

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 24, 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, Elected Treasurer Carol Neubauer and Clerk Micaela Montagne

**Public Present:** Peter Rogers, Michael Childers, Barb With, Sharon Zanto, LeeAnn Schaub, Paul Brummer, Charley Brummer, Rick Reichkitzer

**Called to Order:** 5:31pm

**I. Public Comment A\*:**

Barb With read a draft letter to Enbridge and asked the Board to table the agenda item to have a workshop for public input.

Paul Brummer wants the Brummer posting board to stay, and he had comments on the cemetery ordinance, wants it to stay as is.

Peter Rogers commented on the Cemetery Ordinance amendment, he would like to see it passed.

Charley Brummer commented that he would like the Town Board to support him and Paul as sextons and keep the ordinance as is.

**II. Town Administrator's Report:** Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated September 20, 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

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

**V. Town Hall Administration**

H. Presentation of Check from Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce: Sharon Zanto and LeeAnn Schaub presented a \$5,000 check from the Bill Nelson Golf Scramble for Joni's Beach Restoration. The Board thanked the Chamber for a successful event.

Motion to move to agenda item III. B. 2., J. Patterson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**III. Public Works**

**B. Roads**

2. Open Bids for County Garage Renovation: One bid received from Rick Reichkitzer Construction for a total of \$87,603.00 as well as alternative options.

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

**III. Public Works**

**A. Public Works Director:** Nothing at this time.

## **B. Roads**

1. Big Arns/ Brians Roads: Ben Schram gave an update that the Town and County Crews are hauling gravel and will hopefully be done *hauling with the road* by the end of next week. Clerk Montagne stated that the Special Assessment process can begin soon.

3. Hire General Laborer: Motion to hire Kevin Wiggins as a full-time permanent General Laborer at \$17.00/ hour with a start date of September 25, 2019, S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Steve Wakem Resignation: as the Facilities Maintenance Technician effective October 31, 2019, Motion to accept, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Thank you to Steve for his time with the Town.

## **C. Parks**

### **D. Cemetery**

1. Addition to Blackthorn Cemetery (Greenwood Cemetery) Plat: Motion to approve the plat as presented, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Amendment to Ordinance Chapter 220: Cemetery: The Town has not heard back from the State regarding any regulations on the matter. Paul Brummer stated during public comment that both sextons would quit if the cemetery ordinance is amended. He and Charley Brummer want to avoid problems or have a pet cemetery and would like the Town Board to support them as Sextons. Discussion on how an individual could put other ashes in with human remains and no one would know. Peter Rogers addressed a concern about what his family may have to deal with during a burial ceremony while the Brummers are sextons. The animosity between the Brummers and Peter Rogers was brought up and P. Brummer made an inappropriate fist gesture. Chair J. Patterson stated how Paul Brummer's comments and actions were not appropriate and asked him to leave, however, Paul did not leave. No changes made to the Ordinance. Peter Rogers thanked the Board for the time spent on the issue.

3. Greenwood Cemetery Chapel Change Order #6: Motion to approve the Change order with Rick Reichkitzer Construction for \$7,930.00 making the new total contract amount \$125,713.99, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **E. Dock**

1. Passenger Shelter Proposal: Informational memo with a rendering from George Haecker on what the shelter could look like. The townspeople still have to approve building the building at a Special Town Meeting in December. There is some grant money for it, but not enough to cover full costs yet.

### **F. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)**

1. MRF Work Group: Motion to post a sign-up sheet for a two-week period so interested people to sign up, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **IV. Committees**

**A. Planning and Zoning:** Nothing.

## **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Accounting Administrator's Report: Motion to accept the report for September 2019, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Budget Summary Comparison Report: Motion to approve the Budget Condensed Summary Report dated 9/12/19, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Grant Updates: The Town will be getting more grant money for Harbor Assistance, but it is unknown how much yet.

D. Short Term Financing for Dock Project: Motion to approve a line of credit with Northern States Bank not to exceed \$750,000 not to exceed 12 months at 2.95%, G. Carlson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Business and Corporate Donations: A list of donations will be provided to the Town Board monthly with the Accounting Administrators Report. If there are no comments or inquiries, then all donations will be deposited.

F. Letter to Enbridge: Discussion included adding that the passed resolution be attached to the letter, and to state that the Town does not want to be listed as a community supporter or partner. Motion to table until next meeting, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna. Further discussion on whether the donated funds should be kept or sent back as well as if the letter should state that the Town does not support Enbridge (incorporating language from the draft letter submitted by Barb With). Lisa will prepare another draft to review at the next meeting. 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

G. Propane Issues from La Pointe Gas: Cost estimate for Overfull Tanks: No estimate submitted, and all the propane tanks have been filled.

I. Great Lakes Alliance Budget/ Expense Reimbursement for 2019 and Beyond: There will most likely be two Town Board members going to this year's conference as well as future years. Discussion on having those who attend provide a written report to the Board about the events and discussions. Motion to approve reimbursement for travel and meals for two Town officials to attend the Great Lakes Alliance each year, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 3 Ayes, 2 Abstain (J. Patterson, G. Carlson), Motion Carried.

J. Resolution #2019-0924 Posting Board Change: The posing board at the Brummer location will be taken down and a new board will be placed in the entrance to the Library. Motion to approve Resolution #2019-0924, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

K. Sidewalk on Main Street/ Big Bay Road: A letter was submitted to the Town from M. Rasmus and D. Johnson, property owners of the lot on the curve of Main Street/ Big Bay Rd. They would like to have the sidewalk extend around the corner and up Big Bay Rd on their property, and if possible, to continue all the way to Whitefish Street on Gene Nelson's property. The Board directed Clerk Montagne to write a letter to Gene Nelson to see if he would be amenable to having a sidewalk on his property, then depending on the response the topic could be added to the 2020 budget.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$60,397.14, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. [*Clerk's Note: Vouchers should be reduced by \$6.17, from \$60,397.14 to \$60,390.97 for sales tax added to a bill that should not have been added.*]

## **VII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting September 10, 2019: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (G. Carlson), Motion Carried.

B. Special Town Board Meeting September 17, 2019: Motion to approve minutes as submitted with the addition of attaching the letter from Carey Baxter that was discussed at the meeting, S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **VIII. Emergency Services**

A. Ambulance Director's Report: Report prepared by Cindy Dalzell for September 2019 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion on the difficulty on finding and keeping EMTs. J. Carlson will discuss ideas with the Ambulance service, including the possibility of having a full time EMT (maybe just in summers).

B. Outdoor and Refuse Burning Ordinance #2019-02: item 7.12 should be taken out (times for burning because DNR has own requirements with burning permits). 4.1 should have the word diameter added for campfire definition. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2019-02 with the changes discussed, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **IX. Library**

A. Library Board Minutes August 20, 2019: Motion to place minutes on file, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**X. Public Comment B\*\*:** Paul Brummer stated he would leave now.

Barb With further discussed Enbridge and the letter to them: to call them out on their illegal activity.

#### **XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

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

**XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** Budget amendment, letter to Enbridge, schedule second meeting in December, sidewalk, letter to Ashland County for work on Big Arns/ Brians Roads.

**XIII. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:05pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as corrected under item III. B. 1: hauling will be done on Big Arns/ Brians, not the whole road: October 8, 2019. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.