

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JULY 26, 2022
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Supervisor Michael Anderson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor John Carlson

Town Board Members Absent: Chair Glenn Carlson

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Public Works Director Ben Schram, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne, Fire Chief Rick Reichkitzer

Public Present: Tyler Andreas

Called to Order: 5:30pm

Motion to have John Carlson chair the meeting in Glenn Carlson's absence, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 3 Ayes, 1 Abstain (J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

I. Public Comment A*: Clerk Montagne mentioned a letter received from Birdie Pallas regarding the condition of the Rec Center on the Fourth of July.

II. Open Request for Proposals: Fire Truck 'RFP 22-01': Two proposals received. The first from Custom Fire Apparatus Inc for \$772,659.57, and the second from Custom Fab & Body LLC for \$704,156.00. The Fire Department will look them over before the Town Board moves forward.

III. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

IV. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor: Nothing at this time.

B. Parks

1. Extend Contract with Angelo Luppino for Rec Center Remodel to 8/31/22: plumbing fixtures still need to be installed. There have been multiple delays for different reasons. Motion to approve the contract extension, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. Comp Time Request for Martin Curry: Motion to approve up to 80 hours of comp time, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing at this time.

B. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Appoint New Member for Term Ending 8/31/2024: Motion to appoint Robert Kramer to the committee, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Request for Proposals for Housing Needs Assessment: the study is needed to attract professional resources needed to move forward. Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Public Arts Committee

1. Appoint Members to Terms Ending 7/31/2024: Motion to appoint Susan Sabre, Peg Bertel and Sally Brown to the committee for another term, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Transfer Sculpture Ownership From La Pointe Center to Town: Motion to approve the Letter of Acceptance, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Energy Committee

1. Request for \$500 for Xcel Energy Project Scoping Study: This is to get specifics on what it would take to reconfigure the solar arrays at Town Hall, the Clinic, and Library to be a microgrid. Motion to approve, A. Baxter, S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve the report dated 7/3/22, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: Nothing at this time.

C. Clarify Comp Time Approval Policy: The personnel policy states that comp time can be used if approved by the employee's immediate supervisor. Motion to defer to the personnel policy and not have the Town Board approve individual requests, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Annual Performance Review of the Town Administrator & Possible Compensation Adjustment: Motion to table, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$52,241.74, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims for June 2022 in the amount of \$195,457.45, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary report as of June 30, 2022, showing a total of \$\$2,536,191.75 and a total available in checking of \$892,321.24, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting July 12, 2022: Motion to approve as corrected (Ben Schram was not present), M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Special Town Board Meeting July 14, 2022: Motion to approve as submitted, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Ashland County Law Enforcement Agreement: The Law Enforcement

Committee of the Ashland County Board met and a motion to recommend approval of the draft proposal failed for a lack of second, however, the committee is still interested in learning more about the La Pointe police budget, responses, etc. Administrator Kuchta will work on a presentation/ educational information for the County Board Supervisors.

Motion to move agenda items XI. A. 2 and XI. B. to after item XIV., S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Ordinance Chapter 425 Article IV Low-Speed Vehicles: Low Speed vehicles are not golf carts but are manufactured for road use. Motion to approve the ordinance, A. Baxter/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XII. Public Comment B:** None.

XIII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Non-intoxicating Beverage License

1. Bird's Nest: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XIV. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

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

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2. Police Officer Overnight Policy

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.

B. Updates on Construction and Warranty Work at the Emergency Services Building

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Motion to go into closed session to discuss both items XI. A. 2 and XI. B., A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:07pm.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 ayes, Motion Carried. 6:40pm.

No action on either item.

XV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: TA review, firetruck. The dog park idea will be on the next TPC agenda. J. Carlson mentioned changing the name of the Affordable Housing Committee but redacted his comments.

XVI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:44pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted, August 10, 2022. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.