

Approved Minutes -- TOWN OF LA POINTE
Tuesday, February 26, 2008, 5:30 p.m.
Regular Town Board Meeting
Amended Agenda – Amended Items Underlined and Italicized

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting to confer with legal counsel for the Town who is rendering advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the Town with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. After the completion of the closed session, the Board may come back into open session to act upon the discussion in the closed session or otherwise complete the business of the meeting, in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes, Section 19.85 (1)(g) in order to discuss such matters, and will re-convene in open session.

Called to order at 5:35 P.M by Chairman Greg Nelson

Present: Mike Starck, Jim Patterson, Greg Nelson Hamilton Ross, Gary Flores

1. Public Comment

Charlie Brummer, re: Bike Path. Points out that it is the music camp which contributes most of the pedestrian overcrowding that leads the Town to need such a project. Music camp has been a good neighbor and might be asked to help alleviate the problem. Paul Brummer agrees and adds that he hopes that this is not just a reason for the town to build a sidewalk.

Meg Brown States that she feels that Hamilton Ross' status as liaison to the library.

2. Vouchers

Mike Starck moves – Gary Flores seconds – to approve vouchers of \$157,529.82. Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

3. Public Works

A. Airport

I. Airport Manager Monthly Inspections

Jim Patterson moves – Hamilton Ross seconds -- To approve and place the inspection reports, dated 12/09 and 12/23 of 2007, also dated 1/6, 1/13, 1/20, 1/27, 2/03, 2/10, 2/17 all of 2008 on file – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

B. Roads

I. Recommendation for Transportation Enhancement Program application regarding possible pedestrian/bike path form Town Dock to Music Camp and Clubhouse.

Keith Sowl, Town Foreman states that the town needs walkway to music camp. Keith states that it would not hurt to get on the list, even without plans, because the funding for a project like this is 2 years out, and that grants are available for planning. Mike Starck states that since this is an 80% / 20% grant, that some of the beneficiaries of the project might be persuaded to pay the 20%. Hamilton Ross says that the Town is becoming a grant junkie. Quasi-consensus, Hamilton Ross sitting this consensus out, that Keith goes ahead to begin pursuing the grants for the planning aspect..

II. Approve desired Rice Street Plan

Jim Patterson, Hamilton Ross, want lowest-cost plan, Greg Nelson favors the plan that stays within the platted road. Greg Nelson moves -- to recommend Alternate #3 as presented on the maps with the same cross section as the existing Rice Street reconstruction project – Jim Patterson seconds – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

C. Harbor

I. Harbor Fact Sheet (Army Corps of Engineers) – Report on Update

Keith presents proposed changes for the Harbor Fact Sheet. Board members agree that the changes are correct and should be forwarded, and that Keith should also work on getting the Army Corps of Engineers to recognize the La Pointe Harbor as a commercial harbor, given the tonnage going to and fro from Ferry Lines and Barges, and that this is the only ingress and egress for all goods necessary for life on the Island: infrastructure, grocery, construction material, etc.

4. Library

A. Library Director's Monthly Minutes

Gary Flores moves – To approve and place the Minutes, dated 1/7/08, on file – Jim Patterson seconds – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

5. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's monthly Fire Dept. Report

Jim Patterson moves – Hamilton Ross seconds – To approve and place the report, dated 2/6/08, on file – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

6. Committees

A. CAPP

I. Report

No report

B. Zoning

Greg Nelson leads discussion of difficult working conditions between Town Plan Commission and the Zoning Administrator. He suggests a joint meeting of LaPointe Town Board, Town Plan Commission, and Jen Croonborg, ZA to establish some protocols. Jim Patterson indicates that he had a meeting with Jen Croonborg, Zoning Administrator and Barb Christensen, chair of the Town Plan Commission, and thought that things had worked out, but now he does not feel that way.

7. Approval of Minutes

Jim Patterson moves – Hamilton Ross seconds – to table until next meeting – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

8. Town Hall Administration

A. Administrative Assistant Report – January, 2008

Jim Patterson moves – Hamilton Ross seconds – To approve and place the report, For February of 08, on file – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

B. Mike Starck seeks La Pointe Town Board endorsement and approval for editorial on Elected Clerk and Treasurer Position.

Hamilton Ross moves – Jim Patterson seconds – to approve the letter penned by Mike Starck with the addition of the Statement that the appointments would take place on April 14, 2009 at the end of the letter, and that that “people interested in working in Town Hall”, should be changed to “people interested in working in either of these positions in the Town Hall”. Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

C. Proposal for web site from Larry Whalen

Mr. Whalen will prepare a mock-up of the opening page for presentation at either of the March Town Board meetings and the contract will be negotiated after that. Mike Starck moves – to table this item until a mock-up is ready – Hamilton Ross seconds – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes .

D. Postponed Treasurer's Report

Jim Patterson moves – Hamilton Ross seconds – To approve and place the Cash Balance Summary, dated 01/31/08, showing a balance of \$3,527,789.04, on file – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

E. Approval of Griggs Approach use for Pointe to La Pointe Swim Aug. 9, 2008, by Bayfield Recreation Center Clerk to write letter.

Mike Starck moves – Jim Patterson seconds – to approve Griggs Approach use for Pointe to La Pointe Swim Aug. 9, 2008, by Bayfield Recreation Center – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes.

F. Discussion – New Ordinance Chapter 288: Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverages.

Greg Nelson explains that Carl Broberg that these ordinances, including the following items, should not be a Town Plan Commission project. Hamilton Ross moves – Jim Patterson seconds – to table items 8-F and 8-G. Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

G. Discussions: Appendix A500 Madeline Sanitary District to Ordinance Update -- New Ordinance Chapter 350 (Peace and Good Order) -- New Ordinance Chapter 394 (Streets and Sidewalks) -- New Ordinance Chapter 425 (Vehicles and Traffic)

9. Future Agenda Items

10. Lawsuits and Legal Issues

A. Town of La Pointe vs. Michael Mattingly 04-CV-128

The machinery is being removed from Hagen Road Property – The deadline for removal of buildings has past.

B. Stephanie Zuehlke Discrimination Complaint with Department of Workforce Development:

I. Consideration of LaPointe Town Board of proposed supplemental response by Atty. Fauerbach in Zuehlke discrimination case.

Mike Starck moves – Gary Flores seconds – to authorize Attorney Fauerbach to proceed with the proposed supplemental response. Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

C. Reconsideration of request from Ken Peterson for a copy of the harassment complaint filed February 4, 2006.

Hamilton Ross moves – Gary Flores seconds – to provide Ken Petersen with a copy of the harassment complaint filed February 4, 2006. Motion Carries -- 5 ayes. Barb will provide

11. Adjourn

Gary Flores moves – Jim Patterson seconds – to adjourn – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

Adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved as amended by Larry the Clerk on Tuesday, March 11, 2008