

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2023 Budget Workshop
Monday, October 24, 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, Police Chief William Defoe, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Michael Starck

1. Call to order: 5:15pm.

2. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Police Department: Much of the budget depends on how much money, if any, is provided from Ashland County with a renewed Agreement. The past many years the County has contributed \$135,000 annually to the Town to help with police wages and a new squad car- the County has not currently agreed to pay any money in 2023.

B. 2023 Fee Schedule: increases in for 2023 for nightly airport tie down fees; eliminating the 6-month option for liquor licenses; some MRF fees for unsorted recyclables, construction and demolition, scrap automobiles; more parking permit options, short term rental permits fee and a long-term rental permit.

C. 2023 Budget & Follow up from previous workshops: Discussion on having department heads slim down their own budgets prior to the next meeting on Nov 1st, then having the Town Board possibly have to remove more items to try to get the revenues and expenditures balanced. Should the Town Board want to meet with department heads again, that will happen at the Special Town Board meeting on November 3rd.

3. Ashland County Law Enforcement Agreement:

The Ashland County Finance Committee met and voted to give the Town of La Pointe \$0 in 2023 for law enforcement (has been \$135,000 annually), the full county board will vote on it within their budget on November 15th. County Supervisor Mike Starck is hopeful that the County Board will still include some money to the Town.

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.

Motion to go into closed session as posted, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes by roll call vote, Motion Carried. 6:04pm.

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Motion to return to open session, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:57pm.
No action.

4. Public Comment: None.

5. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at
6:58pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

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