

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 10, 2023
5:00 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
Public Present: Samantha Dobson
Called to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*: Samantha Dobson stated she is running as a write-in candidate for Town Board Supervisor. John Carlson stated that he is running as a write-in candidate for Town Board Supervisor.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: prepared by Michael Kuchta
 - B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Ben Schram
 - C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Martin Curry
 - D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Prepared by Paul Wilharm
 - E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Ed Schaffer
 - F. Accounting Administrator's Report: Prepared by Barb Nelson
 - G. Police Chief's Report: prepared by William Defoe
 - H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Rick Reichkitzer
 - I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Cindy Dalzell
- Reports for December 2022 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor
 - 1. Ice Road Plowing and Maintenance 2022-2023 Season Rates from Nelson Construction Co.: Discussion on clarifying what the overtime entails, if there is overtime on equipment. Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

- A. Planning and Zoning
 - 1. Resolution #2023-0110 Erickson Land Swap: This allows for a zoning map change for a parcel of land the Town swapped with E. Erickson on Big Bay Road, however, due to the wording of the agenda item, motion to postpone, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Community Awards
 - 1. Nominations for Community Appreciation Award and Hall of Fame Award: Motion to approve the nominations for the La Pointe Community Clinic for the Community Appreciation Award and Ruth Anne Teisberg for the Hall of Fame

Award, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Presentations will likely be on the fourth of July.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Grant Updates

1. Energy Committee Application for Wisconsin Energy Innovation Grant: There will need to be a match of funds, \$61,000 in 2024 if the Town gets the grant. Motion to approve the grant application, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna. Discussion on how the microgrid will provide resiliency, not a cost savings. There are still some unknowns as to batteries and battery storage. Vote on motion, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$1,132,108.73, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting December 27, 2022

B. Special Town Board Meeting December 29, 2022: Correction/ clarification made to the coverage statement that Ashland County will be responsible for: *(The Ashland County Sheriff Department will be responsible for the coverage when the La Pointe PD are not available. This will be approximately 25% of the time. The County will be notified in advance when these times may occur).*

Motion to approve both sets of minutes, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Use of La Pointe Patrol Vehicles by Ashland County Sheriff's Department" Police Chief W. Defoe submitted a letter of concerns and Administrator Kuchta discussed the difficulty with insurance liability. Motion to not allow Ashland County to use the La Pointe squads when they are working on the Island, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Public Comment B:** None.

X. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and potential Ashland County Levy Litigation: The first draft of the petition is in the works.

B. Notice of Circumstances of Claim pursuant to WI Statute 893.80(1d)(a) against Ashland County: Claim is signed and will be delivered to the County Clerk Wednesday 1/11/23.

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Erickson land swap/ re-zoning.

XII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:33pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk. Approved as submitted, January 24, 2023.