

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 2021
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, Ben Schram, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Paul Brummer

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: Clerk Montagne read a public comment from Barb With regarding the future of the Exchange, keeping the items free vs. having St. John's Church operate it similar to a thrift store.

II. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated 1/8/2021 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

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

B. Roads, Dock and Harbor

1. Big Arn's Road and Brian's Road Costs and Special Assessment Process: Discussion on getting more of cost break down of Miller Farm Road to compare what the costs were and what as assessed, to have a better idea of what to add to this special assessment. Discussion on including the loan interest, Ashland County fees, payment to K. Sowl, but unknown on the town labor and town equipment. The Town Board would also like to know if there is any appreciation in property value due to it being a town managed road with improvements. Will assess all 23 parcels. More discussion at future meetings.

Motion to table items III. B. 2, 3, and 4, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. SmithGroup Billing Discrepancies for Dock Project (tabled)

3. Town Dock Leases (tabled)

4. Dock Lease with Nelson Construction (tabled)

C. Parks

D. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. Junk Car Program: Ben Schram described how the crew has been crushing cars and transporting them over for scrap. Thus far it has been a data collection mission to see if the MRF could accept junk cars in the future. Things are going well; labor being coded under recycling labor. The Town Board is okay with continuing to move forward.

E. Airport

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

F. Greenwood Cemetery

1. Contract with Kathleen Erickson for Lawn Care 2021: Motion to approve the contract for \$4400 from April 15, 2021 to December 31, 2021, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing at this time.

B. Energy Committee

1. Committee Recommendation/Grant Application on Possible Solar Projects: The Energy Committee recommends applying for a grant from the State of Wisconsin to request funding to gather data for solar at the Public Works campus, including the Airport, the Emergency Services Building campus including the Winter Transportation Building, and examine the current solar arrays at the Town Hall and Library/ Clinic as they are over producing. The Energy Committee recommends the grant not to exceed \$15,000, noting that it is unknown if there would be a match required from the Town. Motion to move forward with submitting the grant application, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Public Arts Committee

1. Appoint Member for Term Ending 7/31/2022: Motion to appoint Sally Brown to the Public Arts Committee for the term ending 7/31/2022, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve the Budget report dated 1/10/2021, G> Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: Lisa Potswald is also working on a SCBA equipment grant for the Fire Department.

C. Madeline Island Historical Museum 2021 Closure: Nothing new, Lisa Potswald to contact the Historical society as they stated they would be getting back to us with information.

D. Land Swap with Evan J. Erickson for Utility Easement; Parcel Numbers 014-00198-0202, 014-00198-0203, 014-00198-0204, and 014-00199-0000: Okay to move forward and add this to the agenda for the Annual Town Meeting in April as it needs townspeople approval. E. Erickson will pay half of any costs including a survey of the parcels.

E. Town Administrator Hiring Process and Updates: Community profile is complete, and position is posted.

VI. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims for December 2020 in the amounts of \$176,840.67, \$465,678.45, and \$9,414.94 for the Library, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report showing a total of \$3,083,497.56 and a total available in checking of \$889,540.80, J. Patterson/ M. Anderson, 5 ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting December 22, 2020

Regular Town Board Meeting January 12, 2021

- B. Public Hearing December 23, 2020
- C. Special Town Board Meeting December 23, 2020
- D. Special Town Board Meeting December 28, 2020
- E. Special Town Board Meeting January 5, 2021

Motion to approve all five minutes as submitted, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Police Department

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

X. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's Report: Report prepared by Rick Reichkitzer dated 1/11/2021 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Updates on Construction of Emergency Services Building: 83.23% complete, some contingency plans are being made if the ferry boats stop running.

C. Change Order #2 with Five Star Electric for Internet/ Security System and Install SCBA Compressor: Motion to approve the change order for \$6902.64, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Change Order #7 with Berghammer for Installing Backsplash and Replace Laminate Countertops with Solid Surface: Motion to approve the change order for \$4506.00 (funds donated to the town), J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Change Order #8 with Berghammer for Dorm Rooms: Motion to approve the change order for \$4250.00, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Change Order #9 with Berghammer for Liner Panels to Apparatus Bay: Motion to approve the change order for \$2400, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Change Order #10 with Berghammer to Deduct Bollards on NE Corner of ESB: Motion to approve the change order deducting \$983.50 (needs to be clarified as a bond was also reduced), G. Carlson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Change Order #11 with Berghammer to Add Exterior Lettering: Motion to approve the change order for \$664.00, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

I. Change Order #12 with Berghammer to Add Another Mezzanine Gate: Motion to approve the change order for \$1082.00, G. Carlson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Public Comment B:** Paul Brummer commented on the special assessments for Big Arn's and Brian's Road.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

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

B. Kevin Wiggins Wisconsin Equal Rights Division Case No. CR202001411: Nothing at this time.

C. Judgment on Michael Mattingly Properties 014-00208-0600 and 014-00208-0300: Nothing at this time.

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Future of the Exchange, Big Arn's/ Brian's Road Costs, Dock tabled items, Museum, contracts.

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:42pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted January 26, 2021. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.