

Draft Minutes -- TOWN OF LA POINTE

Tuesday, December 23, 5:30 p.m.

Regular Town Board Meeting

1. Public Comment

None

2. Vouchers

Mike Starck moves – Ric Gillman seconds – to approve vouchers totaling \$65,640.80 – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

3. Public Works

A. Airport

I. Airport Manager Monthly Inspections

Jim Patterson moves – Ric Gillman seconds – to place on file inspection reports dated 11/30, 11/23, 12/07, all in 2008 – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

II. Carol Neubauer memo of 12/12/08 re: Tree Removal

Greg Nelson: Should wait until Spring to remove trees now. The airport manager, although not required to by law, should communicate with property owners as a courtesy.

B. Roads

I. Rice Street Extension Status

II Ice Road Maintenance for the 2008-2009 Winter season.

Not Discussed Ric Gillman moves – Jim Patterson seconds – to approve and to authorize Town Chair to sign these rates for 2008-2009.

III. Keith Sowl, Town Foreman letter to Mark Ploederer – Supervisor - Highways Division- Maintenance

Discussion: Keith Sowl, Town Foreman has sent a letter asking that the Rice Street expansion be included in an economic stimulus package.

IV. DOT Public meeting – long range transportation planning.

FYI – no hearings close by – no plans for a board member to attend.

V. Hiring of temporary Truck Driver , Sam Dahlin

Ric Gillman moves – Beth Fischlowitz seconds – to hire Sam Dahlin as a temporary truck driver.

VI. Comp. time pay for Keith Sowl

Greg Nelson wonders if the comp. time is budgeted for.

Mike Starck moves – Jim Patterson seconds – to authorize payment to Keith Sowl, Town Foreman, for 50 hours of comp. time – Motion Carries 4 aye – one abstain.

C. Harbor

Discussion about forming a Harbor Committee; to be a future agenda item.

D. Parks

Not Discussed

4. Library

A. Library Board's Monthly Minutes

Ric Gillman moves – Mike Starck seconds – To approve and place the minutes, dated 11/10/08, on file – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

5. Emergency Services

A. Fire Chief's monthly Fire Dept. Report

Not available. The clerk will talk to Tyler Andreas, who is doing the report for the chief.

6. Committees

A. CAPP

I. Appointment of Alternate #2, term ending April 30, 2009, Beth Alsgaard recommended.

Jim Patterson moves – Mike Starck seconds – to approve Appointment of Alternate #2, term ending April 30, 2009, Beth Alsgaard. Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

B. Zoning

I. Zoning Administrator Report

Mistakenly included on this agenda.

II. Town Plan Commission member posting with term ending 4-30-09 – Discuss/Appoint any applicants

Nobody applied.

Mike Starck moves – Ric Gillman seconds – to instruct Waggie to roll over posting automatically if there is no applicant before the next meeting. Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

III. Town Plan Commission Member Posting

Discussed above.

IV. Commercial Inspection Discussion prompted by Pete Rogers Letters

Greg Nelson indicates without opposition that ~~Peter should do a little research before he insults so many people.~~ Peter Rogers might do more thorough research before forming such strong opinions.

C. Alternative Energy

Short discussion about grants received.

D. Winter Transport

I. Discussion: Bayfield School District communications

Bayfield School District has unilaterally decided to allow young children to attend school on the mainland, prompting WTC to demand certain guidelines for safety and control.

School District has accused the WTC of violating the contract. Burke Henry points out that the contract states that the operation shall be managed by Windsled Transportation as in prior years, thus, current operation methods are embedded.

7. Approval of Minutes

RTBM 12-09-08

Mike Starck moves – Beth Fischlowitz seconds – To approve as submitted – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

8. Town Hall

A. Administrative Assistant Monthly Report

Mike Starck moves – Ric Gillman seconds – To approve and place the report, dated 12/19/08, on file – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

B. Budget Amendment #2008-04 – Transfer end of year balances to designated funds.

Mike Starck moves – Ric Gillman seconds – to approve Budget Amendment #2008-04 – Transfer end of year balances to designated funds – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

C. Resolution #2008-1223 – Use of 2008 Accommodation Tax

Mike Starck moves – Jim Patterson seconds – to approve Resolution #2008-1223 – Use of 2008 Accommodation Tax – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

D. Resolution #2008-1223-A – 2008 Tourism Infrastructure Projects Resolution #2008-1223-A – 2008 Tourism Infrastructure Projects

Mike Starck moves – Beth Fischlowitz seconds – to approve Resolution #2008-1223-A – 2008 Tourism Infrastructure Projects – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

E. Discussion – Authority to call Special Town Board Meeting

Mr. Meech wanted a special town board meeting called to deal with his issues, i.e. getting rid of inspectors and inspections, getting assistance filling out his permits, etc. Greg Nelson said no and found out that he had the authority to do so.

F. 2009 Budget Discussion

Not Discussed

G. 2009 Fee Schedules

Greg Nelson recalls that the \$100 yearly rental fee was never required from people who rented on a month to month basis, given the lack of housing for people who live here,, that it was designed for people who rented to summer tourists. Discussion: \$50 fee for owners who rent without having a license – change Map Change fee to \$750 – Change legal fees for map change to “up to \$1,500”.

Mike Starck moves – Beth Fischlowitz seconds – to approve all fees as presented before them – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes

H. Annual Audit

Incomplete agenda item. Next meeting

9. Future Agenda Items

Audit – WTC – Harbor Committee – clarification of long-term rental

10. Lawsuits and Legal Issues

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

Not Discussed

B. 08 CV-109, Winston et al vs. Town of LaPointe

Scheduling request from James C. Wyman came in. Puzzlement is expressed. It is later (after the meeting) that is discovered that James Wyman is co-trustee of of the Elizabeth Winston Trust.

C .08 CV-112 -- Sara Owen and Paul Brummer suit regarding vs.Town of LaPointe and Craftivity C.U.P.

Not Discussed

11. Adjourn

Ric Gillman moves – Jim Patterson seconds – to adjourn – Motion Carries -- 5 ayes