

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 28, 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
Called to Order: 5:34pm

I. Public Comment A*: Clerk Montagne read a comment from Jim Peters regarding the considerations for the Affordable Housing Committee.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta placed on file by Unanimous Consent. Discussion on the Town Attorney looking into the possibility of the Town imposing a landing fee, not spending too much money on it if it isn't going to be possible. Discussion on the possible grant for the Energy Committee to have a study done on the feasibility of a microgrid for Town buildings.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

1. Passenger Shelter Purchase Agreement: The wooden structure was put out for bids twice and came back very high. The new proposal is to install a translucent 'bus stop' like structure that would be mostly enclosed with a heater in the cooler months. This is more affordable and will require less maintenance. Questions on how much electrical will cost as well as if it will need inspections and permits. Motion to proceed with this idea, and to be on the next agenda for possible approval, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks: Nothing at this time.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Consideration of Waiving Town of La Pointe Land Use Permit Fee on Parcel #014-00436-0200 0.26A applied for by The La Pointe Center for Public Art sculpture: Motion to approve waiving the \$75.00 fee, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Update Policy and Procedures for Boards, Committees and Commissions: mostly clarifications, cleaning it up. Policy will be sent to committees and supplied with the committee application. Motion to approve the updated Policy dated 9/28/2021, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. American Rescue Plan Funding; Utilize Committee to Update Housing Component of Comprehensive Plan: Discussion on whether to allocate the first half of the ARPA funds (\$13,659.52) to the committee for a research study on affordable housing on the Island

(public housing, seasonal housing, family housing etc). Motion to approve the request for the \$13,659.52 in ARPA funds (knowing that details for payments will come before the board for approval) to be used by the Affordable Housing Committee for a research study, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (J. Carlson), Motion Carried. Further discussion on having the Affordable Housing Committee update the housing component of the comprehensive plan. Consensus to wait to have the Steering Committee finalized and meet to discuss first.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report: Report shows that both the MRF and the Parks departments are doing well and even making profit this year. Kudos to Public works Director Ben Schram and the Crews for their work. Motion to approve the Budget Report dated 9/10/2021, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates

1. Update Grant Policy and Procedures: Motion to approve the updates to the policy (mostly clarification) dated 9/28/2021, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Wisconsin Coastal Management Grant Application for Accessibility Improvements at Big Bay Town Park: Discussion that the grant will be applied for to increase the accessibility down to Big Bay at Big Bay Town Park. Consensus to move forward with the grant application.

C. Great Lakes Island Alliance Summit Cancellation, Possibly Seek Refund: The Summit for this year has been cancelled, the Town will not donate taxpayer dollars, so would like to seek the refund. Motion to seek the \$100 refund, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Special Event Permit: Chamber of Commerce for Fall Fest October 16, 2021: Motion to approve (will close Le Sueur Street and Bell Street for the day), M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move agenda item V. E. to after item XI, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims for August 2021 in the amounts of \$259,889.09, \$120,467.16, and \$1,011.41 for the Library, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary report showing a total of \$2,924,497.55, and a total available in checking of \$1,226,422.04, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting September 14, 2021: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Emergency Services

A. Fire Department

1. Purchase Agreement with Pete's Trailer Sales for Truck Bed: Motion to approve the purchase in the amount of \$7,375, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Updates on Construction of Emergency Services Building (ESB): None.

X. Public Comment B:** M. Anderson commented that the snowshoe hares are starting to turn white.

XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. William Defoe vs. Town of La Pointe, Case No. 19CV57: There is a January 21, 2022 hearing date set, though trying to dismiss. In the meantime, depositions will be taken.

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

V. Town Hall Administration

E. Town Administrator Review/ 2021 and 2022 Salary

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. If the Town goes into closed session, it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

Motion to go into closed session, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:27pm.

Motion to return to open session, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:38pm.

No action at this time, will discuss more during the budget meetings. The Town Board is pleased with Michael Kuchta's performance as the Town Administrator.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Passenger shelter, possibly refund the Rec Center Rental fees for the Treaty Days celebration with a Special Town Board Meeting on 9/30/2021, follow up on the Coastal Management Grant, transfer designated funds for the Rec Center bathroom remodel this year, Angelo Luppino contract amendment.

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:46pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted October 12, 2021. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.