

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2011
AT 5:30 AT TOWN HALL**

Called to order at 5:32 PM

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

Absent: Larry Whalen

Dept. Heads present: Carol Neubauer, Keith Sowl, Charlie Brummer (for Zoning Department)

Public Present: Glenn Carlson, Michael Childers, Jim Rogers, Ted Michael, Seri Demorest, Scott Graberek, Mike Starck, Nick Browne, Carey Baxter, William Hagen

I. Public Comment:

Jim Rogers asks to be heard regarding item VII. A.2.

Ted Michael asks to be heard regarding item V.A.2.

Beth Fischlowitz reads an email from Nick Van Der Puy requesting to be on the agenda for 10/11/11

Carey Baxter asks to be heard regarding item VIII.B.

Mike Starck pointed out that he had provided information regarding item VIII.B

Burke Henry letter was read aloud by Ham Ross

Glenn Carlson stated that he was present for the purpose of answering questions for the Town Board regarding VIII. B.

II. Vouchers approved in the amount of \$22,458.67, BF/HR 4A MC

III. Treasurer's Report

A. Report from Treasurer RE: Delinquent Personal Property Taxes: options available to the Town. Still waiting for reply from Attorney Mike Fauerbach.

B. Authorization to change checking account: Motion to authorize the treasurer to establish one checking account for the Town and maintain all funds in that account: the account will be non-interest bearing but insured by the FDIC. The Town will have an earnings credit on the funds at a rate of .45%, which will be applied to monthly service charges. HR/BF 5A MC

Motion to go to item VIII. B. HR/BF 4A MC

Motion to return to the agenda. HR/JP 4A MC

IV. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting 7/26/11 approved as corrected

B. Regular Town Board Meeting 8/23/11 approved as corrected

C. Special Town Board Meeting 9/13/11 approved as submitted

D. Regular Town Board Meeting 9/13/11 approved as corrected

V. Public Works

A. Roads

1. Resolution #2011-0927 Dedicating the cul-de-sac off Mondamin Trail to Town use and naming it "Wild Iris Lane" passed by motion. HR/BF 3A 1 Ab. [JP] MC

2. Proposal from Chequamegon Bay Engineering to Prepare Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant Application for Matching Funds: Griggs Approach. Motion to authorize the Chair to sign for the grant application at a cost of \$1250. BF/JP 3A 1 Ab [HR] MC Ted Michael expressed the concern of the local residents about a dock in that location. Discussion followed regarding the possibility of removing the dock from the plan.

B. Harbors

1. Regulation of buoys & vessel types

2. Regulation of breakwater & breakwater use

Clerk is directed to communicate to the Harbors Committee a request for input regarding these issues.

C. Airport

1. Airport Manager's Report not available

2. Airport Checklists dated 8/21, 8/28, 9/4, 9/11, & 9/18, 2011 placed on file by unanimous consent.

D. Parks

1. Big Bay Town Park Reservation System: recommendations regarding policies & procedures presented by Beth Fischlowitz.

2. Proposal from Chequamegon Bay Engineering to Prepare a Wisconsin Coastal Management Program Grant Application for Matching Funds: Big Bay Town Park: motion to authorize the Chair to sign at a cost of \$1250. BF/JP 4A MC Greg Nelson questioned the cost in light of all the work that was done last year. Foreman Sowl said there have been many changes since last year.

3. Design & Bidding Assistance for Phase I Improvements at Big Bay Town Park: : Motion to authorize Chair to sign at a cost of \$60,000. BF/JP 4A MC Foreman Sowl indicated that the Town would be getting \$194,000 in grant money for this project. Greg Nelson also pointed out that most of the matching funds will be "inkind" labor provided by the Town.

4. Proposal from Norvado for Telephone & DSL Services at Big Bay Town Park: Motion to authorize the Chair to sign at the following costs: \$244.95 plus tax for installation and \$94.94 plus tax for monthly service [service to begin on January 1, 2012]. BF/JP 4A MC

VI. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report not available

VII. Library

A. Library Board Minutes: August placed on file by unanimous consent

VII. Committees

A. Zoning

1. Final Draft Zoning Ordinance: Town Plan Commission recommendation and report to Town Board for amendments to the La Pointe Zoning Ordinance & Official Zoning Map: not available

2. Letter from Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson: Madeline Island School of the Arts, Town of La Pointe(e) Conditional Use Permit: the Board considered this to be a Town Plan Commission issue.

VIII. Town Hall Administration

A. Administrative Assistant's Report placed on file by unanimous consent.

B. Consideration of pay/benefit increases for full-time employees due to required retirement contributions: Motion to restore wages lost to full-time employees (due to the Governor's budget repair bill) [for 2011 only] in the form of a bonus, pay out to be determined as long as it is budget-neutral. JP/HR 4A MC

C. General Code Draft Review Chapter 11: 347-12(a) [per minutes Regular Town Board Meeting 8/2/11] postponed

D. 2011-2012 Winter Transportation Agreement between the Town of La Pointe and

1. Bayfield School District
2. Madeline Island Ferry Line
3. Windsleds, Inc.

Motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Agreements with the Bayfield School District & the Madeline Island Ferry Line. BF/HR 4A MC

E. Repairs to windsleds: possible funding issues: information not available yet

F. Revision of Town Personnel Policy RE: Grievance Procedures & Policies: Motion to adopt the Grievance Procedure recommended by the Administrative Assistant in her memo of 9/27/11. BF/HR 4A MC Two names were suggested for Impartial Hearing Officer: Bill Bussey & Jack Carlson. Clerk is directed to write them letters asking them to do it. Greg Nelson wanted to know if the fee for the Hearing Officer could be calculated by the hours spent.

G. Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce

1. Membership Renewal
2. Essentials Guide listing

Motion to renew the Chamber membership [at a cost of \$210] & authorize the Clerk to write the Essentials Guide listing. BF/HR 4A MC

H. Management's Discussion & Analysis for the year ending 12/31/10: Motion to approve. BF/HR 4A MC

IX. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

- A. The presentation requested by Nick Van Der Puy
- B. Winter Transportation Agreement with Windsleds, Inc.
- C. Ice Rescue Memorandum of Understanding
- D. Temporary Agreement with Evan Erickson
- E. Reference to presentation requested by Nick Van Der Puy
- F. Details of Bonus approved in item VIII. B.

X. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

XI. Adjournment at 7:20 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on October 11, 2011
Patty Hobin, Town Clerk