

TOWN OF LA POINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MAY 21, 2019
5:15pm AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

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

Staff Present: Lisa Potswald, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Jim Peters, Charley Brummer, Gary Russell, Robin Russell, Paul Brummer

Called to Order: 5:17pm

1. Public Comment: Charley Brummer mentioned concerns about high water. Paul Brummer commented on the sunset clause and on donations. Robin Russell also commented on donations.

2. Town Board Planning and Education Meeting/ Workshop

Motion to move to item 2. C., G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Additional Revenue/ Head Tax/ Donations: Discussion on how a head tax is allowed but that local employees and commuters will have to pay the most. S. Brenna brought up having a flyer put up around town and on ferries that asks for donations (donations to a municipality are tax deductible). A premier sales tax was also mentioned, though for La Pointe to do it we would have to get special legislation. Asking the Great Lakes Alliance what other islands do for additional revenue, especially for infrastructure related to high tourism.

Motion to return to item 2. A. G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

A. Sunset Clause on Incidental Structure Rentals in Rental Ordinance: The Town Plan Commission would like the Town Board to better define the sunset clause on renting incidental structures in the Rental Ordinance as to what will happen in two years when it is reviewed. Discussion on the review in two years will be on how the rental of incidental structures is going, if they are causing problems, or if it is going okay. Discussion on possibly allowing those with incidental structure rental permits in good standing to be grandfathered in if the Board decides to not grant any new applications for renting incidental structures. A draft will be presented at the next Board meeting.

B. Communicating with the Public/ Taxpayers: Though the Board believes they are doing a pretty good job of communicating with the public, they agreed that an informal informational meeting in July could be good to update the public on projects and have some question and answer time.

D. ADA Ramp at Rec Center: the ramp is in the Park and Recreation Plan- to get from the handicap parking to the pavilion. Shelter. A design was provided to also include getting from the other parking areas to the pavilion.

3. Public Comment**: Paul Brummer commented on rentals and on changing the laws for a head tax or resort tax. Robin Russell commented on resort tax. Gary Russell commented on head

tax and parking/ congestion in Bayfield. Charley Brummer commented on sending a letter to legislators or Army Corp about high water even if nothing can be done.

Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:18pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted May 28, 2019. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.