

**TOWN OF LAPOINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014
AT 5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL**

Approved as submitted June 10, 2014

Present: Greg Nelson, Michael Childers, Marty Curry, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross

Staff present: Pete Clark

Public Present: as per separate sign-up sheet (41 names) including Health Center Representatives.

I. Call to Order at 5:06pm

Chairman Greg Nelson spoke to a brief history of the Health Center/ health care topic, in that the reason a Special Meeting was called, was because at the Regular Town Board Meeting held on May 13, 2014 a packet of information was presented, and the Board felt that they did not have enough time to go over it, and also wanted the Clinic Board to be better prepared.

M. Curry Motions to move agenda item III. La Pointe Community Clinic Lease, J. Patterson Seconds, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

III. La Pointe Community Clinic Lease:

M. Childers motions to adopt the presented Clinic Lease and sign it. J. Patterson seconds.

Discussion includes that the Lease had gone back and forth between the Clinic Board and the Town Administrator, it has been approved by the Town Legal representative, but the Clinic had not yet provided a Hold Harmless agreement that is required by the Town. The Lease period is through December 31, 2016.

Motion modified to include that the approval of the Lease is contingent upon providing a Hold Harmless agreement. 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

II. Healthcare – Options, Opportunities and New Direction

Discussion about the future of Health Care on the Island. Chairman Nelson spoke on the recent Legislation (Property Tax Exemption) that was passed which may keep more of the taxpayer's money here on the Island instead of going to Ashland County (for Health and Human Services). Details of the Legislation are still being worked out on how the exemption applies (clerks note: please refer to Wisconsin State Statute 70.62 (4) for more information).

Administrator Clerk presented a packet of information to the Town Board as well as to the Clinic Board, with ideas of ways to increase services of the Clinic, extended hours of operation, the Town's role in the Clinic, and its role as a Rural Health Clinic.

Linda Bono also submitted a letter/ proposal on what a Nurse Practitioner can provide to the Clinic or general care on the Island. Barb Christensen spoke for the Clinic Board that they are always open to suggestions, and are working on a five year plan.

In general, the discussion was about looking at future possibilities. This was just the first of many discussions on the matter.

No decisions made.

IV. Adjourn at 5:47pm. M. Childers/ M. Curry, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted, Micaela Montagne June 10, 2014