

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2022
5:00 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: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*: None.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Michael Kuchta dated Jan 21- Feb 2, 2022
- B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Ben Schram for January 2022
- C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Marty Curry for January 2022
- D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Prepared by Paul Wilharm for January 2022
- E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Ric Gillman for Jan 2022
- F. Accounting Administrator's Report: Prepared by Barb Nelson dated 2/1/2022:
Discussion on billing the County for the first quarter annual payment (mostly for police department).
- G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by William Defoe for January 2022: New format.
- H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Rick Reichkitzer for January 2022
- I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Cindy Dalzell for January 2022

All monthly reports placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor: Nothing at this time.
- B. Parks
 - 1. Change Order #5 with Angelo Luppino: Motion to table (waiting for a load calculation to see if the electrical service needs to be changed), S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

- A. Planning and Zoning
 - 1. Plat Review of Hartzell "Expandable Condominium" Parcel. 014-00206-2001
Abbreviated Description: Acres: 70.000 SW1/4 E OF MONDAMIN TRAIL DESC IN DOC #349992 SEC. 32 T50N R3W LAND
CONTRACT: Request to table as this will now be a Certified Survey Map that the Town Plan Commission will review first. Motion to table, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Public Arts Committee
 - 1. Contract with Marina Lachecki and Robert Goslin to Create Interpretive Sign

for Gateway Sculpture: No taxpayer dollars will be spent on this. Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Contract with Little Big Bay Shop to Design Interpretive Sign for Gateway Sculpture: (no taxpayer money will be spent on this). Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Grant Updates: No updates

B. Schedule Town Board Workshops and Discuss Agenda Items: workshop with the fire department to discuss equipment and the purchase of a new fire engine. Scheduled for February 16, 2022 at 5:00pm via Zoom. Workshop with the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee including a presentation from UW Extension scheduled for March 30, 2022 at 5:00pm. J. Carlson would like a future workshop on winter transportation and if fuel supplies get low.

Motion to move agenda item V. C. Madeline Island Ferry Line 2022 Schedule and Updates to after item VIII., S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Use of Town Text System to Notify Residents of Energy Assistance Available Through the State: Motion to approve a one-time text for this as well as post on the Town website, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting January 25, 2022

B. Special Town Board Meeting January 28, 2022

Motion to approve both minutes as presented, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Ashland County Law Enforcement Agreement: The Ashland County Board Finance Committee is recommending to the County Board to not cancel the agreement for this year, but to negotiate something different for 2023. The Executive Committee and Full Board meetings are later this month and M. Kuchta will attend. Discussion on how to get the community up to speed on this as well as opinions on what to do in the future if the police budget is cut.

B. Fire Department

1. Memorandum of Understanding with Ashland County for 2022 eDispatches Paging System: Motion to approve and have the Fire Chief sign, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Updates on the Construction of the Emergency Services Building: No updates, again waiting for subcontractors to be able to get to the island to complete work. M. Kuchta and B. Schram to work on getting extensions for the warranty in writing if they are unable to make it here due to transportation issues.

VIII. Public Comment B:** None.

V. Town Hall Administration

C. Madeline Island Ferry Line 2022 Schedule and Updates

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session and/ or 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 to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g). If the Town goes into closed session, it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

Motion to go into closed session as posted, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes by roll call vote,
Motion Carried. 5:44pm.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:10pm.

IX. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

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

B. Judgment on Michael Mattingly Properties 014-00208-0600 and 014-00208-0300: No updates.

X. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Change order with Angelo Luppino. Discussion on having the comprehensive plan steering committee discuss succession planning with key businesses that everyone depends on.

XI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:15pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted February 22, 2022. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.