

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY APRIL 12, 2022**  
**5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL**  
Approved Minutes

**Town Board Members Present:** 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, Fire Chief Rick Reichkitzer, Police Chief William Defoe, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne  
**Called to Order:** 5:31pm

Chair Glenn Carlson opened the meeting with a statement regarding the loss of Ric Gillman, Zoning Administrator and former Town Board member. He was a creative and generous member of our community and will be greatly missed.

**I. Public Comment A\*:** None.

**II. Administrative Reports**

- A. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta. Discussion on having a meeting with the Sanitary District Board about their concerns, and on getting new W2s out to members of the fire department and ambulance as up to \$600 of the income should be federally tax exempt.
- B. Public Works Director's Report: March 2022 report prepared and presented by Ben Schram.
- C. MRF Supervisor's Report: 'The Vegas Edition' prepared by Marty Curry for March 2022.
- D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: March 2022 report prepared by Paul Wilharm.
- E. Accounting Administrator's Report: Report prepared by Barb Nelson.
- F. Police Chief's Report: March 2022 report prepared and presented by William Defoe.
- G. Fire Chief's Report: March 2022 report prepared and presented by Rick Reichkitzer.
- H. Ambulance Director's Report: March 2022 report prepared by Cindy Dalzell.

All report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

**III. Public Works**

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor: Ben Schram reported that the passenger shelter will be assembled and installed on the Town Dock soon.
- B. Parks: Nothing at this time.

**IV. Committees**

- A. Planning and Zoning
  - 1. Appoint Member of Town Plan Commission for Term Ending 4/30/2025: Motion to re-appoint Samantha Dobson to the term ending 4/30/2025, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move agenda item IV. 2. As well as item VIII. A. and C. to after item XI. In the order, VIII. C., VIII. A, IV. 2., S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Zoning Administrator Position (Job description/ Posting for long-term position): Consensus to keep the position the same as it has been, prepare a posting for approval at the next meeting.

**B. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee**

1. Follow-Up from the AHAC Presentation on March 30, 2022

2. Consider Questions Raised by the Committee (Is the Town Board willing to donate Town owned parcels for development, grant zoning modifications, explore financing options etc.):

The Town Board supports the efforts of the committee and their continued research, they are not committing to any details at this point, and besides the taxpayers needing to vote on donating property, the Board would like to see the committee to continue. The Board likes the model of what Mackinac Island has done with affordable housing.

**C. Public Arts Committee**

1. Sculpture Dedication Ceremony Expenses: Motion to allow the committee to spend \$500 of their budgeted money for the expenses of a drumming circle, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

**V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Contract with Hollywood Pyrotechnics Inc. for July 4, 2022 Fireworks: (money raised by the Chamber, no taxpayer dollars spent), Motion to approve, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Consider Whether to Comment on Enbridge Line 5: Consensus to not comment at this time as it would be a divided statement.

C. Paid Time Off Sharing Program: This would allow employees to donate their time off into a pool for employees to use if they have used up their sick time, etc. The Board is interested in this being a first read and possibly approving a policy at the next meeting.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$48,514.77, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting March 22, 2022: Motion to approve as submitted, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Special Town Board Meeting March 30, 2022: Motion to approve as submitted, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VIII. Emergency Services**

B. Updates on Construction of Emergency Services Building: Wendel has been notified that the ferries are running again so hopefully warranty issues that were unable to be resolved due to transportation will be fixed asap.

**IX. Public Comment B\*\*:** None.

**X. Liquor & Operators' Licenses**

A. "Class A" Liquor License

1. Island Market Inc., Serena Gelinias Agent (Six Month License 5/1/22-10/31/22): Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" License

1. Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve. At Madeline Island School of the Arts, May 28, 2022: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Continuation of Business Ordinance Discussion: This would put an amount of time an establishment with a 'Class B' license (full liquor bar license) would need to be open per year to be able to apply for the license the following year. Consensus of the Board to not take any action at this time.

**XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

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

B. Fulfilled Judgment on M. Mattingly Properties 014-00208-0600 and 014-00208-0300: the judgement has been settled and the Town received the check.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss three items, VIII. C: compressor at the ESB, VIII. A: police officer overnight compensation, and IV. A. 2: interim Zoning Administrator position, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes by roll call vote, Motion Carried. 6:20pm.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 7:01pm.

**VIII. Emergency Services**

C. Consider Warranty Assertion and/or Purchase of Replacement Compressor

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. If the Town goes into closed session, it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

The Town Board will be pursuing both the warranty as well as purchasing a replacement compressor asap.

A. Police Department

1. Overnight Compensation for Police Officers

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 to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g) and/ or 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. 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.

No action at this time, waiting for more information.

**IV. Committees**

A. Planning and Zoning

2. Consider Posting/Appointment of Interim Zoning Administrator

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 appoint Lisa Potswald as the interim Zoning Administrator starting immediately at \$23/ hour, not to exceed 20 hours/week, the position ending no later than 6/30/22, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 yes, Motion Carried.

**XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** Meeting with the Sanitary District Board, BIL funding for repaving roads, hire parks staff, posting for Zoning Administrator position, paid time off sharing program, reevaluation discussion, purchase/ contract for a slide installation at the Town Park.

**XIII. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 yes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 7:10pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved with small corrections in item IV. B. 2., April 26, 2022. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.