

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2024 Budget Workshop
Wednesday, October 18th, 2023
4:45pm at the Town Hall
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Samantha Dobson, Supervisor Mike Anderson

Staff Present: MRF Supervisor Martin Curry, Public Works Director Ben Schram, Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Treasurer Pete Ross, Airport Manager Paul Wilharm, Internal Accounting Coordinator Lauren Burtaux, Cemetery Sextons Charley & Paul Brummer

Public Present: Dave Donkers, Michael Collins

1. Call to order: at 4:45pm
2. Public Comment A*: None.
3. Liquor & Operator Licenses
 - A. Temporary Class "B" License
 - Madeline Island Trails October 21st for Fall Fest:
Motion to approve, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Public Works

Roads: Ben Schram prepared and discussed the budget requests for 2024. The roads department will be focusing on the continued culvert replacement, ditching, & the new pavement of Hagen Rd with the hopes of keeping up with the improvement of the gravel road network by adding new material. A substantial amount of money is needed for a gravel designated fund. It is possible to continue to use what we have but the supply is running low, creating an interest in a long-term supply of premixed gravel that can be used in the future. In dire need of a "new" used pickup truck to replace the 2008 Ford and 1989 pickups.

Parks: Ben Schram prepared and discussed the budget requests for 2024. The parks department is running smoothly. BBTP requires repair of the boardwalk. Ben also anticipates two new hires to the crew.

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF): Martin Curry prepared and discussed the budget requests for 2024. He would like to hire a part-time employee to help with the extra work, especially during the busy season. The MRF is always in need of more storage. It has been requested that the bunker pavement slab on

the site be finished for additional storage, creating more efficient work and space.

Airport: Paul Wilharm prepared and discussed the budget requests for 2024.

Research is being put in to add electric pedestals & possibly removing the swing gate at the east entrance due to the influx in traffic. There are plans for terminal remodeling with a BOA consultant in the future.

Dock: Possibly a small change in budget but nothing significant.

Cemetery: There are no big changes to the budget. The Town Board would like to change the fund name of Cemetery Fund to Chapel Fund.

B. Harbor Commission: Pete Ross prepared and discussed the budget requests for 2024. The Harbor Commission is working hard on the sale of MIFL & they believe this is a good decision with the hopes of keeping it as revenue neutral as possible. The budget given is their best estimate at the time but there are still some unknowns.

5. Public Comment B* Dave Donkers expressed his concerns and frustration for the airport and the funds being given. There has been no acknowledgement for the things he has done and the actions towards the airport are being neglected.

6. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:45pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted, 10/24.