

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 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, Previous Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne, Appointed Town Clerk Alex Smith, Accounting Lauren Burtaux

Public Present: Evan Erickson, Michael Childers, Pete Ross, Michael Stark, Michael Collins, Zach Montagne, Steve Ross, Paul Brummer, Historical Society Members (via Zoom); Angela Titus, Keldi Merton, Maggie Marconi, Nick Hoffman

Called to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

II. Presentation by Wisconsin Historical Society: A overview of their year and what is to come in their future. Discussed the removal of the stockade that was taken down from Madeline Island Museum on 9/11/23.

Request to move agenda item V.C. to present: S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Motion to go into closed session to discuss Ferry Line and Letter of Intent. S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes by roll call vote. Motion Carried. 5:17pm.

V. Committees

C. Harbor Commission

1. Update on Ferry Line Negotiations
2. Letter of Intent to Purchase Madeline Island Ferry Line

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of "Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session." If the Town goes into closed session, it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

Return to open session. M. Anderson/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:53pm.

Approve President of Harbor Commission to sign Letter of Intent to Purchase Madeline Island Ferry Line. \$17,321,000.00 A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

III. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: prepared by Michael Kuchta.
- 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~~ Lauren Burtaux
- G. Police Chief's Report: prepared by William Defoe: Town Board requests Ashland County responses in report.
- H. Fire Chief's Report: None.
- I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Cindy Dalzell

Reports for August 2023 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

IV. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor: None

B. Parks

1. Extend end date of Parks #1/Evans Mealman: Motion to extend to 10/31/23
M. Anderson/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Extend end date of Camp Host #1/Rand Moore: Motion to extend to 12/31/23
M. Anderson/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Request For Bids for Fire Number Signs: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Regional Housing Coalition Charter: Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Appoint Member for Term Ending 8/31/2025: Motion to ~~appoint~~ re-appoint Rachel Rosen. A. Baxter/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Town Hall Administration

A. Propane Contract Extension with Midland Services: Discussion to allow local vendors a chance to bid. Motion to postpone to Special Town Board Meeting 9/19/23, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Town Administrator Merit Pay Raise: Motion to approve a 5% merit pay raise retroactive 6/1/23, M. Anderson/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Vouchers: Motion to approve all, \$44,124.48. M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting August 22, 2023: Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried

B. Special Town Board Meeting August 29, 2023: Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried

IX. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Police Scheduling: No change or update.

B. Contract with Berghammer Builders for Emergency Services Building roofing materials: Motion to approve contract, not to exceed \$18,325. A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Public Comment B:** Paul Brummer made a comment on the price of purchasing Madeline Island Ferry Line.

XI. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Temporary Class "B" License

1. Madeline Island Historical Preservation Association 9/16/23 at Harry Nelson Recreation Center: Motion to approve, A. Baxter/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Regarding Ashland County: No change or update.

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

C. Possible Lawsuit Against Ashland County

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings: Opening fire number signs for bids. A Special Town Board Meeting on 9/19/23 at 5:00pm to discuss propane bids.

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

Submitted by Alex Smith, Town Clerk

Approved with changes: name switch Barb Nelson to Lauren Burtaux & change appoint to reappoint Rachel Rosen 9/26/23 A. Smith Town Clerk