

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 22, 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 Samantha Dobson

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

Public Present: Alex Smith, Mike Starck, John Carlson

Called to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*: Mike Starck submitted a public comment to be read at public comment B, he also stated he would like to be included in the closed session regarding the Ashland County legal items.

John Carlson commented on getting information from the August 16 Town Plan Commission Q & A regarding short term rentals.

II. Open Requests for Qualifications: Housing Development: None received.

III. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Report prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta. Discussion on the BOA making the final decisions on airport projects. Report placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

IV. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor: None.

B. Parks: None.

V. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: nothing.

B. Winter Transportation Committee

1. Resignation of Member: Motion to accept the resignation of Gary Russell and thank him for his service, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Energy Committee

1. Resignation of Member: Motion to accept the resignation of Larry Bean and thank him for his service, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Appoint Members for Term Ending 8/23/2026: Motion to appoint Robin Trinko Russell and Tom Kromroy (to fill the term ending 2025), S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Appoint Members for Terms Ending 8/31/2025: Motion to appoint Charley Bertel, Jim Peters and Katie Sanders, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Library Board

1. Resignation of Member: Motion to accept the resignation of Jane Vogt and thank her for her service, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Appoint Member for Term Ending 6/30/2024: Motion to appoint Beth Paap, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
3. Appoint Member for Term Ending 6/30/2026: Motion to appoint Kerrey Andreas, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Committee Minutes: no discussion.

VI. Town Hall Administration

- A. Budget Summary Report: Motion to approve the report dated 8/19/23, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Resolution 2023-0822: Documents Available to Public/ Public Records Guidance: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- C. Special Event Permit: Madeline Island Marathon May 18, 2024: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- D. Generator Maintenance Agreement with Total Energy Systems: Motion to amend the draft agreement to be a two-year contract, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Motion to approve the amended contract for all generators the Town has, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- E. Appoint New Town Clerk to Fill Elected Term Ending April 15, 2025: Motion to appoint Alexandra Smith starting September 1, 2023, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move agenda item until after XIV. C., S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$24,288.20, M. Anderson/ S. Dobson

VIII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve Alternative Claims for July 2023 in the amount of \$180,272.53, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the Treasurer's Cash Summary Report showing a total of \$1,686,137 and a total available checking of \$709,702.72, A. Baxter/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting August 8, 2023: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. *[Clerk's note: correction in item II. A, total should read \$383,140,100].*

XI. Emergency Services: Nothing at this time.

XII. Public Comment B:** A. Baxter read Mike Starck's public comment regarding a meeting between Ashland County and the Town to try to negotiate as the 2024 budgets are being worked on.

XIII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Temporary Class "B"/ "Class B" License

1. Madeline Island Fire Department, August 26, 2023 at the Emergency Services Building and Waive Fee: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Draft Ordinance: Designating Municipal Official to Issue Operator's Licenses:

Consensus to continue with the process of having the Town Clerk issue Operator's licenses without Town Board approval. Will be on a future agenda.

Motion to go into closed session to discuss legal issues as well as the Town Administrator Evaluation, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes by roll call vote, Motion Carried. 5:31pm.
Return to open session.

XIV. 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: Motion to pursue an appeal of the Department of Revenue's judgement (and continue negotiations with Ashland County), S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

C. Possible Lawsuit Against Ashland County

VI. Town Hall Administration

F. Town Administrator Annual Performance Evaluation

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1) (c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. If the Town goes into closed session, it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

No action.

XV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: A Special Town Board meeting on 8/29/23 to discuss Law Enforcement scheduling as well as the Town Administrator Evaluation.

XVI. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, former Town Clerk 😊.

Approved as submitted 9/12/23. A. Smith, Town Clerk