Town Board Meeting on 6/22/10

- H. Review of Propane & Septic contracts: postponed till the Regular Town Board Meeting on 6/22/10

- I. Email from Lisa Potswald dated 6/2/10 re: grant writing: the Clerk is directed to write a letter thanking Ms.

Potswald.

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. Town Insurance Policy
- B. PACE project
- C. Star Bar Safety Plan
- D. Town Website
- E. Propane & Septic Bids
- F. Memorandum of Understanding re: water issues
- G. inter-municipal agreement
- H. Joni's Beach Ordinance
- I. Bids for Crack Sealing

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

- A. 09-cv-215 Paul Brummer vs. the Town of La Pointe

B. 04-cv-128 Town of La Pointe vs. Michael Mattingly: Dr. Mattingly was served on June 7, 2010 in person on the Island.

XIII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

- A. Class A License for Off Sale

- 1. Island Store
- 2. L & D Trading Post
- 3. Mission Hill Coffee Shop

Motion to approve these licenses BF/HR 5A MC

- B. Class B Liquor & Beer

- 1. Lotta's Lakeside Café
- 2. The Pub on Madeline Island

Motion to approve these licenses Beth Fischlowitz/LW 5A Motion Carries

- C. Class B Beer only

- 1. Ella's Cafe
- 2. Island Oasis
- 3. Madeline Island Golf Club

Motion to approve these licenses Hamilton Ross/Beth Fischlowitz 5A MC

- D. Non-intoxicating beverage

- 1. Ella's Café
- 2. Island Oasis
- 3. Island Store
- 4. L & D Trading Post
- 5. Lotta's Lakeside

6. Madeline Island Golf Club
7. Mission Hill
8. The Pub
9. Island Carvers
10. Madeline Island Yacht Club
11. Motion to Go
12. Sugar Shack

Motion to approve these licenses HR/LW 5A MC

E. Class "B" Temporary (Picnic) License

1. Emergency Services Fourth of July Picnic (with no fee)

Motion to approve this license with no fee collected LW/HR 4A 1Ab (Jim Patterson) MC

XIV. Adjournment-at 7:10 PM

Approved as submitted on 6/22/10

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk