

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY MARCH 12, 2019**  
**5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**  
Approved Minutes

**Town Board Members Present:** Jim Patterson, Michael Anderson, Sue Brenna, John Carlson, Michael Childers

**Staff Present:** Barb Nelson, Ben Schram, Richard Laakonen, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

**Public Present:** Charley Brummer, Paul Brummer, Glenn Carlson, Rachel Bauman, Joe Scarry, Steve Lennick, Anna Lennick, present just for item I: Michael Bebeau, Rick Reichkitzer, Nathan Nelson, Jay Wiltz, Troy Nelson, Alan Hardie, William Hagen, Julie Schmit

**Called to Order:** 5:30pm

**I. Public Comment A\*:** Mike Bebeau of Xcel Energy presented the Town with a \$10,000 donation to the Emergency Services Building Fund.

Paul Brummer stated he thinks that the building and replacement of the Fire Hall/ EMS building and equipment should be a priority and other things may need to be set aside.

Charley Brummer stated that there should be a yield sign at the top of Griggs Approach.

Jim Patterson thanked all of the people who have stepped up in response to the Fire Hall fire including Town staff and volunteers and neighboring communities.

**II. Town Administrator's Report:** Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald via conference call dated March 10, 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Lisa stated how proud she is of all the people she works with including the Town staff, all of the Emergency Services and all others involved for all that has been done since the fire; so much as been accomplished and she is very appreciative of everyone.

### **III. Public Works**

#### **A. Public Works Director**

1. Interim Public Work Director's Report: Report prepared and presented by Ben Schram. Brief discussion on high lake levels. Report for February 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

2. Update Job Descriptions from Town Foreman where listed to Public Works Director

- a. Parks #1
- b. Parks #2
- c. Parks #3
- d. Parks #4

Motion to approve updating the job descriptions for Parks 1, 2, 3, 4 (Parks #2 needs the note about hazardous materials added), S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **B. Roads**

1. Purchase Agreement for Gravel from Ashland County: Motion to approve and have the Town Chair sign the Purchase Agreement with Ashland County for gravel (10 year agreement, payment of \$31,500 each year), M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **C. Parks**

1. Recommendation to Hire Campground Hosts #1 and #2: Motion to approve hiring Rand Moore as Campground Host #1 at \$16.00/ hour from May to October and hire Amy Brooks as Campground Host #2 at \$16.00/ hour from June to September. Both contingent upon background checks. (The higher wages should not increase the budget as Parks #2 will not be filled). S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Hire Campground Assistant: Motion to hire Fern Langenberger as the Campground Assistant from May to October at \$13/ hour, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Hire Parks #1: Motion to hire Dick Hardie as Parks #1 from around May 17, 2019 through October, hours not to exceed 1000 hours, with a wage of \$17.99/ hour, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Hire Parks #3: Motion to hire Ciara Wiggins as Parks #3 with a start date around May 17, 2019 through September, hours not to exceed 600, with a wage of \$14/ hour, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **D. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)**

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: Report prepared by Ted Pallas for February 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

2. Posting for MRF Exchange Attendant: Motion to approve the posting for the MRF Exchange Attendant with a wage of \$7.25/ hour, posted until filled, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

### **E. Airport**

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Report prepared by Paul Wilharm for February 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

## **IV. Committees**

### **A. Planning and Zoning**

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Motion to table, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **B. Winter Transportation Committee**

1. Contract Extension with Lake Assault Boats for Windsleds: Motion to approve the contract extension until April 30, 2019, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **C. Harbor Committee**

1. Appointment of Three Members for Three Year Terms ending March 10, 2022: Motion to appoint Nick Browne to a three-year term ending March 10, 2022 and to continue to post sign up sheets for the other two spots, J. Carlson/ M. Childers, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (M. Anderson), Motion Carried.

## **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Budget Report: Motion to approve the Town Board Budget Summary Report dated 3/6/2019, M. Childers/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: None.

C. Information for Newly Elected Officials: Motion to approve the packet of information for Newly Elected Officials, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Contract with Oasis DEG for Human Resources and Payroll: Discussion with Barb Nelson how there may be some kinks to work through as Oasis has not worked with a

government before, but they will be taking over much of the payroll, hiring, policies, etc. Motion to approve and sign the one-year contract with Oasis DEG (4/21/19 to 4/30/20), J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Resolution 2019-0312: Establish Polling Place for Elections: Motion to approve Resolution #2019-0312, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$103,767.79, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. [*Clerk's Note: a \$400.12 voucher for Chicago Iron did not need to be paid: the adjusted total should be \$103,367.67*]

**VII. Alternative Claims:** Motion to approve Alternative Claims for February 2019 in the amount of \$1,861,508.01 and \$8,204.63 for the Library, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report as of February 28, 2019 showing a total of \$1,950,923.54 and a total available checking of \$923,743.23, J. Patterson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **IX. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting February 26, 2019: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Emergency Town Board Meeting March 6, 2019: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **X. Police Department**

A. Police Chief's Report: Report prepared by William Defoe for February 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Change in Police Department Budget for Outfitting of New Police Vehicle: an increase from \$9,000 to \$14,000 to come from the excess cash on hand. Motion to approve the increase, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **XI. Emergency Services**

A. Fire Chief's Report: waived for this month.

B. Wisconsin Towns Association 2019-2020 Legislative Priorities for Fire & EMS: Motion to approve the Town Chair signing the letter of support, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Emergency Services Building (ESB) Fire Recovery Designated Fund: all donations for Fire, Ambulance, Police will go into one fund. If any donations come in that are specifically for one department, those donations will go into their own funds.

D. Discussion About New Emergency Services Building Process: Not much to report yet. Some Firefighters and EMS went to tour the new Ashland Fire Hall.

**XII. Public Comment B\*\*:** Charley Brummer commented on the high lake levels and that maybe the Town could write a letter to the Army Corp with our concerns, maybe requesting opening the lock in Ste. St. Marie.

Paul Brummer commented that if there are going to be major changes to the design of the new Fire Hall, it would be good to have a public hearing because when the last one was done the townspeople changed their minds after a lot of money was spent on plans/ architects.

**XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues:** Nothing at this time.

**XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** ZA Report, Big Arns Road/ Brians Road updates.

**XV. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:31pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted March 26, 2019. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.