

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 14, 2020
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present via Teleconference: Jim Patterson, Michael Anderson, Sue Brenna, Glenn Carlson, John Carlson
Staff Present: Ben Schram (via telephone), Lisa Potswald, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne
Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: None

II. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated April 10, 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

A. Public Works Director

1. Public Work Director's Report: Discussion including that the Big Bay Town Park camping reservations cancelled for May was a loss of around \$3,000 of revenue. The reservations for later in the summer have not changed yet. Report prepared and presented by Ben Schram placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Roads

1. Dock Approach/ Parking Lot Repairs: Lengthy discussion on how repairs are needed to the Town dock approach due to potholes and sink holes. There are options to have Wren Works (who is doing the larger dock project work currently) include the work with a change order, or the job could be put out for bids. If the project is approved to move forward, then it would most likely be that the existing blacktop be torn up, possible work done to the ground underneath, adding rock and gravel, etc. it is possible that this project may cost around \$100,000 that is not in the budget, but it would be a good time to do it because of the lack of traffic and the other project happening. It was decided to get a financial analysis and a better understanding of the project including a possible estimate from Nelson Construction and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

C. Parks

1. DNR Trails Resolution #2020-0414 and Grant Application: for improving the trail that goes from the electric sites to the picnic shelter. Motion to approve the Outdoor Recreation Grant Application Resolution #2020-0414 and have the Town Chair sign it, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. MRF Supervisor's Report: Brief discussion that the Town Crew switched out the trash boxes and that it will be up to Ted when to haul once load limits are off. Report prepared by Ted Pallas for March 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

E. Airport

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: there are a couple of industrial lots that need to dry out more prior to finishing them up. In the meantime, there are a few extra vehicles,

etc., that are being stored at the airport. Report prepared by Paul Wilharm for March 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

F. Greenwood Cemetery

1. Dobson Elk River Construction Contract for Sidewalk to Chapel: All to be paid with grant money. Motion to approve the contract for the sidewalk to the chapel with Dobson Elk River Construction (\$4800 to be paid now and \$1300 later after the remainder of the grant is received), S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 5 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 4/9/2020, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: Nothing else at this time.

C. Special Event Permit Change for Madeline Island Marathon to 2021: Motion to transfer the special event permit to 2021 (the 2020 marathon has been cancelled), S. Brenna/ J. Patterson, 3 Ayes, 2 Nays (M. Anderson, J. Carlson), Motion Carried. *Clerk's Note: the date of the 2021 marathon was incorrect at the meeting. The correct date of the race is May 22, 2021.*

D. Rescheduling the First Town Board Meeting in May: Motion to have the first meeting in May on Wednesday May 13, 2020 at 5:30pm, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Budget Considerations: There will be some loss of revenue due to COVID-19. The budgeted borrowing may be different for 2020 as borrowing rates have changed. There will be further discussion at future meetings.

VI. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims for March 2020 in the amount of \$104,264.90 and \$2,883.68 for the Library as well as the 3/24/20 total of \$32,403.94, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report as of March 31, 2020 showing a total of \$3,138,961.33, available checking of \$648,398.08, and a balance of \$634,842.60, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting March 24, 2020: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Special Town Board Meeting March 30, 2020: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (G. Carlson), Motion Carried.

IX. Police Department

A. Police Chief's Report: Chief William Defoe present for this portion of the meeting. The new police truck is in operation though the graphics are not done yet. Discussion on how the closest and most affordable graphics company is in Duluth.

B. Fee for Serving Papers: There were questions that this would be too much paperwork for the money, but the record keeping will be done by CODY. Motion to add Fee for Serving

Papers to the fee schedule with a fee of \$60 per service, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

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

B. Ambulance Service Fire House Sub Grant for an Automatic Chest Compression Device at a Maximum Cost of \$16,000: Motion to approve the grant application, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Public Comment B:** None.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. William Defoe vs. Town of La Pointe, Case No. 19CV57: Nothing to report.

B. Clayton Douglas vs. Town of La Pointe, Case. No. 19CV118: This case has been settled and is closed.

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Town dock approach repairs, fee schedule change resolution

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:41pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as presented April 28, 2020. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.