

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Town of LaPointe

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting for the Town of LaPointe in the County of Ashland, State of Wisconsin for the transaction of Special Business as is by law required or permitted to be transact at such meeting, will be held at the Town hall in said town on Monday, December 1, 2008, immediately following the Public Hearing Scheduled for 5:00 pm the same day for the purposes of:

1. Approve the adoption of the 2008 Tax Levy to be paid in 2009 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes.

Burke Henry moves – Keith Sowl seconds – to approve the adoption of the 2008 Tax Levy to be paid in 2009 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) Wisconsin Statutes with an increase to \$25,000. Motion Carries -- 16 ayes

2. Approve the total 2009 Highway Expenditures pursuant to Sec. 82.03 (3) Wisconsin Statutes.

This amount is \$2,016,712. Mike Starck recommends increasing to allow for repayment of loans and reimbursement by grants.

Judi Patterson moves – to approve the Approve the total 2009 Highway Expenditures pursuant to Sec. 82.03 (3) Wisconsin Statutes and add \$100,000 to total \$2,116,712.

Burke Henry seconds -- Keith Sowl, Town Foreman state that this is not an adequate amount. Tom Nelson suggests that the flex should be more like 15%. Motion fails, 16 nay.

Carol Neubauer moves – Keith Sowl seconds – to approve the total 2009 Highway Expenditures pursuant to Sec. 82.03 (3) Wisconsin Statutes in the amount of 2.6 Million dollars. Burke Henry states that this kind of amount just indicates bad management. 7 aye, 8 oppose – motion fails.

Burke Henry moves – Keith Sowl seconds – to approve the total 2009 Highway Expenditures pursuant to Sec. 82.03 (3) Wisconsin Statutes in the amount of 2.35 million dollars. Motion Carries – 14 aye, 2 nay.

3. The LaPointe Town Board requests the town electorate to approve the town board potentially hiring an elected official to perform other duties within the town at an hour wage of \$12 per hour. This is authorized by state statute 60.37(4). This authority, if granted, would remain in effect until the town electorate removes the authority at a meeting of the town electorate.

Jim Patterson moves – Alan Fischlowitz seconds – to grant authority to LaPointe Town Board to hire an elected official to perform other duties within the town at an hour wage of \$12 per hour. Motion Carries -- 15 aye, one abstains.

Other motions now entertained.

Tom Nelson, understanding that he is making motions which have naught but advisory power makes several motions

Tom Nelson moves – that the LaPointe Town Board hold a Public Hearing on the recent petition asking that the Town Plan Commission be changed from a 7 member board to a 5 member board. 1 aye, 13 nay, 2 abstain. Motion fails.

Tom Nelson moves – that, for the purpose of clarity and so that the public can be allowed to know what is going on that all proposed zoning text or map changes be presented in a format that includes the portions being removed appear in strikethrough and the portions being added appear in a highlighted font.

Burke Henry says that he agrees with the motion but will not vote on it because it is not the appropriate venue. 8 aye, 0 opposed, 6 abstain. Motion Carries

Tom Nelson moves – that the LaPointe Town Board direct the Town Plan Commission to hold public hearing regarding the changes it recommends to the CUP section of our Zoning Ordinance -- Leslie Mack seconds – 5 aye, 6 oppose, 4 abstain. Motion fails.

Tom Nelson moves – that the LaPointe Town Board that the LaPointe Town Board direct the Town Plan Commission to hold public hearing regarding the changes it recommends to the Home Occupancy section of our Zoning Ordinance – Larry Whalen seconds – 1 aye – 8 opposed, 5 abstain. Motion fails.

Judi Patterson moves – to adjourn – Tom Nelson seconds – Motion Carries 16 ayes

Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.