

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY JANUARY 24, 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, Angela Titus, Keldi Merton, Maggie Marconi

Called to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*: None.

Motion to move agenda item V. A. to now, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Updates with the Madeline Island Museum and WI Historical Society: Museum staff and Historical Society gave an overview of both their 2022 and upcoming 2023 seasons. The new Historical Marker will be in place this spring.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta. Questions on cell tower companies, and on M. Kuchta's freelance work for the Harbor Commission.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

1. State/Municipal Agreement for Hagen Road STP-Local Project: The project is an 80/20 match, most of which will be budgeted in 2024. Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Revised Job Description for Facilities Manager: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
3. Vacation Extension Request for Evan R. Erickson: Motion to approve 11.5 hours through 2/28/2023, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Resolution #2023-0124 Erickson Land Swap & Rezoning Portion of Parcel #014-00199-0000, Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Resignation of Member: Motion to accept the resignation of William

Fennell and thank him for his service, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Appointment of Members for Terms Ending June 30, 2025: Motion to appoint David Boone and Dale Whittaker pending they meet the qualifications for service on committees, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Energy Committee

1. muGrid Analytics Application to US Department of Energy: Motion to approve (to be possibly listed as a pilot site for a flow battery), A. Baxter/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Committee Minutes: No discussion

V. Town Hall Administration

B. Quote with Bluum Technology for Town Hall AV System: Motion to accept the quote, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Unused Contributions to Designated Fund for Legal Expenses: If money is not spent, a proportional amount can be refunded.

D. Reschedule First Regular Town Board Meeting in February: Motion to have the meeting on Thursday February 16, 2023 at 5:00pm, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Schedule a Special Town Meeting to establish the hourly wage to pay an elected town officer for serving as a town employee pursuant to Statute 60.37(4)(b)(1): Clerk Montagne was hired as the part time librarian; the townspeople need to set the hourly wage. Motion to schedule the Special Town Meeting Friday February 10, 2023 at 4:15pm, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$66,999.00, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve December 2022 Alternative Claims in the amount of \$235,411.19, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary report showing a total of \$3,603,773.50 and an available total checking of \$1,849,173.37, A. Baxter/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting January 10, 2023: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move item X. until after item XI., A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Public Comment B:** the light in Town Hall has a mind of its own.

Motion to go into closed session for items X. and XII., S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes by roll call vote, Motion Carried. 5:36pm.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:05pm.

X. Emergency Services

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of considering strategy for crime detection or prevention, in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(d). 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.

A. Police Department

1. Potential Budget Amendment
2. Police Scheduling

Motion to provide 24/7 local police coverage through the year (previous decision was for 24/7 local coverage to end 2/1/23)(the amount of cash roll over from 2022 to 2023 was higher than estimated at budget time so there is money to cover the costs), S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 3 Ayes (A. Baxter, S. Brenna, G. Carlson), 2 Nays (M. Anderson, J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

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.

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and potential Ashland County Levy Litigation: Motion to file the petition for a declaratory ruling, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Notice of Circumstances of Claim pursuant to WI Statute 893.80(1d)(a) against Ashland County: No current updates

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Discuss M. Kuchta's freelance work for the Harbor Commission

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:11pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted February 16, 2023. M. Montagne, Town Clerk