

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY October 12th, 2023
9:00 a.m. at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Mike Anderson, Michael Collins, Zach Montagne, Evan Erickson Jr., Pete Ross, Carol Neubauer, Michael Childers

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary; Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00am by M. Childers.
2. Roll Call: Members present as listed above.
3. Public Comment: None.
4. Minutes 9/28/23, 10/2/23: M. Anderson suggests a change to add “approximately” to #9 on the 9/28/23 minutes, as Glenn Carlson’s numbers were an estimate. Motion by M. Collins to approve the minutes with correction, seconded by M. Anderson, no further discussion, all in favor, Motion Carried.
5. 2024 Budget – P. Ross put together preliminary budget for 2024. Most of the numbers are estimates or spot holders. Discussion of revenues and expenses, and outstanding unknowns such as dock payments/leases and potential future funding. Z. Montagne approached the President of the Chamber of Commerce to ask if they would take on the \$10,000 payment to the Winter Transportation Committee (WTC) so that the Town is not making the payment twice. The Chamber will vote on this at their next meeting. October 18th is the Harbor Commission’s budget workshop with the Town Board at 4:45pm.
6. Public Question and Answer Discussion: Not ready to set a date yet.
7. Committees – Updates:
 - a. President: M. Childers thanks Z. Montagne for working with the Chamber to help fund the WTC.
 - b. Communications: None.
 - c. Operating Agreement: None.
 - d. Purchase Agreement: M. Childers, C. Neubauer, and Glenn Carlson (Town Chair) met with Harbor Commission’s lawyer, Tim Feldhausen, and Madeline Island Ferry Line attorney, Steve Bers, to continue conversations regarding agreements. A lot of the details were flushed out and the agreements are close to completion. Question of including a real estate inspection to the purchase agreement, however, there doesn’t appear to be a need for one unless the bank requires one.

Closed session to further discuss Item #7d Purchase Agreement: Motion by M. Anderson to go into closed session, seconded by M. Collins, roll call vote, 7 ayes, all in favor and in closed session at 9:21am. Motion by M. Anderson to return to open session, seconded by Z. Montagne, all in favor and in open session at 9:41am.

This meeting may, upon duly made motion, be convened in closed session under State Statute 19.85 (1)(e) 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 Commission goes into closed session; it will reconvene in open session before adjourning.

- e. Other: None.

- 8. Offers of Assistance: M. Childers received email from the Department of Administration with a draft contract for the Governor's budget 2024 money of \$200,000 to cover Harbor Commission start up costs. Both the Town and Harbor Commission lawyers have agreed all is good on the draft and the DOA will send over a final document for signature, set to be approved at the next Harbor Commission meeting.

- 9. Approval of Bills: Bill from Amundsen Davis for September lawyer fees of \$1,289.50. Motion by M. Anderson to approve payment of bill, seconded by Z. Montagne, no discussion, all in favor, Motion Carried.

- 10. Future Agenda Items: Action to sign contract from DOA, public question/answer.

- 11. Meeting Dates: Thursday, October 19th, at 9am.

- 12. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting by M. Anderson, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 9:47am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.
Minutes approved as presented on Thursday, October 19th, 2023, L. Burtaux.