

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2020 Budget Workshop
Monday, October 14, 2019
5:15 pm at the Town Hall
Approved Minutes

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

Town Board Members Absent: Glenn Carlson

Staff Present: Lisa Potswald, Barb Nelson, Cindy Dalzell, Sarah Schram, Lauren Schuppe,
Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Mike Starck, Max Imholte, Charley Brummer, Paul Brummer

1. Call to order: 5:15pm

2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments

A. Fire Department: Will be on a future agenda.

B. Ambulance: Cindy Dalzell present to go over 2020 budget request. Discussion on how recruiting is an issue, the department is hoping some incentives will help increase numbers of EMT/ EMRs. No new large vehicles or equipment needed as almost everything is new after the fire of the EMS building. Once the new Mercedes ambulance is here, the old 508 will be sold, hopefully for around \$21,000 which will help pay for the new Mercedes. 2020 will be a refresher year, so education is up a little, and they are looking at doing a raffle again in 2020. There are some donated funds (\$11,000) that will be used towards purchasing a Lucas (automated CPR) device. There is also a request for an increase for compensation for EMTs and EMRs daily on call, meetings, and education rates.

C. Library: Lauren Schuppe present to go over Library 2020 budget request. Most things are similar to 2019 with the addition of new carpeting on the second floor. \$3,000 can be removed from books/ periodicals. Discussion on how the Summer Rec Program is going well. Looking to the future: the possibility of a community space addition behind the Library.

D. Health Center/ Clinic: Clinic President Max Imholte present to go over budget request. They are requesting the same amount from the Town as 2019, \$21,600. Other discussion about how they are changing from the clinic being Margie Fredrickson's private practice to a business with the Board managing and maintaining their 501(c)3.

E. Cemetery: Paul and Charley Brummer (sextons) presented some projects they would like to see happen at the cemetery: culvert replacement, a parking area, adding gravel to the road, ditching for better drainage, a storage shed, and adding a line item for legal fees (some issues with deeds and plots). They also suggested not plowing in the winter, increasing the Towns fees for burials, inquiring if there can be liability insurance for the sextons, and possibly a stipend for the sextons for all of the paperwork and time spent on figuring out plots and deeds. The current 2020 budget sheets include the storage shed but none of the other projects.

3. Public Comment: Mike Starck commented that since there is a delay in construction of the fire hall, if the façade proposal could be considered.

4. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:21pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted, October 22, 2019. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.