

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
October 10th, 2023
5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Michael Anderson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Samantha Dobson, Supervisor Sue Brenna (via zoom)

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Public Works Director Ben Schram, Town Clerk Alex Smith

Public Present: Paul Brummer

Call to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*: Paul Brummer stated his opposition to the creation of a mixed-use zone or expansion of the C-1 zone on Middle Rd. (Page 61 of the Comp Plan)

II. Open Bids – Fire Number Sign Bids: 2 Fire Number Signs were opened, Lange Enterprises & Decker Supply. No action was taken at this time.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator’s Report: prepared and presented by Michael Kuchta.

B. Public Works Director’s Report: prepared and presented by Ben Schram.

C. MRF Supervisor’s Report: No report.

D. Airport Manager’s Report & Checklist: prepared by Paul Wilham.

E. Planning and Zoning Administrator’s Report: prepared by Ed Schaffer.

F. Accounting Report: prepared by Lauren Burtaux.

G. Police Chief’s Report: prepared by William Defoe.

H. Fire Chief’s Report: No report.

I. Ambulance Director’s Report: prepared by Cindy Dalzell.

All reports placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor: Nothing at this time.

B. Parks: Nothing at this time.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Comprehensive Plan: Maps planned to be done by the end of year. No action.

B. Winter Transportation Committee

1. Appoint Ferry Line Representative: Motion to appoint Zach Montagne,
M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Comprehensive Plan Committee

1. Amended Contract with Regional Planning Commission: Motion to approve, A.
Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Resignation of Treasurer effective October 31, 2023: Motion to approve, M.

Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Appoint/Hire interim Treasurer: Motion to appoint Carol Neubauer, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Treasurer Job Posting: Motion to approve, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Library Levy Exemption Resolution 2023-1010: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$41,359.69, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting September 26th, 2023: Motion to approve, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Police scheduling

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85(1)(d) for the purpose of “considering strategy for crime detection or prevention.” If the Town Board goes into closed session, it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

Motion to go into closed session as posted to discuss police scheduling, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:30pm

Motion to return to open session, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:47pm

IX. Public Comment B:** No Public Comment.

X. Liquor & Operators’ Licenses: None at this time.

XI. 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 to 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

Motion to go into closed session to discuss the legal issues, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes. Motion Carried. 5:49pm

Motion to return to open session, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:52pm

Motion to pursue claim against Ashland County, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

~~Approval of LRIP.~~

Schedule Comp Plan workshop.

Fire Bids selection, ~~discussion, and approval.~~

Change in Agent of liquor license for the Pub.

~~Reaffirm~~ charter for Affordable Housing *Advisory* Committee.

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:57pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved 10/24 with a change to Public Comment A & changes to New Agenda items.