

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2014 Budget Workshop
Approved as Submitted 11-12-13

Thursday, October 24th, 2013
5:00 pm at the Town Hall

Present: Jim Patterson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry, Nick Nelson (arrived at 5:33pm)

Absent: Greg Nelson

Staff Present: Pete Clark, Barb Nelson

Public Present: Dave Thomas

Motion to appoint Ham Ross as acting Chairman in the absence of Greg Nelson.
JP/MC 2A Motion Carried.

1. Call to order at 5:01pm

2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. General Government: Presented by Barb Nelson, Administrative Assistant. Overall general government 2014 budget is up about 4% from 2013. Most of the changes are due to increase insurance for the Town Clerk and Town Administrator expenses (5% pay increase, cell phone bill, ferry fees, office, memberships, and mileage). There is an increase in tax paid to the Chamber of Commerce of about \$1800.00, a decrease in legal fees of about \$3000.00, and most other things are about the same, or up slightly due to increased percentage rates. B. Nelson is hoping there is an increase in the use of the Town Vehicle to reduce mileage costs.

Other points of discussion in general expenditures included; Town Board members have not had a raise since 1994 (set by Town's People at annual Town Meeting), and Room tax going to the Chamber of Commerce. M. Curry questions whether it must go to the Chamber or if it can be split and go to other 501C3's for the promotion of tourism. State Shared Revenues will be up in 2014 mostly due to the Expenditure Restraint Program: The Town met the criteria by keeping the increase of expenditures from 2012 to 2013 within the right percentage, so this year the Town will receive \$16,835.00 through this program.

There is a current billing charge of 4% on public bills to offset wages and paperwork time spent which will possibly increase to 4.5% to match Bayfield and Ashland Counties.

There are no General Capital Projects planned for 2014, but hoping to get the ball rolling on a generator for Town Hall.

There is a slight increase in Debt Service Expenditures due to Griggs Approach project. Designated Funds for Office Equipment may go toward a new automated phone system for Town Hall and Departments.

Most other things are on par with last year.

3. Schedule Budget Meetings

Wednesday October 30, 2013 5:00pm Budget Meeting.

Hope to have a Roads, Parks & Recreation Budget Workshop prior.

4. Adjourn at 6:10 HR/ NN 4A Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

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