

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 27, 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, Roads Crew Evan Erickson, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne
Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: None.

II. Administrative Reports

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

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

1. Place Designated Town Items/Property Up for Auction: Many items going up for auction on the Wisconsin Surplus website from small items like wire and tires to large items like a dump truck, old tractor, grader retriever, skid steer, dual axel trailer. Motion to approve putting the items up for auction, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks

1. Contract Amendment with Cooper Engineering for Big Bay Town Park Study: Language changes by Cooper Engineering to be more inline with an engineering contract. Motion to approve, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing at this time.

B. Community Awards Committee

1. Appoint Community Awards Committee Members for 2022: Chair G. Carlson appoints Robin Trinko Russell, Marilyn Hartig, and Charley Bertel as the Community Awards Committee members for 2022. Motion to approve the appointments, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. \$1,000 Grant from Michael Madeline Island Fund for Needs Assessment / Market Analysis: Motion to accept both grants, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. \$3,000 Grant from Grutzner Madeline Island Fund for Needs Assessment / Market Analysis: Approved with the previous motion.

D. Committee Minutes: Discussion on having committees get Town Board approval if they ~~intend acquire~~ incur attorney fees by having Town Administrator M. Kuchta contact attorneys for information. Otherwise, committees will need to have the

attorney fees come out of their committee budget. More discussion to come at budget workshops.

V. Town Hall Administration

- A. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve the budget report dated 9/13/22, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Grant Updates: Included in the Town Administrator's report.
- C. Budget Timeline for 2023 Budget & Schedule Budget Workshops: Motion to approve the schedule as presented with the budget workshops starting at 5:15pm., S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- D. Award Purchase and Delivery of Liquefied Petroleum Gas/ Propane Bid to Midland Services Inc.: Motion to accept and award the propane bid to Midland services as they are the lowest responsible bidder, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (S. Brenna), Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$23,501.56, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims for August 2022 in the amount of \$351,561.03, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report showing a total of \$3,037,279.62 and a total available in checking of \$1,127,331.20, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

- A. Regular Town Board Meeting September 13, 2022:
- B. Special Town Board Meeting September 20, 2022: Motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

- A. Police Department
 - 1. Ashland County Law Enforcement Agreement: The County's Finance and Executive Committee tabled the agenda item and there was no progress at the Law Enforcement Committee Meeting of the County. Administrator M. Kuchta has made a request to get dialogue going with the County.
- B. Updates on Construction and Warranty Work at the Emergency Services Building: Still waiting on payment for the old compressor.

XI. Public Comment B:** None.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

- A. William Defoe vs. Town of La Pointe, Case No. 19CV57
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). 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.

Motion to go into closed session as posted, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes by roll call vote, Motion Carried. 6:12pm.

Motion to return to open session, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:22pm.

Motion to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims and have the Town Board Chair sign them, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Possible special meetings for the Law Enforcement Agreement and for the Harbor Commission. Propane contract, housing committee recommendation on the needs assessment study.

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:25pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved with a correction in item IV. D. October 11, 2022. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.