

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2020 Budget Workshop
Thursday, October 17, 2019
5:15 pm at the 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

1. Call to order: 5:15pm

2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. General Government: five-year goals include a fixed asset program, manage noise in town hall. Barb is looking at retirement in 2023 or 2024. 2020 budget proposals are similar to 2019 for operations. Discussion on transferring the compensation designated fund back into the general fund (was created for mid-year merit increases, current balance around \$8000). There was \$8200 for electric charge stations budgeted in 2020 but taken out for now.

B. Follow up from previous workshops: Discussion on debt service options and how to reduce the current deficit in operations. It was decided to keep the cost of living increases and keep travel expenses in but have each department head take a good look at their budgets for 2020 and try to reduce them by 20%. There will also be updates to a few departments because the building dates for the Emergency Services Building have been delayed until spring. The Town Board is also looking at possibly asking the townspeople to approve a 10% levy increase for the 2020 budget. G. Carlson brought up possibly getting state legislation to provide an annual budget amount as we do not receive mutual aid benefits for Fire and Ambulance.

3. Schedule Budget Meetings: October 24 and October 29 at 5:15pm.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:42pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

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