TOWN OF LA POINTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
At 5:00 PM at Town Hall
Minutes

Townspeople present as per sign-up sheet attached.

I. Call to Order: Town Chair Jim Patterson calls the meeting to order at 5:00pm. J. Patterson also introduced the new Board member, Glenn Carlson; and Nick Montano, the new Public Works Director.

II. 2018 Financial Report: Jim Peters had a question about the unknown projects and $214,000 loan remainder form 2018. Most of this money has not been allocated for a specific project or piece of equipment yet, but there are many things it could be used for (dock, fire recovery purchases, etc.).
Discussion on the Town's match for the dock project: 20% of around $1,346,000 or around $269,000.
Robin Russell asked about if there will be emergency funds for fire recovery. Discussion on how many items have already been purchased, with insurance covering much of it. There are still many unknowns with insurance and replacement of the building itself, but things are moving forward.
Robin Russell motions to approve the 2018 Financial Report, Mike Starck seconds, all Ayes, Motion Carried.

III. Approval of Minutes
　　　A. Annual Town Meeting April 17, 2018: Mike Starck motions to approve the minutes from the April 17, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, Paul Brummer seconds, all Ayes, Motion Carried.
　　　B. Special Town Meeting December 3, 2018: Mike Starck motions to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2018 Special Town Meeting, Penny Gill seconds, 23 Ayes, 2 Abstain, Motion Carried.

IV. Topics from the People:
Mike Starck suggested the Town Board have a listening session or two in the summer months to update the public on projects, topics to include: property tax dollars going to the dock project, status of rebuilding the fire hall, status of Big Arns Road, Status of cell service, the clinic remodel, figures on paybacks from solar panels, and bidding out for propane.

Chair Jim Patterson addressed some of the topics brought up by Mike Starck: that Keith Sowl has been hired as the project manager for Big Arns and Brians Roads; Red Cliff is putting up a new 300 foot cell tower this summer that will hopefully bring better coverage to much of the islands and there is a new 109 foot tower going up next to the existing tower at the Materials Recovery Facility; a architect firm has been hired to design a new Emergency Services Building, and the Town Board approved upgrades to the Old County Garage to have heated storage for

emergency services vehicles; and the clinic remodel is waiting on permit review (there was also an article in the gazette about it).

Further Discussion on rebuilding the Emergency Services Building: the Town has to submit the final architectural plan to the insurance company prior to them deciding what the payment will be to the town for the new building. The possibility of having a satellite station on the north end, or near Big Bay Town Park was discussed as well as having a sprinkler system and alarm system in the new fire hall.

Paul Brummer questioned if any further research had been done about a head tax. Maybe the Great Lakes Alliance could look into it.

Clerk Micaela Montagne read a letter from Sandy and Mike Caswell thanking the Town for moving forward on the Big Arns/ Brians Road project.

Jim Peters asked for a cement ADA compliant ramp from the handicap parking to the Rec Center Pavilion (this is the third year he has brought it up), as well as a sidewalk around the corner of Big Bay Road from Main Street up to the school.

Paul Brummer asked if the cause of the fire was determined: Lisa Potswald answered that it is officially undetermined.

Robin Russell mentioned things that individuals can do to reduce the risk of fire at their homes: type of roofing, cutting back and removing pine needles/ leaves, and they type of siding used.

V. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Paul Brummer, second by Jim Peters, All Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:38pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk