

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 23, 2021
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Lisa Potswald, MRF Supervisor Marty Curry, Recycling Specialist Joe Abhold, Roads Crew Evan Erickson, Officer Richard Laakonen, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Rachel Bauman, Carol Neubauer, Debbie Knopf, Gwen Smith Patterson, Ronnie Harrold, Julie S. North, Mary Whittaker, Charley Brummer, Paul Brummer

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: Paul Brummer commented on having the street cuts and patches black topped when they do the parking lot at the Emergency Services Building.

Motion to move agenda item IV. C. 1. Up to now in the agenda, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Public Works

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. St. John's Church Proposal for MRF Exchange: a committee created by St. John's Church and Woods Hall Craft Shop (Rachel Bauman, Carol Neubauer, Debbie Knopf, Gwen Smith Patterson, Ronnie Harrold, Julie S. North, and Mary Whittaker) presented their proposal for the 'Island Closet' in place of the Exchange. In 2021 it will be open from May 15 to October 10 on the days the MRF is open (currently Monday, Wednesday, Saturday). Items will be donated, and they will ask for donations on all items. St. John's will manage the operation, leasing the building from the Town. Consensus to move forward, a contract/ lease to be on the next agenda.

Motion to return to the agenda (item II), G. Carlson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

II. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Lisa Potswald dated March 19, 2021 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Open Bids

A. Open Bids: Passenger Shelter: One bid received from On the Rock Roofing for \$77,650.

B. Open Bids: Town Hall Floor Replacement: One bid received from On the Rock Roofing for \$20,500

C. Open Bids: Paint Inside Town Hall: One bid received from On the Rock Roofing for \$20,850

D. Open Bids: Paint Library Exterior: Two bids received, one from On the Rock Roofing for \$41,425, the second from Julie S. North for \$45,500.

IV. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

1. Resolution #2021-0323: Preliminary Resolution to Levy Special Assessments for Improvements on Big Arns Road and Brians Road: Motion to approve the resolution as presented, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, all 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Clerk's Report on Big Arns Road and Brians Road: Motion to approve the report as presented, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Big Arns Road and Brians Road Costs and Special Assessment Process: Will schedule the public hearing at the next meeting.

Motion to move agenda item IV. A. 4. After item X. C. M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks: Nothing at this time.

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

2. MRF Truck Research Trip Proposal: Joe Abhold and Evan Erickson present to discuss going to Florida to look at two different used roll off trucks, and to possibly purchase one if it looks good. Motion to approve Joe A. and Evan E. to go to Florida to research trucks and take a check with them if it works out to purchase one, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Airport

1. Federal Stimulus Act Funding for the Airport: the Town could get up to \$9,000 to cover airport costs. Motion to approve and have Town Chair sign, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Greenwood Cemetery: Nothing at this time.

V. Committees/ Boards

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Zoning Administrator's Report: Report prepared by Ric Gillman for March 2021 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

2. Certified Survey Map M.I.F. Inc. John Wagensteen: Parcel #014-00103-0300 - SE ¼ NE ¼ South of North Shore Less Certified Surveys 676 & 677 Sec. 15 T50N R3W 19.03A, Parcel # 014-00104-0000 – NE ¼ SE ¼ Sec. 15 T50N R3W 40A V 655 Pg. 959, Parcel # 014-00105-0000 – SE ¼ SE ¼ Sec. 15 T50N R3W 40A V 655 Pg. 959: This makes three parcels two, meets zoning requirements and has been approved by the Town Plan Commission. Motion to approve the Certified Survey Map as presented, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Library Board

1. Appoint Members to Community Center Work Group: Motion to appoint seven members as recommended by the Library Board; Marnie Myhre, Julie Stryker, Sam Dobson, Cedar Shimke Shimke, John Maday, Jim Rogers, and Peggy Rotkenetz, and that the committee have a sunset of 12/31/2021 unless extended by the Town Board, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Town Hall Administration

A. Accounting Administrator's Report: Motion to accept the report prepared by Barb Nelson for March 2021, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: None.

C. Town Administrator Hiring Process and Updates: the two finalists will be on the Island Friday and Saturday 3/26-3/27 to meet staff and interview.

D. Public Officials Bond Coverage/ Policy: Motion to approve the policy with Horton Group/ Liberty Mutual with \$100,000/ \$50,000 coverage for \$890/ year, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Agenda Items for the Annual Town Meeting, April 20, 2021

1. 2020 Annual Financial Report: Motion to approve the report as presented, S> Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Other Items: construction of a shed at Greenwood cemetery, construction of an outdoor classroom at the Library, land swap with Evan Erickson.

F. Post Office Operation Concerns: Discussion on sending a letter to state legislators to let them know the Town's concerns on having consistent mail and availability as we are on an Island. Lisa to draft a letter for review.

G. Fourth of July 2021 Events/ Fireworks: The Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce asked the Town Board what their thoughts are on having the fireworks but no other events on the fourth of July. Discussion that it would be good to look at what other communities are doing, and not be the only place in the region having fireworks as it could draw a crowd, otherwise the Town Board is uncertain if they would approve a fireworks permit for this year.

H. Ashland County Proposed Yearly Fee for all Septic Systems: The County Board is considering an \$8.00 annual added charge to the taxes of those with septic systems (holding tanks, mounds included). Discussion on why they are adding it to taxes and not covering costs with fees etc.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting March 9, 2021: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Special Town Board Meeting March 11, 2021: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, G. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance Director's Report: Report prepared by Cindy Dalzell dated March 17, 2021 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

B. Updates on Construction of Emergency Services Building (ESB): Going well with move in.

C. Emergency Services Building Policies and Procedures: Discussion that the Emergency Services already viewed and signed the policy prior to it being approved by the Town Board. Lisa wanted the members of the departments to be aware of the policies, even if changes were going to be made as they were moving in to the building. Discussion about changing 'should' to 'shall' or 'must' throughout the document as well as adding that any exceptions to the policy must be explicitly approved by the Town Board. Motion to approve the policy and procedures

for the Emergency Services Building with the changes, G. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Public Comment B:** Charley Brummer commented on the MRF truck and trip to Florida, and to research the cost effectiveness of self-hauling vs. contracting out. He also encouraged the letter to be written to legislators regarding the Post Office concerns.

Paul Brummer commented that the sextons should be involved in picking out the shed for the cemetery, and that the Ashland County Septic fees will be for anyone with a septic system, not just a septic tank.

X. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

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

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

Motion to go into closed session to discuss items X. C. and IV. A. 4., G. Carlson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Judgment on Michael Mattingly Properties 014-00208-0600 and 014-00208-0300

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IV. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

4. SmithGroup Billing Discrepancies for Dock Project

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

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: St. John's Island Closet contract/ lease, post office letter, airport ordinance, public hearing for Big Arns and Brians Roads.

XII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:20pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

Approved as corrected (spelling error) April 13, 2021. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.