

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
MAY 23, 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: John Carlson, Marilyn Hartig, Paul Brummer, John Nielsen

Called to Order: 5:30pm

I. Public Comment A*: The possible increase in shared revenue legislation is no longer moving forward. Glenn Carlson commented he testified in Madison in support of Bad River against Enbridge for their pipeline being too close to the eroding river.

II. Open Bids/ Requests for Proposals

- A. RFP 23-01: HVAC Contractor: One received from Superior Plumbing & Mechanical. Basic hourly rate of \$125/hr, emergency rate of \$155/hr, a trip charge of \$125 includes ferry.
- B. RFP 23-02: Chapel Cleaning: One received from Barany Cleaning for \$55/hr.

III. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta. Discussion the ~~the~~ ADA curb and walkway at the Rec Center will be done in house. The AV system for the meeting room will be installed on May 25th. And QR code for airport looks good. Report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

IV. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

- 1. Extension of Vacation Hours for Public Works Director Ben Schram: Motion to approve 33 unused hours until 5/2/2024, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- 2. Request for Proposals: Sidewalk Installation: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Will also ask for a quote on what the cost would be for the completion to Whitefish Street just to see.
- 3. Hagen Road Design Engineering Contract with Cooper Engineering Company: Came in under budget. Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks

- 1. Big Bay Town Park Accessibility Feasibility Study: Consensus to look for funding using option one with a nice bridge (total of \$1,815,275).

C. Airport

1. Industrial Zone Lot Lease 10-year Renewal: Lot 8, Evan & Kathleen Erickson: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Application for a Conditional Use Permit for a Dog Park on Town property (Parcel 014-04670-200), and Possibly Waive Fee: Motion to apply for the CUP and waive the fee, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Lease with Operators of a Dog Park on Town Property: Motion to authorize Michael Kuchta to discuss a lease with the folks creating the organization, S. Brenna/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Appoint New Member for Term Ending 6/30/2025: Chair G. Carlson appoints David Ehlen. Motion to ratify the appointment of David Ehlen, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Winter Transportation Committee

1. Appointments of Bayfield School District Representatives to Winter Transportation Committee: Motion to appoint Joel Shilman and Randi Johnson, S. Brenna/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Public Arts Committee

1. Temporary Art on Pavement of Michael Cadotte Road and on Town Sidewalks: Discussion on what types of art and timeline. Motion to postpone until the next meeting for more information, S. Brenna/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Committee Minutes: G. Carlson commented on the Library Board Director and Library Board discussing the possible purchase and use of the Bell Street Tavern as a Community Center etc. prior to the Town Board discussing it.

VI. Town Hall Administration

- A. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve with a thank you to those who have donated to the legal fund, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Resolution #2023-0523 to Appoint Agent for Department of Employee Trust Funds: Motion to approve appointing Jamie Murray as the agent, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- C. Resolution #2023-0523A Appoint Alternates for Board of Review: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- D. Special Event Permit, Apostle Island Inline Marathon/ Half-Marathon 6/17/23: Motion to approve for 2023, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Discussion on having a conversation prior to approving next year's event as the Town Board may not be interested in supporting an entity that doesn't support the Town well.
- E. Request for Proposals: Septic Waste Removal: Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. First Read: Amend Ordinance 192 (Animals) to Allow Dogs Off-leash Within Confines of Dog Park: fine.

G. Extension of Vacation Hours for Accounting Administrator Barb Nelson: Motion to approve 284 hours until Barb retires or 6/30/2024 whichever comes first, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$64,719.88, M. Anderson/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve alternative Claims for April 2023 in the amount of \$138,363.22, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the report showing a total of \$2,746,616.97 and a total available in checking of \$573,931.41, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting May 9, 2023: Motion to approve as amended (adding language to item I., G. Carlson's comment that the TB indicated that they have not and do not have any intention of pursuing the idea of changing the accommodations tax formula, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Emergency Services: nothing.

XII. Public Comment B:** John Carlson thanked the Board for reconsidering the inline marathon for 2024. He also commented on the dock issue as well as fire hall issues and brought up having a liaison from the TB on the Housing Committee. Paul Brummer commented on the high cleaning proposal for the Chapel, wondering if the parks department can do the work instead.

XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Regarding Ashland County: Still waiting on answers/ results from the hearing.

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

C. Possible Lawsuit Against Ashland County

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Public Art, airport fee schedule, updates on fire hall and dock issues, contract for HVAC.

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:19pm.

Submitted by M. Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as corrected (one typo in item III) June 13, 2023. M. Montagne, Town Clerk.