

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
BUDGET WORKSHOP
MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2009
At 5:00 PM At Town Hall**

Called to order at 5:03 PM

Present: Beth Fischlowitz, Greg Nelson, Ham Ross, Larry Whalen, Ric Gillman
Ted Pallas, Jen Croonborg, Mary Ross

The purpose of this meeting is to review and discuss budget requests in the following departments:

- MTF
- Town Plan Commission
- Fire
- Ambulance

The MRF budget is up 2% due to new lights being installed. The "hauling" figures are based on 21 garbage hauls and 16 demo hauls.

MRF is requesting a 3% cost of living increase for employees. Also the utilities will be higher in 2010 due to the new compactor having been installed. Ted is purchasing the new computer this year, not next.

The MRF will soon need another glass storage bin. Recycling glass is both expensive and limited in opportunity. This could be a capital project. The designated funds are used up.

The Town Plan Commission budget was prepared in two ways: one changes the Zoning Clerical Assistant's hours to 1040; the other changes the hours to 1044, which allows for benefits.

The Town Plan Commission is over budget in wages due to increased meetings. This was compensated in a budget amendment. The new budget reflects 36 meetings and four meetings of the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Town Plan Commission budget shows a 3% cost of living increase for Jen Croonborg, Zoning Administrator, and also \$200 for a new camera. The zoning administrator would "UDC" struck as a line item. This is not a part of Zoning.

New fire numbers are also a large part of the Town Plan Commission budget. The new system will include summary signs at the end of roads that have several driveways. This may be a capital expense. The fire numbers may not get put up in 2010; if not, Jen Croonborg, Zoning Administrator would like this to go to 2011 as a designated fund.

Fire was postponed till October 22, 2009

The Ambulance budget stayed nearly the same: two EMT's left the service in 2009; one is on long-term injury leave and will return in the spring of 2010. However, because the annual EMT refresher occurs in 2010, the net result is very little change. The increase of 6.4% is due to a need for an outside billing service. The Administrative Assistant will no longer be doing the Ambulance billing. The Ambulance Service Director requests a pay raise for EMT's and drivers for transports to Memorial Medical Center in Ashland.

Submitted by Patty Hobin, Clerk of the Town

Approved as submitted on 10/27/09

Patty Hobin, Town Clerk