

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY AUGUST 25, 2020
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

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

Town Board Members Absent: John Carlson

Staff Present: Lisa Potswald, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: M. Anderson commented that Sharon Zanto of the Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce followed up with him that in 2019 52.7% of the Chamber budget was used for tourism promotion and development (State requires at least 51%).

II. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated August 21, 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads

B. Parks: An individual is working to raise money to improve the Skate Park.

C. Town Dock

1. Contract Extension with SmithGroup for Dock Project through 6/30/2021:
Motion to table, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Report prepared by Ric Gillman through August 20, 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Permits and revenue are down a bit from 2019 but not by too much.

B. Energy Committee

1. Appointment of Member for Three Year Term Ending August 23, 2023:
Motion to appoint Robin Trinko Russell for the three-year term ending 8/23/2023, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Accounting Administrator's Report: Due to the next Town Board meeting being the day after Labor Day and payroll, financial reports will be delayed to the following meeting. Motion to approve the report prepared by Barb Nelson for August 2020, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Budget Summary Comparison Report: Motion to approve the report dated 8/17/2020, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Discussion on how for the most part departments have been doing well on keeping 2020 budgets down.

C. Grant Updates: None

D. American Tower Lease Modification/ Perpetual Easement Proposal: Motion to approve the Town Attorney Max Lindsey moving forward and working with American Tower to finalize the \$500,000 perpetual easement, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Ordinance Chapter 345 Direct Sellers- First Read: Discussion on how this may be too much/ more complicated than necessary. Lisa will work with ZA Ric Gillman to take out many things and will prepare the second read for the next meeting.

VI. Minutes

A. Amend Regular Town Board Meeting July 28, 2020: Motion to approve minutes as submitted (amendment was an incorrect date in item IV. B. 1), M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Regular Town Board Meeting August 12, 2020: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Special Town Board Meeting August 19, 2020: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance Director's Report: Report prepared by Cindy Dalzell for August 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. EMRs can take a bridge class to become EMTs, and the Town is looking for ways to make recruitment better for getting new EMTs.

B. Covid-19 Exposure Plan for Volunteers: Motion to table until more information comes in, S. Brenna/ G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Updates on Construction of Emergency Services Building: The building was scheduled to be delivered August 27, 2020 but is delayed due to computer outages with the company.

VIII. Library

A. Library Board Minutes July 21, 2020: Minutes placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

IX. Public Comment B:** M. Anderson commented that an EMT from Washburn is now on the State EMS Board.

X. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

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

B. Kevin Wiggins Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Case: Nothing to report.

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Contract Extension with SmithGroup, second read of Direct Sellers Ordinance, Covid-19 plan for volunteers, Big Arn's Road/ Brian's Road special assessments

XII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:11pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted September 8, 2020. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.