

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
Monday, November 3rd, 2014
5:30 pm at Town Hall
Approved Minutes as corrected

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

Absent: Marty Curry

Others present: Pete Clark, Lisa Potswald, William Defoe, Michael Starck

1. Call to order at 5:31pm

2. Budget Workshop/ Meeting with the following departments:

A. Town Plan Commission/ Planning and Zoning:

Presented by Planning and Zoning Administrator Lisa Potswald. Discussion included that 2015 budget request is about the same as 2014's budget, and the Town Plan Commission has agreed on the budget presented. Planning and Zoning Administrator wages up \$1/ hour, TPC meeting could be cut back to 16 per year, thought the TPC would still like to have the scheduled 24 mainly if things change with the Hegwood case. Zoning vehicle is now the Town vehicle, so expenses are split, and legal fees in 2014 were way up, but Lisa was able to save in other area to not go over budget (2014 legal budget will be near \$30,000, budgeting \$10,000 for 2015).

Other discussion: building permits are way down because of the Hegwood case, and one of the larger expenses over the next few years will be replacing all of the Fire numbers on the Island. Other municipalities in the County have done it, though it is not a state mandate. Total cost will be around \$30,000 and is still in the planning stages, as maps still need to be created.

Lisa gave some options on how the 2015 budget could be reduced a bit; by having fewer TPC meetings, by cutting Board of Appeals meetings (save ~~\$4000~~ \$750), or by cutting Planning and Zoning Administrator's hours to 85% (\$6,700 in savings).

3. Review and Discussion; End of 2014 Budget and 2015 Budget:

Administrative Assistant Barb Nelson created a memo that included items that had been discussed but had not been put into the budget yet, the Board went through the list: things they would like to include in 2015 budget are generator for the Town Hall (already owned, just needs to be installed), the purchase of propane tanks to be in 2015 budget, waiting to see what the County does with their Emergency plan, to do ours, wait on a new phone system for Town Hall, budget airport brush removal for 2015, no new roof on the old fire hall at MRF, possibility of a third worker at MRF- less than part time, Harbor may not need the \$75,000 they originally thought they would, take the perimeter fence out of the airport budget altogether, discussion on putting Law Enforcement Review Panel expenses under General Government budget or Law Enforcement budget, look into grants for wi-fi at Big Bay Town Park but put nothing in budget, let any changes to Joni's Beach go for another year or more, questions on Rice Street extension with clarity coming in the coming weeks, no uniforms for the Rec Center staff, no plans to go further with any purchasing or taking over of Mattingly properties, discussion on what Roads equipment is really needed, and to not make any cuts from Big Bay Town Park, but hopefully look at increasing revenues with increased fees, possibility of charging for parking with seasonal

stickers available, and possibility of charging for private businesses to do business on Town Property.

Changes will be complied and new drafts of budget created for next budget meeting.

4. Schedule Budget Meetings: next meeting scheduled for Thursday November 6, 2014 at 5:30pm at Town Hall.

5. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, J. Patterson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:55pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Micaela Montagne

Approved as corrected, November 25, 2014