

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY MARCH 14, 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: Tori Moore

Called to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*: None.

II. Open Bids/ Proposals

- A. Proposals for Hagen Road Engineering Services: Eight proposals received from: Accurate Group Inc from Lincolnshire, IL; Becher-Hoppe from Wausau, WI; CBS Squared Inc from Chippewa Falls, WI; Coleman Engineering Company from Ironwood, MI; Cooper Engineering from Rice Lake, WI; Gremmer from Stevens Point, WI; Quest Civil Engineers LLC from Wisconsin Rapids, WI; and SEH (Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc) from Rice Lake, WI. A committee (discussed later in meeting) will review and assess/ rank qualifications, then the State will evaluate and negotiate costs.

III. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: prepared by Michael Kuchta
B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Ben Schram, seasonal road weight restrictions begin 3/20/23
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 February 2023 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

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

V. Committees

- A. Planning and Zoning
1. Use of Town land beyond outfield fence at Rec Center for dog park: Tori

Moore provided an overview of the proposal to use the outside of the ballfield fence as a dog park. It will be fenced in with separate areas for large dogs and small dogs. No additional insurance would be needed from the town and no town/ tax payer dollars would be spent on the project, there are fundraising plans. Consensus to continue to have the Town Plan commission pursue this topic, which may need a CUP etc. *as there is no objection with the location.*

Motion to return to the agenda as posted, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

1. Bid Notice for Dust Abatement: Motion to approve with a change in due date to reflect a Class II notice, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Post for Temporary Driver/Operator with CDL: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
3. Selection Committee for Hagen Road Proposals: Motion to give Michael Kuchta authority to designate himself and at least three others to the committee (most likely Ben Schram, another member of the Roads Crew, and someone from Ashland County highway dept), M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks

1. Job Postings for: Parks #1, Parks #2, Camp Host #1, Camp Host #2, and Campground Assistant: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Greenwood Cemetery

1. Contract with Kathleen Erickson for Cemetery Mowing: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report, January: Motion to approve, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Town Employees as EMTs Policy Discussion: things look good.

C. Regular Town Board Meeting Start Time: Motion to have the Regular Town Board Meetings return to the 5:30 start time, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Contract with North Country Assessment Services for Revaluation: Motion to approve the contract which is for the regular services through 2027 as well as a revaluation in 2024, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Schedule Open Book and Board of Review: Motion to have Open Book on May 30, 2023 from 3-5pm and Board of Review on June 6, 2023 from 4-6pm, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Revised Employer Resolution to Pay Premium- ETF/ Life Insurance: Error in previous

resolution approved. Motion to approve, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Accounting Administrator Job Description and Job Posting: Motion to approve both the job description and the posting, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$55,564.34, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: None, Motion to postpone, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting February 28, 2023: Motion to approve as submitted, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance

1. Contract with Cvikota Medical Billing for Ambulance Billing: Not ready yet, Motion to postpone, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Public Comment B:** Town Board thanked the road crew for all their great work.

XII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Temporary Class "B" License

1. Madeline Island Marathon Inc, May 20, 2023 at Joni's Beach: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Operator's License

1. Alyssa Larsen: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and potential Ashland County Levy Litigation: Nothing at this time.

B. Claim against Ashland County pursuant to WI Statute 893.80(1d)(a): Nothing at this time.

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Zoning report, Treasurer's report, EMS contract, Harbor Commission Designated Fund.

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:52pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as amended (addition in item V. A. 1.) March 28, 2023. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.