

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING  
2012 BUDGET  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012  
AT 6:00 PM AT TOWN HALL**

Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen  
Absent: Greg Nelson  
Dept. Heads present: Barb Nelson  
Public Present: Lois Carlson

**I. Call to Order** at 6:00 PM by Ham Ross who then asks the Board's consensus to Chair the meeting himself.

Motion by Jim Patterson to name Ham Ross as the Acting Chair. 3A 1 Ab. [HR]

Barb Nelson explains the changes made in the proposed 2012 budget [per the Special Town Board Meeting on 11/11/11].

**EXPENDITURES:**

Increased the MRF budget	\$926	to reflect increasing Carey B to \$15.25
Decreased the Library Budget	\$9,116	to reflect C Ross's correction of hrs
Decreased the Library Capital Outlay crawl space	\$9,000	to reflect general fund budgeting of Roof &
Increased Misc. Fin. Use/Contingency	\$20,000	to reflect usual budgeted amount

**REVENUES:**

Increased Fund Balance Applied	\$25,000
Tax Levy	\$1,594,373 (WI DOR allowable limit is \$1,595,853)

She gave her reasons for making these changes:

The reason for the decision for only using \$25,000 Fund Balance Applied and setting the tax levy just slightly under the WI DOR allowable levy limit was as follows:

1. Large amount of Reimbursement projects (BBTP, Griggs Approach) requires an increase in general fund checking account OR short term borrowing.
2. 2013 budget will see an increase of approx. \$40,000 in debt service (due to the \$250,000 borrowing for the road project).
3. 2013 budget will see an increase of approx. \$55,000 for an entire year for Town Administrator (2012 budgeted for ½ year).
4. Keeps the Town's tax levy fairly consistent. WI DOR levy limits are set year by year, so if the Town's 2012 tax levy drops, then the WI DOR levy limit for 2013 will be reduced to that level + % of any new construction.
5. If excess cash is available during 2012, the TB can reduce the amount of the \$250,000 borrowing for the road project.

Barb Nelson pointed out that the 2012 proposed tax levy would be .8% higher than the 2011 levy which was \$1,594,373.

Discussion followed regarding the Town Administrator position.

Lois Carlson reiterated her request for support for small businesses in the form of financial support for the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce.

Beth Fischlowitz pointed out that the room tax revenue will increase in 2012 [\$46200 to the Chamber].

LC requested \$5000 to compensate for the shortfall this year.

Jim Patterson praised the Chamber & stated that he would like to help them out.

Barb Nelson suggested that the contingency fund could be reduced or else the amount could be taken from the fund balance applied.

Ham Ross & Larry Whalen asked if \$2500 would suffice.

Beth Fischlowitz suggested taking the money from the fund balance.

Barb Nelson said that the fund balance would change to \$27,500 and the \$2500 would be placed under line item #55300-01 Under Parks: Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce.

Larry Whalen stated for the record that, while he understands that the Chamber is a viable 501C(3) and they are allowed to be politically active, he was unhappy at the extremity of political opinion expressed at the Open Forum of the Chamber that he attended. He reported hearing a "call for the removal of the Town Plan Commission."

Motion to approve presenting the 2012 proposed budget, [tax levy of \$1,594,373] to the public pending the one change [\$2500 to the Chamber].  
JP/BF 4A Motion Carries

Adjournment at 6:48 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted on 11/22/11

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