

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2023
5:30 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, Charley Brummer, Elizabeth Ellis

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: John Carlson thanked voters for voting for him the last 8 years. Glenn Carlson thanked John Carlson for his service as a Town Board member (this is John's last regular Town Board meeting).

II. Open Bids: Dust Abatement: One bid received from Chemical Industries Inc for a total of \$31,980 plus \$746 ferry.

III. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: prepared by Michael Kuchta: \$1500 in donations have been received for the legal fund. Discussion on some gutter issues at the Emergency services Building.

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 March 2023 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

IV. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

B. Parks

1. Hire Camp Host #1: Motion to hire Rand Moore at \$17.25/ hour from 5/19/23 to 10/9/23, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Hire Campground Assistant: Motion to hire Fern Langenberger at \$14.24/ hour from 5/19/23 to 10/9/23, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Hire Parks #1: Motion to hire Evans Mealman at \$20.50/ hour from 5/15/23 to

9/22/23, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. Hire MRF Transportation Specialist: Motion to hire Michael Haben at \$28/hour starting 4/12/23 with a maximum of 30 hrs/week, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Airport

1. Schedule Public Hearing for Petition to Secretary of Transportation for Airport Improvement Aid: The last public hearing did not have the required amount of posting time. Motion to have the public hearing on April 25, 2023 at 5:00pm, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Appoint Two Members to the Town Plan Commission for Terms Ending 4/30/26: Motion to ratify the appointment Jim Peters and Paul Wilharm by Glenn Carlson, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Two Resignations from the Town Plan Commission: Motion to accept the resignation of both Samantha Dobson and Mike Starck and thank them for their service (sign-up sheets will be posted), S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
3. Certified Survey Map, David Ehlen. Lot 1 of CSM No. 652 recorded in volume 4 of CSM on pages 185-187 as document No. 336862 and all other lands located in government lot 2 of section 20, T50 N. R. 3 W: Motion to approve as recommended by the TPC, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Town Hall Administration

- A. 2022 Annual Financial Report: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Personal Property Tax on Short Term Rentals: The Town cannot eliminate the tax, so it stays. The Town Board is hoping that the Treasurer and the Zoning Administrator can work to collect on all short-term rentals.
- C. Resolution #2023-0411: Amending the 2023 Fee Schedule Resolution 2022-1213: Motion to approve (changes include airport nightly tie down fees and impound hauling fee), M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$51,771.34, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Minutes

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

IX. Emergency Services: Nothing.

X. Public Comment B:** None.

XI. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Temporary "Class B" License

1. Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve May 27, 2023, at Madeline Island School of the Arts: Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

- A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and potential Ashland County Levy Litigation: Hearing on April 14, 2023.
- B. Claim against Ashland County pursuant to WI Statute 893.80(1d)(a): no updates
- C. Writ of Mandamus: no updates

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: dust abatement contract, airport resolutions, possible special event permit for Chef's Expo, hiring rest of summer staff, TPC appointments.

Another thank you to John Carlson for his time served as Town Board Supervisor.

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 corrected (minor typos in call to order time and items V. A. 1 & 2.) April 25, 2023.

M. Montagne, Town Clerk.