

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 11, 2022
5:30 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Michael Anderson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor John Carlson

Town Board Members Absent: Supervisor Sue Brenna

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

Public Present: Barbara With

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: Barb With commented on a table read of ‘The Last Voyageur’ during Fall Fest.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator’s Report: Report prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta.

B. Public Works Director’s Report: Report for September 2022 prepared and presented by Ben Schram

C. MRF Supervisor’s Report: Report for September 2022 prepared by Martin Curry.

D. Airport Manager’s Report & Checklist: Report for Sept 2022 prepared by Paul Wilharm.

E. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report: Report for Sept 2022 prepared by Ed Schaffer.

F. Accounting Administrator’s Report: Report for Sept 2022 prepared by Barb Nelson.

G. Police Chief’s Report: Report for Sept 2022 prepared by William Defoe.

H. Fire Chief’s Report: Sept 2022 Report prepared by Rick Reichkitzer.

I. Ambulance Director’s Report: Report for Sept 2022 prepared by Cindy Dalzell.

All reports placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor: Door and heater will be installed in the passenger shelter.

B. Parks

1. Change Orders #7, 8 and 9 with Angelo Luppino for Rec Center Bathroom: Motion to approve change orders for a total of \$5,099 (Luppino did work on bathroom fixtures, partitions, and accessories instead of the Town Crew), M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing at this time.

B. Harbor Commission

1. Create Designated Fund: Motion to create the designated fund and put \$47,000 in it from the Mattingly Settlement as a loan to the commission for their beginning operating funds, A. Baxter/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Public Arts Committee

1. Appoint New Member for Term Ending 7/31/2023: Motion to appoint Barbara With and Madeline Rupp to the Committee, A. Baxter/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

- A. Grant Updates: just what is in the Town Administrator's Report
- B. Contract with Midland Services Inc. for Purchase and Delivery of Liquefied Petroleum Gas/ Propane: Motion to approve the contract, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- C. Resolution #2022-1011 County Library Levy Exemption: Motion to approve the resolution, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$37,206.39, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

- A. Regular Town Board Meeting September 27, 2022: one change in item IV. D., remove 'intend acquire' and change to incur.
- B. Special Town Board Meeting October 6, 2022: one typo two, not ow in item 3. Motion to approve both minutes with corrections, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Ashland County Law Enforcement Agreement

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.

The County Board met on 10/11/22 and decided to send the topic to their finance committee (meeting on October 20, 2022). The County Board seemed split on how much money to give to the town and what the term of the agreement will be. Motion to go into closed session as posted to discuss strategy for the 10/20/22 County Finance Committee Meeting, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes by roll call vote, Motion Carried. 5:52pm.

Motion to return to open session, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:04pm.

No action following closed session.

- B. Updates on Construction and Warranty Work at the Emergency Services Building: Waiting for payment from Wendel on the compressor. Wendel also finalizing who needs to come and hook up the Metasys smart system.

IX. Public Comment B:** None.

X. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Operator's Licenses

1. Aimeé Baxter: Motion to approve the license, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 3 Ayes,
1 Abstain (A. Baxter), Motion Carried.

XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. William Defoe vs. Town of La Pointe, Case No. 19CV57: The judge has issued an order for dismissal after the Town's Insurance Company and Defoe agreed to a settlement. The case is closed and will come off the agenda.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: J. Carlson questioned the dock issues.

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, A. Baxter/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:10pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted October 25, 2022. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.