

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 8, 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: Lisa Potswald, Cindy Dalzell (via telephone), Rick Reichkitzer, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Charley Brummer, Paul Brummer, Christian Overland

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: Clerk Montagne mentioned that a call was received stating that if a new Special Town Meeting was called, the clerk and treasurer wages could be placed on the agenda as well.

II. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated December 4, 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

Motion to have agenda item X. F. now, J. Patterson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

F. Emergency Services Building Furniture Package Contract with Duet Resource Group/DJMI: Discussion on the cost of \$29,874.85 being high for outfitting the building (tables and chairs for training room, desks and office furniture, as well as police day and dorm rooms). Cindy Dalzell explained why this company and items were chosen as they are commercial grade, durable, easy maintenance and guaranteed. Discussion on removing the police items from the list as the department has stated that they can find their own furniture (this would reduce the amount by \$7,355.85). Motion to approve the package less the amount for the police (a new total of \$22,519) and if Cindy can find anything less expensive, she has the flexibility to do so, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 3 Ayes, 2 Nays (M. Anderson and J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

III. Public Works

A. Public Work Director's Report: Report prepared by Ben Schram for November 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Roads, Dock and Harbor

1. Facilities Manager Job Description: Motion to approve as presented, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Facilities Manager Job Posting: Motion to approve, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Rates from Nelson Construction Co. for 2020-2021 Ice Road Plowing and Maintenance: rates up slightly from last year. Motion to approve, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move agenda items III. B. 4, 5, 6 to after agenda item XII., G. Carlson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Parks

D. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

E. Airport

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

2. Request for FAA Approval for Transfer of Entitlements: Money can come back to the Town when there is a project to complete. Motion to approve, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Airport Liability Insurance Coverage: Same rate as 2019, \$1,519. Motion to approve, J. Patterson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Greenwood Cemetery

1. Sexton Job Description: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Hire Sexton(s): Motion to hire Paul Brummer and Charley Brummer as the Cemetery Sextons with a rate of \$200/ month beginning January 1, 2021, J. Carlson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Sexton Compensation: Nothing for 2020, but to make sure that the Cemetery gets a maintenance-free shed in 2021.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: None. Ric Gillman will do a year end report.

2. Recommendation from Town Plan Commission: Certified Survey Map Application Parcel #014-00200-3600 located at 446 Old Fort Rd. and #014-00206-2940, Ron Crofoot, Owner: Motion to approve, G. Carlson/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Winter Transportation Committee

1. 2020-2021 Cooperative Agreement: Town of La Pointe and Madeline Island Ferry Line: Motion to approve and have the Town Chair sign, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. 2020-2021 Cooperative Agreement: Town of La Pointe and Bayfield School District: Motion to approve and have the Town Chair sign, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve the report dated 12/6/2020, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: None.

C. Resolution #2020-1208: 2021 Fee Schedule: Discussion on increasing the Special Event permit fee from \$75.00 to \$150.00. Motion to approve the 2021 Fee Schedule Resolution 2020-1208 with the additional change of increasing the special event permit fee, J. Carlson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Attachment 'D' to Compensation Resolution #2019-1230: Motion to approve, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Horton Group/ Gladfelter Insurance Proposal for 2021: Motion to approve annual insurance (\$71,534). G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Workers Compensation Insurance for 2021: Motion to approve (\$46,750), G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Winter Transportation Agreement Between the Town of La Pointe, Windsled Transportation Inc and Madeline Island Transportation LLC: Not available, Motion to table, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Open Bids for Town Vehicle Sale: None received.
Motion to move item V. I. with the other closed session items before item XIII. G. Carlson/ J. Patterson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

J. Finalize 2021 Budget: N/A

K. Madeline Island Historical Museum 2021 Closure: The museum will be closed in 2021 because of lost revenue due to Covid. There is a trust that helps fund the Museum that also ensures Island residents/ voters have free access to the museum. The trust money is still being drawn from by the State in 2021 even though the museum will be closed. Discussion with Christian Overland of the Wisconsin Historical society about the issue, Overland stated that the money drawn will stay on the island, to help with maintenance etc. Further discussion on the Town having a stronger relationship with the Historical Society.

L. Call a Special Town Meeting to Re-Approve the 2020 Total Town Levy to be Collected in 2021 Pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes: At the Special Town Meeting held on December 7, 2020, someone inquired about approving a lower levy limit than the state allowable limit, it was stated a lower limit could not be approved, but this is not the case. Because of this technicality, the Board discussed having a new public hearing and special town meeting which would have to be posted for at least 15 days. Also discussion on who is a qualified elector and allowed to vote at Town Meetings (not just a property owner, but must be eligible to vote). Motion to have a new Town Meeting on December 23, 2020 at 8:00am, M. Anderson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims for November 2020 in the amounts of \$208,416.11, \$262,625.17, and \$2,960.06 for the Library, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to table the report, J. Carlson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting November 24, 2020: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Police Department

A. Police Chief's Report: Report prepared by William Defoe for November 2020 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

X. Emergency Services

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

B. Updates on Construction of Emergency Services Building: the pump for the fire suppression was damaged during shipping and a new one is on its way. Otherwise things are going well.

C. Wisconsin Service Award Program for Fire/ EMS Volunteers Update and Contribution: Motion to approve \$414.90 per volunteer for 2021, J. Carlson/ G. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. MMC Community Support Grant Award for Emergency Services Health and Wellness Program Purchase: The Town received \$1,945.50 to purchase workout equipment for the Emergency Services Building. Motion to approve signing the thank you letter for the grant donation, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Occupancy Certificate for Emergency Services Building Equipment Bays: the vehicles will be able to move into the new building but will wait until all is ready. Motion to have the Town Chair sign the certificate, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Ice Rescue Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of La Pointe Ice Rescue and Windsled Transportation Inc.: Not ready, will be on the next agenda.

XI. Public Comment B:** Paul Brummer commented on the chairs in the old Fire Hall were good, made in the US and were not expensive. He also commented on eligible voters at Town Meetings.

John Carlson stated happy retirement to Leroy Dahlin.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

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

B. Kevin Wiggins Wisconsin Equal Rights Division Case No. CR202001411: Nothing to report.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss items III. B. 4, 5, and V. I., J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

III. Public Works

B. Roads, Dock and Harbor

4. SmithGroup Billing Discrepancies for Dock Project

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g). After the completion of the closed session, the Board will come back into open session to act upon the discussion in the closed session or otherwise complete the business of the meeting before adjourning.

5. Town Dock Leases

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. If the Town goes into closed session, it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

6. Dock Lease with Nelson Construction

V. Town Hall Administration

I. Partial Release of Judgment Michael Mattingly Properties 014-00208-0600 and 014-00208-0300

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Motion to return to open session, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Tabled and ongoing items; Winter Transportation Agreement, Ice Rescue Agreement, Treasurer's Report, Museum closure updates, dock issues, Mattingly Property.

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:34pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted December 22, 2020. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.