

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY JULY 27, 2021**  
**5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**  
Approved Minutes

**Town Board Members Present via telephone:** Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Michael Anderson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor John Carlson  
**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Public Works Director Ben Schram, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne  
**Public Present:** Jim Patterson, Robin Trinko Russell, Attorney Michael Roman  
**Called to Order:** 5:30pm

**I. Public Comment A\*:** Jim Patterson read a public comment opposing Kristle Majchrzak's application to Bayfield County for a Conditional Use Permit to draw, transport, and sell bottled water from the Lake Superior watershed basin.  
Robin Trinko Russell read comments from the Madeline Island Ferry Line regarding their operations and schedule.

**II. Administrative Reports**

A. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta dated July 10-22, 2021 placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Brief discussion on Library employees not being approved by Town Board.

**III. Public Works**

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor: Discussion on the different dust abatement solutions that were tested on different roads. Public Works director Ben Schram is asking to contract out for the remainder of the summer to have calcium chloride applied to some Town gravel roads. More ideas coming for future years.

B. Parks: Nothing.

C. Airport

1. Industrial Zone Lot Lease, Lot 14, Robert Teisberg: Motion to approve and have the Town Chair sign the lease ending 12/31/2030, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Industrial Zone Lot Lease, Lot 13, Thomas Nelson: Motion to approve and have the Town Chair sign the lease ending 12/31/2030, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move to agenda item V. H., S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**V. Town Hall Administration**

H. Madeline Island Ferry Line Schedule Concerns: Concerns have been voiced about the ferry not providing an early morning boat in the fall as well as later boats. Most recently the School District of Bayfield has had conversations with the Ferry Line about getting students and staff to school on time in the mornings. Robin Trinko Russell reported that they may change the schedule so there is a 7:00am leaving Bayfield and a 7:30 leaving the Island.

Motion to return to the agenda, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **IV. Committees & Boards**

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing.

B. Library Board

1. Appoint Three Members to Library Board for Terms Expiring June 30, 2024:

Motion to appoint Micaela Montagne, Katie Sanders, and Lisa Potswald to the Library Board for terms ending 6/30/2024, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Energy Committee

1. Recommendation to Apply for Critical Infrastructure Microgrid Grant: Motion to approve applying for the grant (for up to \$100,000 for a study on creating a self-sustaining microgrid(s), A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Public Arts Committee

1. Appoint Members to the Public Arts Committee for Term Ending July 31, 2023: Motion to reappoint Robin Russell to the committee, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve the report dated 7/16/2021, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Schedule Town Board Workshop: August 26, 2021 at 5:00pm. Possibly have the Town Plan Commission there as well to discuss planning the Comprehensive Plan.

C. Approve Bid for Liquefied Petroleum Gas/ Propane, Motion to approve the bid from La Pointe Gas for \$2.11/ gallon, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Contract with LaPointe Gas for Liquefied Petroleum Gas/ Propane: Motion to approve the contract for 7/1/21 – 6/30/2022, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Use of Town Text Alerts Policy: Language to use as a guide on what things can be used for Town texts. Motion to approve as presented (gives the Town Administrator authorization to decide on some texts), J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Authorization for Travel Expenses and Fees for Great Lakes Island Summit: the summit this year will be October 3-5 in Ohio. Motion to approve the estimated costs of \$1,667 and ferry for the Town Administrator to attend the Summit. M. Kuchta, Administrator, to report to the board about the visit, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Outreach to WI State Historical Society Regarding Madeline Island Museum: Discussion on the possibility of having a more formalized relationship with the Historical Society and the community and Town. Administrator M. Kuchta would be a good person to start the conversation. Motion to authorize Michael Kuchta to reach out to the Wisconsin Historical Society, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve processing the vouchers as alternative claims (they will be presented at the next meeting for final approval), J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VII. Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash summary report dated July 13, 2021 showing a total of \$2,615,882.84, A. Baxter/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **VIII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting July 13, 2021: Motion to approve as submitted, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **IX. Emergency Services**

A. Updates on Construction of Emergency Services Building (ESB): M. Kuchta met with the Emergency Services department heads and are working out final things with the building.

**X. Public Comment B\*\*:** Jim Patterson added to his earlier comment that the Town Board could address Bayfield County regarding the water issue and submit comments via email.

### **XI. Liquor & Operators' Licenses**

- A. Operators' Licenses
1. Kathryn Annis
  2. Tyson Humes

Motion to approve both operator licenses, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Issuance of Operators' Licenses: The Town Board can continue to approve operators' licenses, or they can pass an ordinance that designates another official to issue with out the Board's approval. Consensus to have an ordinance drafted.

### **XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

- A. William Defoe vs. Town of La Pointe, Case No. 19CV57

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g). After the completion of the closed session, the Board will come back into open session to act upon the discussion in the closed session or otherwise complete the business of the meeting before adjourning.

Motion to go in to closed session, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, All 5 Ayes by roll call, Motion Carried. 6:20pm.

Motion to return to open session, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 7:04pm.

B. Judgment on Michael Mattingly Properties 014-00208-0600 and 014-00208-0300: Nothing.

### **XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

1. Special Town Board Meeting: Contract for Dust Abatement: Scheduled Friday 7/30/2021 at 4:00pm. Discussion to add two change orders for the ESB, a final certificate of completion for Wren Works, as well as revisit a resolution for covid-19 precautions. Discussion on the Lake Superior water issue Jim Patterson commented on, to have a Special Town Board meeting to discuss sending a letter to Bayfield County. Scheduled for 7/28/2021 at 7:30pm.

**XIV. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:15pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted August 10, 2021. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.