

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2023 Budget Workshop
Thursday, October 20, 2022
5:15 pm at the 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, Zoning Administrator Ed Schaffer, Accounting Administrator Barb Nelson, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne
Public Present: Charlie Bertel, Katie Sanders, Rachel Rosen, Mary Atmore

1. Call to order: 5:15pm.
2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

B. Committees:

All Committee budgets will now be in designated funds instead of the general budget to make accounting easier as well as roll over money from year to year, as it is usually earmarked for a specific project.

Affordable Housing Committee: the committee is requesting \$10,000 in 2023 for the continued needs assessment and next steps.

Community Awards Committee: just a request of \$175 for 2023 to cover expenses for recognition of the recipients.

Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee: 2023 request for \$575 to cover printing the new Comprehensive Plan.

Energy Committee: requesting \$2000 for 2023 to cover any possible costs.

Public Arts Committee: requesting \$7,300 mostly for landscaping around the new sculpture in Russell Park and to creatively paint portable restrooms.

Winter Transportation Committee: unknown at this time because the committee has not met to discuss yet.

Town Plan Commission/ Zoning: 2023 budget requests similar to the past to cover the Zoning Administrator and zoning expenses. They are looking at having long term rentals permitted.

A. General Government: 2023 budget requests presented by Barb Nelson and Michael Kuchta. There will be staffing changes in 2023 as Barb, the Accounting Administrator is planning on retiring and the Treasurer will be newly elected in April 2023. Other changes include life insurance and short-term disability for employees.

3. Public Comment: Glenn Carlson informed the Board that the Finance Committee of Ashland County Board of Supervisors voted to not provide any funding to La Pointe for Law

Enforcement for 2023. He stated his disappointment in how little dialogue there was between the Town and the County on the issue. Michael Kuchta reiterated.

Monday's budget meeting will include the fee schedule discussion as well as a possible closed session on Ashland County Law Enforcement Agreement.

4. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

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