

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2011
AT 5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**

Called to order at 5:32 PM

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

Absent: Larry Whalen

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

Public Present: Elaine Nelson, Ted Michael, Mike Starck, Dave & Missy Donkers

I. Public Comment: Mike Starck offered information regarding the Susan Hartzell letter.

II. Vouchers: approved in the amount of \$372,330.18: Beth Fischlowitz/Jim Patterson 4A MC

III. Alternative Claims approved in the amount of \$97,778.71 Beth Fischlowitz/Hamilton Ross 4A MC

IV. Treasurer's Report approved showing the following: total available: \$1,155,315.81; checking account: \$260,780.99; cash: \$655,242.10. Beth Fischlowitz/Hamilton Ross 4A Motion Carries

Motion to move to item XI. G. 2 on the agenda Beth Fischlowitz 4A Motion Carries

Motion to move to item XI. E. Hamilton Ross 4A Motion Carries

Motion to return to the agenda. Beth Fischlowitz 4A Motion Carries

V. Minutes

A. Special Town Board Meeting 7/12/11: approved as submitted: Hamilton Ross/Jim Patterson 4A Motion Carries . Foreman Sowl to contact Tom Ketchum re Inland Marine Blanket Policy.

B. Regular Town Board Meeting 7/12/11: approved as submitted: Hamilton Ross/Beth Fischlowitz 4A MC

C. Regular Town Board Meeting 7/26/11: postponed by motion [Hamilton Ross/Beth Fischlowitz 4A Motion Carries] till RTBM 8/23/11 pending corrections

D. Special Town Board Meeting 8/2/11: approved as submitted: Hamilton Ross/Beth Fischlowitz 3A 1 Ab [Jim Patterson] Motion Carries

VI. Public Works

A. Parks

1. Big Bay Town Park Reservation System: Beth Fischlowitz estimated the cost to be \$1200 for start up, plus \$775 annually plus set up fees. There would be additional credit card fees of about \$1200 per year. The company asks for a two-year commitment. BF also pointed out that the company asks for a commitment to the system of 90% of the available spots. Keith Sowl pointed out the need for another employee which will be addressed at budget time./

Motion to accept Leisure Interactive, Hercules Software Service contract at an amount to be determined due to credit card fees. Beth Fischlowitz/Hamilton Ross 3A 1 Ab MC

Discussion followed re the need for a campground host who would oversee decorum at the Park.

2. Recreation Center Use Applications:

a. "Codger" Game [requested waiver of fees] approved with fees waived: HR/Jim Patterson 4A MC

b. Slow Food Benefit [requested waiver of fees] approved with fees waived: Hamilton Ross/Beth Fischlowitz 4A MC

3. Letter from Ed Slaminski. WI DNR RE: Outdoor Recreation Plan FYI

4. LETTER FROM SEA SCOUTS RE: RUMMAGE SALE AT JONI'S BEACH: approved: Beth Fischlowitz/Jim Patterson 4A Motion Carries Letter to include a request that boats be bunched up a bit.

B. Roads

1. Town Foreman's Report dated 7/23/11 to 8/5/11 placed on file by unanimous consent
 - a. AmeriCorps Work Crew projects
2. Public Lake Access
 - a. Letter to Tom Nelson: clerk to send letter with the addition of a reference to the intent of the Joni's Beach Ordinance.
3. Griggs Approach: much discussion regarding whether or not to continue with this project. Foreman Sowl obtained \$56,180 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for this when he went to Wausau. Foreman Sowl will pursue the dock permit and then a decision will be made regarding the future of the project. C. MRF

1. MRF Supervisor's Report dated 8/5/11 placed on file by unanimous consent

D. Harbors

VII. Library

- A. Library Board Minutes none available

VIII. Police

- A. Police Chief's Report dated 8/4/11 placed on file by unanimous consent

IX. Emergency Services

- A. Ambulance Service Report for July placed on file by unanimous consent
- B. Fire Chief's Report: postponed from July 26, 2011 not available

X. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Zoning Administrator's report dated 8/9/11 placed on file by unanimous consent with compliments from Supervisor Ross.

XI. Town Hall Administration

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

B. Town Computer Maintenance Agreement with HSI: motion to contract for computer maintenance service [for all computers except the library computers] at a rate of \$460 per year plus \$55 an hour for each hour in excess of one hour. Beth Fischlowitz/Hamilton Ross 4A MC

C. Resolution #2010-1228A Attachment "C": Wage Resolution for Assistant Ambulance Director: adopted by motion: Beth Fischlowitz/Hamilton Ross 4A Motion Carries

D. Letter from Jeff Beirl, Ashland County Administrator: 2012 Budget Cuts: informational only

E. Letter from Elaine Nelson RE: Elmer Nelson Memorial: Elaine received money in memorials for Elmer and would like to use it to spruce up the cemetery. Specifically she has in mind to put up a wrought iron fence along the front and plant shrubs behind it. Approved by motion: Hamilton Ross/Jim Patterson 4A MC

F. Town Hall Meeting Room Honor Roll: Ham Ross will find the little tags that go on the board.

G. Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce

1. Report from Larry Whalen RE Chamber meeting: informational only
2. Letter from Susan Hartzell, Chamber President: increased portion of room tax for Chamber: Mike Starck said that the Chamber feels that it lost \$5000 because they couldn't hold the Chef's Tasting on the Island. They are seeking relief from the Town to recoup some of this loss. By motion the Board agreed to take this up at budget time: Hamilton Ross/Beth Fischlowitz 4A MC

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. Inland Marine Blanket Policy
- B. RTBM 7/26/11 with corrections
- C. Griggs Approach
- D. BBTP Reservation System

XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XIV. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. 2011 "Codger" Game

1. Temporary Class "B" Picnic License
2. Non-alcoholic Beverage License

Approved by motion: Hamilton Ross/Beth Fischlowitz 4A MC

XV. Adjournment at 6:55 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 8/23/11

Patty Hobin
Town Clerk