

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2023
5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson (arrived via telephone at 5:18pm), Supervisor Michael Anderson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor John Carlson

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Samantha Dobson

Called to Order: 5:00pm

Motion to have John Carlson chair the meeting in the absence of Glenn Carlson, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 3 Ayes, 1 Abstain (J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

I. Public Comment A*: Sam Dobson commented *in support of the Town Board and their choices* on the Law Enforcement and Ashland County Claim

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 January 2023 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor
 - 1. Job Posting for Non-CDL Temp Driver position: Motion to approve the posting as one of the current drivers resigned, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Parks

Motion to move agenda item III. C. 1 to after item IX, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

- A. Planning and Zoning

1. Service Contract with Lange Enterprises for Fire Numbers: Motion to approve the contract, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Certified Survey Map: Town of La Pointe/ E. Erickson. Lots 2, 3, and 4 of Ashland County Certified Survey Map No. 614. Volume 4 on pages 75-77 as Document No. 327334 and Other Lands Located in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ all in Section 30, T 50 N, R. 3 W.: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Winter Transportation Agreement

1. 2022-2023 Winter Transportation Cooperative Agreement Between the Town of La Pointe and the Madeline Island Ferry Line: Motion to approve and have the Town Chair sign, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. 2022-2023 Winter Transportation Cooperative Agreement Between the Town of La Pointe and the School District of Bayfield: Motion to approve and have the Town Chair sign, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.
3. Appoint Member to Term Ending 9/9/2025: Motion to appoint Ellen Troeltzsch to the Citizen At Large position, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Energy Committee

1. Appoint Members to Committee for Terms Ending 8/23/2024: Motion to appoint Scott Hayman and Lilah Geurtin to the committee, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Library Board

1. Resignation of Member: Motion to accept the resignation of Micaela Montagne from the Library Board effective 1/24/2023, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Grant Updates: In Town Administrator's Report

Glenn Carlson joined the meeting at 5:18pm.

- B. Request for Group Insurance Amendment for Short-Term Disability (The Standard): This will increase coverage for qualifying employees. Motion to approve effective 3/1/2023, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- C. Resolution for Inclusion Under Group Life Insurance (ETF): Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- D. Employer Resolution to Pay Entire Premium (ETF): Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$1,313,109.56, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting January 24, 2023: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance

1. Billing Contract with Cvikota EMS: Motion to postpone, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Public Comment B:** None.

III. Public Works

C. Airport

1. Schedule Public Hearing for Petition to Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid: Motion to schedule the public hearing for March 14, 2023 at 4:30pm before the Regular Town Board Meeting, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and potential Ashland County Levy Litigation: If attorneys for the Town and County can agree on the facts then the DOR will use that, if not, there will be a hearing on April 14, 2023.

B. Claim against Ashland County pursuant to WI Statute 893.80(1d)(a): Motion to postpone, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: M. Kuchta doing freelance work for the Harbor Commission, MRF hours of operation, postponed items.

XII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:31pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as amended (addition of Motion to have JC chair the meeting and S. Dobson's support in item 1.) February 28, 2023. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.