

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
Monday November 4, 2013
5:00 pm at the Town Hall
Approved as submitted 11-12-13

Present: Nick Nelson, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Marty Curry

Staff Present: Pete Clark, Barb Nelson

Public Present: None

1. Call to order @ 5:07pm

2. Request for Proposals, Building Inspector

Questions arose whether to pursue finding a new Building Inspector that is located closer to/ or on the Island and thus would be more responsive. The current Inspector is in Cumberland, and to some, can also be pricy. There have been no specific complaints in regards to the current Inspector; the Town Administrator and the Planning and Zoning Administrator were just viewing options. The Town Board is comfortable with James Price, the current Inspector, and would not like to see any changes at this time.

3. Review and Discussion; End of 2013 Budget and 2014 Budget

All department budget worksheets have been presented and compiled by Administrative Assistant Barb Nelson. The expenditures exceed the revenues in the current draft of the 2014 budget by about \$212,000.00. There may be grants that will reduce the amount, and the rest must get taken care of by raising the Tax Levy Limit, borrowing more money, or making appropriate cuts to the budget. Administrator Pete Clark has ideas of where the budget can be cut, that includes possibly removing \$50,000 from the Roads budget, \$1,000 from Docks and Harbors, \$1,500 from MRF, another \$11,700 in Highways, up to \$8,000 from Library, and \$14,000 in TPC/ Zoning. Clark also presented some of the proposed money going in to designated funds can be reduces; like the Fire Department Truck and Ambulance Replacement. Also, some of the Town Fees could be raised. The specifics to these possible cuts will be presented at the next Budget Meeting on November 11, 2013.

Other points of discussion included:

The Town Board does not want to increase the Levy, though it becomes increasingly more difficult.

Barb Nelson also mentioned that the possibility of purchasing the County owned Gravel stockpiled at the airport is not in the current draft of the budget, and once the survey of the piles has been complete, if the Town is to purchase, it will need to be added to the budget. Questions arose whether the Town would have to budget the whole sum in one year, or if there is a possibility of splitting it op over a few years.

4. Schedule Budget Meetings

Monday, November 11, 2013 at 5:00pm at Town Hall.

5. Adjourn @6:15pm. HR/ MC 5A Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted 11-12-13. Micaela Montagne.