

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 10, 2020
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

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

Town Board Members Absent: John Carlson

Staff Present: Lisa Potswald, Ben Schram, Lauren Schuppe, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Marilyn Hartig, Steve Lennick, Mike Starck, Charley Brummer, Teresa Abbott, Joe Abbott, Sheri Ross, Paul Brummer

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: Mike Starck read a comment on having an informational meeting on the Emergency Services Building following the Candidates Forum on March 22, 2020.

II. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated 5/6/2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

A. Public Works Director

1. Public Work Director's Report: Report prepared and presented by Ben Schram for February 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Roads

1. Extension of vacation hours for Pete Wiggins: Not applicable any longer, no action.

C. Parks

D. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: Report prepared by Ted Pallas for February 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

E. Airport

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Report prepared by Paul Wilharm for February 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to move to agenda item XII. A. Library, S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XII. Library

A. 2020 Budget Request for Director Health Insurance Coverage: Director Lauren Schuppe present to go over the request. An additional \$11,285 is needed to cover the change in insurance, in general, wages and building maintenance have been covered by the Town's budget and designated funds are used for programming. The Library Board met and found \$3800 from the 2020 Library budget that can be used for this. Motion to increase the library budget by \$7,485, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to return to agenda item IV., S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Nothing at this time.

V. Town Hall Administration

- A. Budget Report: Motion to approve the budget Summary Report dated 3/3/2020, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Grant Updates: The Town did not receive a Multi Modal Grant.
- C. Sale of Town Vehicle: Motion to sell the Ford Escape vehicle, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- D. Budget Amendment #2020-1 Draft: Discussion on including the \$79,563 in borrowing, taking \$27,775 from the contingency fund for the increase in insurance premiums, and use the rest of the contingency and other available funds to cover the Library budget increase of \$7,485. Will be on next agenda.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$77,346.69, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims in the amount of \$2,178,354.65 and \$12,183.79 for the Library, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report as of February 29, 2020 showing a total of \$3,280,694.47, an available checking of \$812,729.12 and a balance of \$1,460,528.82, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting February 25, 2020: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Police Department

A. Police Chief's Report: Report prepared by William Defoe for February 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion on having the Chief summarize topics covered at conferences and how the La Pointe Police Department will implement them. Also, the Town of La Pointe will no longer be doing vehicle registrations at Town Hall. These services are available online.

XI. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report: Report prepared by Rick Reichkitzer for February 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Draft Letter Requesting Funding from Ashland and Bayfield Counties for Ice Rescue Services: Discussion on possibly asking \$5,000 from Ashland County and maybe Bayfield could be less based on average number of calls annually, or just bill them for actual calls made.

C. Construction of Emergency Services Building

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Emergency Services Building Construction Plan: there was a meeting on March 9, 2020 with the Department Heads and the Wendel architects. It was decided unanimously to support the new plan with a metal frame. Motion to instruct Wendel/5 Bugles to go ahead with the current plan with metal construction and prepare the bid documents, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Consider Calling and Scheduling a Special Town Meeting for the purposes of updating the Townspeople about Construction of the Emergency Services Building and to Consider Amending Resolution #2019-0813: Construction of the Emergency Services Building: Waiting for bids to come in prior to deciding.

XIII. Public Comment B:** None.

XIV. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

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

B. Clayton Douglas vs. Town of La Pointe, Case. No. 19CV118: Nothing at this time.

XV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Budget Amendment, letters for Ice Rescue, rescheduling first Town Board meeting in May, maybe hire of summer staff.

XVI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:09pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted March 24, 2020. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.