

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 8, 2019
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

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

Staff Present: Lisa Potswald, Ben Schram, Peter Wiggins, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Marilyn Hartig, Holly Tourdot, Ralph Imholte, Charley Brummer, Mike Starck, Steve Lennick, Joe Rose, Joe Bates, Barb With, Paul Brummer, Monarda Thrasher, Rhiannon Tourdot, Molly Obrien, Samantha Follis

Call to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: Charley Bummer commented on putting a yield sign at the top of Grigg's approach before winter.

Barb With commented on the letter to Enbridge as well as submitted an article she wrote about the dangers of Enbridge's Line 5. Holly Tourdot agreed with Barb With. *Monarda Thrasher commented on not partnering with Enbridge.*

II. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated October 4, 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to move to agenda item V. G., S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

G. Updates from Ashland County Supervisor Joe Rose: Joe Rose addressed concerns for Assembly Bill 426 and Senate Bill 386 and would like to see a hearing on the bills in the Ashland area. The bills, if passed, could have effects on the environment as well as citizens exercising their first amendment rights in protests.

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

III. Public Works

A. Public Works Director

1. Interim Public Work Director's Report: Report prepared and presented by Ben Schram for September 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

2. Hire Public Works Director: Motion to hire Ben Schram as Public Works Director with a wage of \$30/ hour and a start date of 10/9/19, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Hire Road Foreman: Motion to hire Peter Wiggins as Road Foreman with a wage of \$23/hour and a start date of 10/9/19, S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Hire Temporary General Laborer: Motion to hire John Maday as a temporary General Laborer at half time (.5FTE) with a wage of \$16/ hour and a start date to be determined, S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Hire Temporary Truck Driver: Motion to hire Paul Goetsch at \$20.99/ hour with a start date of 10/9/19, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Roads

1. Big Arns/ Brians Roads: final grading happening over the next few days.
2. Letter to Ashland County: Work on Big Arns/ Brians Roads: Clerk Montagne to send a thank you letter to Emmer Shields and the Ashland County roads crew for their work.

C. Parks

D. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: Report prepared by Ted Pallas for September 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.
2. Contract Amendment with Cornerstone Environmental Group LLC: Motion to approve the amendment to the contract with Cornerstone Environmental Group for an additional trip to the Island adding \$1,178.07 to the contract, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Airport

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

F. Dock

1. Change Order #1 with Wren Works, LLC for Dock Project: Motion to approve Change Order #1 with Wren Works that removes the passenger shelter and the mooring dolphins from the contract (a deduction of \$115,363.86), G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

- A. Planning and Zoning:** Nothing at this time.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Report: Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report dated 10/8/2019, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: None.

C. Budget Amendment #2019-4: Not ready, will be on a future agenda.

D. Contract Amendment with Alder Engineering for Building Inspections: Motion to approve the contract amendment with Alder Engineering that updates the fees for building inspections, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Resolution #2019-1008 Building Inspection Fees: Motion to approve Resolution 2019-1008 updating the fees for building inspections from Alder Engineering, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Schedule Second Regular Town Board Meetings in October and December: The October meeting will remain on the 22nd. Motion to move the second regular Town Board meeting in December to December 30, 2019 unless there is a conflict due to an election, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Letter to Enbridge: Chair Patterson read the draft letter to Enbridge aloud that includes language that the Town is accepting the \$7500 donation, but the Town does not give Enbridge permission to list the Town as one of their Community Investment Partners or include the Town in their corporation social responsibility report. Motion to approve and sign the letter to Enbridge, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$66,113.46, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. [*Clerk's Note: Voucher for Associated Bag was \$2,889.25 instead of \$2,899.25, a reduction of \$10.00. Approved total change from \$66,113.46 to \$66,103.46.*]

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve alternative claims for September 2019 for \$135,958.91 and \$5,389.36 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 September 30, 2019 showing a total of \$\$2,757,608.65 and an adjusted total available checking (including outstanding purchase orders) of \$40,081.94, J. Patterson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting September 24, 2019: Motion to approve minutes with a correction: add that 'hauling' for Big Arns and Brians Roads (III. B. 1.) will be done next week, not the entire road, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Special Town Board Meeting October 1, 2019: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 5 yes, Motion Carried.

X. Police Department

A. Police Chief's Report: Report prepared by William Defoe for September 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Brief discussion on police and EMS coverage over hunting season.

B. Amendment to Ordinance 425-35: amendment will change Big Arns and Brians Roads to no parking on either side of street. Motion to approve the amendment, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report: Report prepared by Rick Reichkitzer for September 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Budget Split for New Emergency Services Building: Motion to approve the budget split for operating expenses between the Police, Fire, and Ambulance Departments equally (1/3, 1/3, 1/3), G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Ambulance Volunteer Service Sponsorship Agreement: Motion to adopt the amended Ambulance Volunteer Service Sponsorship Agreement, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Forest Fire Protection Grant: The Town received a grant for \$9,521.36. Motion to accept the grant, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XII. Public Comment B:** Paul Brummer commented on the September 24, 2019 minutes: that the animosity is between Pete Rogers and the Brummers, not the other way around, and that his fist gesture was directed at the Town Board.

XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. William Defoe vs. Town of La Pointe Case No. 19CV57: No updates at this time.

XIV. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Operator's Licenses

1. Nicole McNally: Not finalized yet. On next agenda.

XV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Budget Amendment, operator license.

XVI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:23pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as corrected (addition of Monarda Thrasher public comment and Paul Brummer comments attached). October 22, 2019. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.