

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 27, 2019
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

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

Town Board Member Absent: Glenn Carlson

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

Public Present: Mike Starck, Steve Lennick, Tom Nelson, Barb With, Julie Stryker, Janet Moore, Paul Brummer, Ken Myhre, Charley Brummer, Jim Peters, Diane Jenkins, Holly Tourdot, Sarah Tourdot, Steve McHugh, Meg Brown, Mike Wiggins Jr.

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: Tom Nelson urged the Town Board to not pass the Conditional Use Permit for the cell tower with a list of reasons. Diane Jenkins commented on if the Town can wait on the cell tower cup until Red Cliff tower is done to see what the coverage will be. Mike Starck wanted his Public Comment submission from last meeting in the minutes. Barb With urged the Town Board to pass the Enbridge resolution. Charley Brummer asked to speak during cemetery item if needed. Steve McHugh gave his support for the Enbridge resolution. Sue Brenna wants more info on 5G before agreeing to a tower.

II. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated August 23, 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

A. Public Works Director

1. Resignation of Public Works Director: Motion to accept the resignation of Nick Montano as Public Works Director effective 8/26/19, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Posting for Public Works Director: Motion to approve the posting, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Appoint Interim Public Works Director: Motion to appoint Ben Schram as interim Public Works Director effective 8/26/19 with a wage of \$27.01/ hour, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Roads

1. Big Arns/ Brians Roads: Ben Schram reported that the Town Crew will be working hard to clear the right of way prior to next week when the County crew will begin ditching.

2. Wage Increase for Peter Wiggins: Motion to increase the wage for Peter Wiggins due to increased responsibilities to \$23.00/ hour effective 8/26/19, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Posting for Full Time Roads Crew: Motion to approve the posting, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. There will also be some reorganization of the roads department on the next agenda.

C. Parks

1. Contract with C& S Design and Engineering for Architectural Design of Recreation Center Building Remodel: Motion to approve the Contract, not to exceed \$6,000, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Cemetery

1. Amendment to Ordinance Chapter 220: Cemetery: Still waiting to hear from the Department of Safety and Professional Services. Motion to table, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Town of La Pointe Conditional Use Permit: Installation of a Cell Tower at 412 Big Bay Road, Parcel # 014-00187-0701: There was a public hearing and the Town Plan Commission recommends approval. Discussion on environmental and health impacts of cell towers, how the new one will have First Net, the new one will provide coverage for the Island as well as Bayfield- it will be a repeater for the tower going up in Red Cliff. It will also bring in revenue for the Town. Lengthy discussion and public comments. Motion to approve the Conditional Use Permit and ask AT&T to increase the height to 140 feet (from 110 feet), M. Anderson/ J. Patterson, 3 Ayes, 1 Nay (S. Brenna), Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Committee

1. Dock Project Updates: Construction is to start the Monday after Applefest (October 7, 2019) and work will continue until freeze up. They will complete the project after the ice is gone with a scheduled completion date of June 1, 2020 (weather depending).

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Accounting Administrator's Report: Motion to place the August 2019 report prepared by Barb Nelson on file, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Budget Summary Comparison Report: Motion to approve the budget comparison report dated 8/19/2019, J. Patterson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Grant Updates: None other than those on the agenda.

D. Schedule Town Board Workshop(s): MRF Operational Analysis workshop scheduled for September 17, 2019 at 5:15pm. Selling items at Big Bay Town Park and mobile vendors scheduled for October 1, 2019 at 5:15pm.

E. Donation from Enbridge: No action. Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Tribal Chairman Mike Wiggins Jr. encouraged the Town to accept the donation (\$7500) for the Emergency Services Building, with hopes that the town can write its own narrative on why the money is being accepted.

F. Resolution #2019-0827 Enbridge: some discussion. Motion to approve Resolution #2019-0827 Supporting the Bad River lawsuit against Enbridge, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$49,808.42, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting August 13, 2019: Discussion on how public comments should be presented in the minutes. Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Special Town Board Meeting August 21, 2019: Motion to approve minutes, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance Director's Report: Report dated August 23, 2019 prepared by Cindy Dalzell placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Outdoor and Refuse Burning Ordinance: First Read: Attorney M. Lindsay had one change regarding the definition of a campfire. Discussion on making sure the Fire Chief is okay with it as it created work for the position. Will be on next agenda.

C. Grant Application to the HRK Foundation for \$25,000 for Fire Department: will be for 10 sets of SCBA gear (2500 each).

D. Grant to Compeer Financial for Fire Department: Submitted for infrared cameras.

IX. Library

A. Library Board Minutes July 16, 2019: Placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Library Board Minutes July 24, 2019: Placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

X. Public Comment B:** Tom Nelson had a lengthy comment on the cell tower CUP and his issues with it. Sarah Tourdot commented on the cell tower Cup as well as encouraging the Town to put something in writing to Enbridge on why the money is being accepted.

XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. William Defoe vs. Town of La Pointe Case No. 19CV57: Nothing at this time.

XII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License

1. La Pointe Center for the Arts September 1, 2019 at the Recreation Center: Motion to approve the Temporary Class "B" license (beer only), M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Road Foreman, General Laborer, and Roads reorganization; Cemetery Ordinance; Burning Ordinance

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:04pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted September 10, 2019. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.