

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2024 Budget Workshop
Thursday, October 19th, 2023
4:45 pm 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: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Internal Accounting Coordinator Lauren Burtaux, Fire Chief Rick Reichkitzer, *Assistant Fire Chief Jay Wiltz*,

Ambulance Director Cindy Dalzell, Library Director Lauren Schuppe, Police Chief William Defoe

Public Present: Molly Sullivan, ~~Jay Wiltz~~

1. Call to order: at 4:45pm
2. Public Comment A* None.
3. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Police: William Defoe prepared and discussed the budget requests for 2024. Staffing has been the biggest concern. Hopefully in 2024, 24/7 coverage 365 days a year will be possible with being able to have extra officers on duty during the 4th of July, due to the high traffic. The department is also looking to replace their outdated laptops. The Police Department would also like a bigger training budget, so employees are given the best training at a better pace, training has been taking longer than it should. The police department have also requested an 8x8 storage shed on the firing range but also consider this somewhat of a luxury at this point.

B. Ambulance: Cindy Dalzell prepared and discussed the budget requests for 2024. Everything continues to run smoothly within the department. A subset of the current contract will be written to allow qualified summer residents to join the team. A new ambulance is needed in the future, hopefully by 2026. This new ambulance rig would provide the EMTs with the new technology and safety features they provide. The estimate would be around 250,000. As far as EMTs are concerned, with the greater population and tourists, more EMTs will need to be hired to properly continue to efficiently serve the community. The department would like to raise all weekend pay to support the current members.

C. Fire Department: Rick Reichkitzer prepared and discussed the budget requests for 2024. Some budget requests from the Fire Department include: SCBA replacement, turnout gear replacement, a part time office employee to help manage the growing department, ongoing radio upgrades, and a watercraft. Adding a watercraft to the department would allow members to respond safely and efficiently to the scene. The Fire Department did not receive the 2% Fire Insurance Funding from last year and as of

now it is not included in the budget for 2024. The department is hoping to contact/sort things out to receive the 2024 funding.

D. Library: Lauren Schuppe prepared and discussed the budget requests for 2024. The lower roofs of the library need to be fixed with an estimate of 24,000 as well as the installation of accessible doors to the parking lot entrance. The Makerspace has been a success and will continue to advance and increase in membership. Nearly all of the library's programming is funded by grant dollars. They will continue to search and apply for grants.

E. Community Clinic: Postponed to next Wednesday's meeting.

4. Public Comment B* None.

5. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:43pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith

Approved as submitted, 10/24.