

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 9, 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 Samantha Dobson

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Public Works Director Ben Schram, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne

Public Present: Katie Sanders, John Carlson, Jim Peters, Mark Pass, Paul Brummer

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: Glenn Carlson mentioned that there was a phrase in the 2023 budget book on getting the accommodations tax formula changed with the state, however, the current Board *indicated that they had and have* ~~has~~ no intention of *pursuing this idea* ~~doing this~~.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: prepared by Michael Kuchta: Discussion on the Fire Department not receiving the 2% dues due to an audit fail, electricians will be working in the meeting room to update electrical for the new AV equipment, and still looking into ways to people to pay via an app at the airport.
- B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Ben Schram: Public restrooms on Whitefish Street and Rec Center are open, Joni's Beach will be open by 5/13/23.
- 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: Still looking for a new Accounting Administrator!
- 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 April 2023 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor
 - 1. Le Sueur and Bell Street Full Road Closure for Chef's Expo 6/15/2023: The Chamber of Commerce no longer needs this request, no action.
- B. Parks
 - 1. Big Bay Town Park Accessibility Feasibility Study: Discussion on taking more time to look this over and decide which option to focus on for grants/ funding etc at the next meeting.

C. Greenwood Cemetery

1. Request for Proposals for Chapel Cleaning: Motion to approve (costs will be covered by the Michael's Fund), S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Resignation of Member: Motion to accept the resignation of Dale Whittaker, M. Anderson/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Appoint New Member: Motion to post a sign-up sheet for the opening, as well as the alternate members which are both vacant, M. Anderson/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Market Analysis for Workforce Housing Needs Assessment
2. Request for Proposals for a Developer: the committee would like to have a developer focus on parcel 014-00199-0000 (Rice Street and Big Bay Rd) to find out what could work there, how many units, etc. Motion to approve drafting a request for proposals, the Town Board will approve the draft, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
3. Make Town-owned Land Available for Proposal Purposes: see above.
4. Consider Zoning Modifications: for Town Plan Commission first.

D. Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee

1. Request for Extension until September 30, 2023: Motion to approve (with gratitude and encouragement!), M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

- A. Discussion: Letter from Sanitary District Regarding the RV Dump Station: Glenn Carlson, Michael Kuchta to discuss with the sanitary Board and Superintendent to get a better understanding. No action.
- B. Attachment 'A' to 2023 Compensation Resolution #2022-1227: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- C. Request for Proposals for an HVAC Service Provider: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$ \$285,746.08, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. *[Clerk's Note: A voucher to the WI Police Chief's Association in the amount of \$275 was paid via credit card and is thus voided. Voucher total is \$285,471.08]*

VII. Minutes

- A. Public Hearing April 25, 2023
- B. Regular Town Board Meeting April 25, 2023: Add public present.

Motion to approve both minutes (with the correction), S. Brenna/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Permission to Decommission and Sell Ford Explorer Squad: Motion to approve (other departments get first choice if they want the vehicle, if not, it will go on WI Surplus for auction), A. Baxter/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Public Comment B:** John Carlson commented that the housing report compared the Island to Ashland and Bayfield instead of other islands. He also stated that they missed some of the businesses in their list.

Paul Brummer commented on housing and not throwing away the zoning ordinance.

Katie Sanders as Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee thanked the Board for their time and support.

X. 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 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 Regarding Ashland County

B. Claim against Ashland County pursuant to WI Statute 893.80(1d)(a)

C. Possible Lawsuit Against Ashland County

Briefs are done, now just waiting until July for more information, findings, and next steps.

XI. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Administrator M. Kuchta's annual performance evaluation, Board of Review Alternates Resolution.

Brief mention of the St. John's pastoral candidate community event on May 20th.

XII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:18pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as amended (changed language in item 1.), May 23, 2023. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.