

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
2010 BUDGET MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2009
At 5:30 At Town Hall**

Called to order at 5:37 PM

Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen

Absent: Ric Gillman

Ham Ross began by reviewing the budget cuts to date: \$450,000 for the Miller Farm Rd. project; \$17,797 for the new fire numbers; \$15,000 for the MRF revetment for non-recyclable glass.

Greg Nelson brought up the request from the Town Plan Commission for additional hours for the Zoning Clerical Assistant and states his willingness to find a middle ground

Larry Whalen spoke of the unique qualifications of the current ZCA and the opportunity for the Town to avail itself of her computer skills.

Ham Ross renewed his request for consideration of other Town employees who are not getting a wage increase.

Greg Nelson recalled that the Town has historically been trying to get more funding from the County for the Zoning Department.

Jen Croonborg spoke of the additional duties put on County Zoning Departments because the State is making budget cuts.

Greg Nelson reported that Ted Pallas, Chair of the Town Plan Commission felt that additional revenue in the form of fees for non-conforming lots may offset the cost of wages for the ZCA's hours.

Beth Fischlowitz suggested a compromise of an additional five hours per week for the ZCA to work, making the ZCA's hours 799 hours instead of 599 hours.

Larry Whalen suggested a system of billing the County for the time the ZCA spends on County work.

Greg Nelson pointed out that increasing the hours of the ZCA is not permanent; these hours can be reduced in the future.

Motion to increase the hours of the Zoning Clerical assistant from a cap of 599 hours to a cap of 800 hours with the insurance offered to a part-time employee to be included. The Town pays for 25% of this insurance. BF/LW 4 A MC

Zoning Administrator, Jen Croonborg, offers her thanks to the Town Board for reconsidering the matter.

Motion to establish a contingency fund of \$25,000 in line item 59900-00 for unexpected expenses. Beth Fischlowitz/Hamilton Ross 4A Motion Carries

Motion to make an additional payment on loan #58000-00 in the amount of \$122,903. Beth Fischlowitz/Larry Whalen 4A Motion Carries

Motion to adjourn Hamilton Ross/Larry Whalen 4A Motion Carries

Adjourned at 6:50 PM

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Clerk of the Town

Approved as submitted 12/1/09

Patty Hobin, Clerk