

TOWN OF LA POINTE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, April 18, 2023
At 5:00 PM at Town Hall
Minutes

34 Townspeople present as indicated on the sign-up sheet

I. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Glenn Carlson at 5:00pm. Glenn thanked John Carlson and Carol Neubauer for their service and welcomed Samantha Dobson to the Town Board and Peter Ross as Treasurer.

II. 2022 Financial Report: Motion by Mike Anderson to approve the report, second by Aimée Baxter, All Ayes, Motion Carried.

III. Minutes

- A. Annual Town Meeting April 19, 2022
- B. Special Town Meeting December 5, 2022
- C. Special Town Meeting February 10, 2023

Motion by Aimée Baxter to approve all three minutes, Second by Mike Anderson, All Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Updates on Claim Against Ashland County: Background and information presented by Town Administrator Michael Kuchta. There is a petition with the Department of Revenue on if the tax levy can be transferred from the County to the Town to cover the difference not reimbursed by the county in 2023. There is a claim (financial and constitutional) against Ashland County as well, if the county denies the claim, the Town can sue the County for \$363,000 for the proportion La Pointe pays to the County for sheriff's patrol that we do not receive service for.

V. Harbor Commission/ Purchase of Madeline Island Ferry Line Updates: Harbor Commission President Michael Childers presented updates. The commission is waiting to hear about an \$11million grant application with the Department of Transportation, there is also possible funding through the State for start up costs. The commission wants no debt to the taxpayers for this endeavor. More information on funding, loans, operations, etc. will come by the end of June.

VI. Topics from the People:

Clerk Montagne read a letter from Jim Peters requesting a sidewalk on the corner of Main Street and Big Bay Road as well as a handicap walkway at the Rec Center.

John Carlson questioned when the new AV equipment will be installed in the Town Hall meeting room (waiting for new electrical).

Cindy Dalzell brought up a wage increase for the Town Board members and the Town Chair. Some Discussion. Motion by Michael Collins to increase the Town Board and Town Chair wages by 20%, Second by Debbie Knopf, 32 Ayes, 2 Nays, Motion Carried. Note: wages for elected

officials cannot go into effect until the next term, so the seats held by Mike Anderson and Sue Brenna will receive a raise in April 2024, and the Chair and the seats held by Aimee Baxter and Samantha Dobson will be effective April 2025.

Discussion on North Shore Road, whether to pave.

Rec Center bathrooms are complete and will be open when the weather allows. The community space room is smaller than in the past, but still available for use with a rental permit.

The Town Plan Commission is looking into a proposal for a dog park on the back side of the ball field fence.

VII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by J. Carlson, second by Michael Collins, All Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:40pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.