

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 25, 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, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne
Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: Clerk Montagne read a comment from Mike Starck on having him included in the Town Board discussion on the Ashland County Law Enforcement Agreement. Clerk Montagne read a comment from Katie Sanders, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee that the Island Association will grant the committee \$4000 for the housing needs assessment if the Town matches it.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: Discussion on having M. Kuchta and other Town Staff log their time spent on anything specifically for the Harbor Commission as it can be reimbursed.

III. Public Works

- A. Roads, Dock, Harbor
 - 1. Award Gravel Bid to Nelson Construction: Motion to accept the bid from Nelson Construction for \$32,340.00 and have Ben Schram sign the bid, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - 2. Contract with Nelson Construction for Gravel: Motion to approve the contract, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Parks
 - 1. Change Order #3 with Angelo Luppino for Concrete Removal for Plumbing: Motion to approve the change order (retroactive), J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)
 - 1. Contract with Gary Beeksma for Removal of Refrigerant: Motion to table, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

- A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing at this time.
- B. Committee Minutes: clarification on a possible artist installation of a sound garden for a weekend near the Library.
- C. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
 - 1. Appointment of New Member for Term Ending 8/31/2024: Motion to appoint Gwen Smith Patterson to the committee, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Harbor Commission

1. Authorize Spending of Designated Fund for Payroll/ Office Expenses and Professional Fees: Motion to authorize the spending of funds in the Harbor designated fund for reasons listed, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

- A. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve the report dated 10/19/22, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Grant Updates: None.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$54,531.25, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative claims for September 2022 in the amount of \$173,740.59, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the report showing a total of \$2,850,756.45 and a total available checking of \$1,084,570.71, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

- A. Regular Town Board Meeting October 11, 2022: Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (S. Brenna), Motion Carried.
- B. Special Town Board Meeting October 17, 2022
- C. Special Town Board Meeting October 18, 2022
- D. Special Town Board Meeting October 20, 2022
Motion to approve minutes of all three Special Town Board Meetings, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

- A. Police Department
Motion to move item X. A. 1 to after item XI, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Set Date and Location for Special Town Meeting to Consider Law Enforcement Expenditures: Motion to table until 11/1/22 Special Town Board meeting as there are still many unknowns, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Fire Department
 1. Memorandum of Understanding with Ashland County for 2023 eDispatches Paging System: Motion to approve and have the Fire Chief sign, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- C. Updates on Construction and Warranty Work at the Emergency Services Building: No updates. Wendel approved giving the old air compressor to a citizen.

XI. Public Comment B:** None.

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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.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes by roll call vote,
Motion Carried. 6:09pm

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 ayes, Motion Carried.
6:33pm.

Chair G. Carlson mentioned that the Ashland County Board will discuss their 2023 budget and thus how much money they will provide to the La Pointe Police Department on November 15, 2022, at 9:00am at the Court House in Ashland. There is currently no money in their budget for La Pointe PD.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues: None.

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Refrigerant contract. Special meetings for budget on 11/1 and 11/3.

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion carried. Adjourned at 6:36pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

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