

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY DECEMBER 27, 2022
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, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne
Public Present:
Called to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*: Chair G. Carlson mentioned that there is \$900,000 in the Appropriations Bill for funding repairs to County Hwy H past Big Bay Town Park.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Michael Kuchta.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock

1. Hire Two Non-CDL Temp Drivers: Motion to hire Karen Thomas and Paul Wilharm as Temporary Drivers and Equipment Operators at \$17.00/ hour from 1/1/23 to 12/31/23 not to exceed 200 hours, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks: Nothing at this time.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Public Hearing for the Erickson Property on Big Bay Rd on 1/4/22 following the Town Plan Commission meeting.

B. Committee Minutes: Supervisor J. Carlson discussed making sure Administrator Kuchta isn't doing too much work for the committees, he is just a liaison.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve the report dated 12/19/22, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Budget Amendment #2022-04: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. 2023 Compensation Resolution #2022-1227: Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Lease Agreement between the Town of La Pointe and the La Pointe Community Clinic for the Health Center: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. 2022-2023 Winter Transportation Agreement Between the Town of La Pointe, Windsled Transportation Inc and Madeline Island Transportation LLC: Motion to approve the renewal letter and the agreement, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$93,161.34, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims for November 2022 in the amount of \$259,547.14, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the report dated 12/13/22 showing a total of \$2,510,244.07 and a total available checking of \$609,874.90, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting December 13, 2022: A Clerk's note added to item VII. B, the total of the Fire Engine change order will be \$6,932.80 instead of \$11,560 as previously thought.

B. Special Town Board Meeting December 20, 2022

Motion to approve both sets of minutes, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, 1 Abstain (J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

A. Joint Powers Agreement Between Ashland County and the Town of La Pointe for 911 Emergency System: Motion to approve and have the Chair sign, J. Carlson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Contract with Big Water Fire Apparatus LLC, Contract will be for just one year. Motion to approve, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Ice Rescue Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of La Pointe Ice Rescue and Windsled Transportation Inc.: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Public Comment B:** None.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and potential Ashland County Levy Litigation

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, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes by roll call vote, Motion Carried. 5:28pm.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Notice of Claim to Ashland County: Motion to approve the Written Notice of Circumstances of Claim pursuant to WI Statute 893.80(1)(a) with a few working changes, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Designated Fund for Contributions to Legal Expenses: Motion to approve setting up a

designated fund for any contributions (tax deductible donations too) to the legal expenses for the claim against Ashland County, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: A Special Town Board Meeting on Thursday 12/29/22 at 3:30pm to possibly approve an engagement letter with a new law firm for litigation against Ashland County.

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:03pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted January 10, 2023. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.