

Town of La Pointe
Special Town Board Meeting
2024 Budget Workshop
Tuesday, November 7th, 2023
4:45 pm at the 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, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Internal Accounting Coordinator Lauren Burtaux, Police Chief William Defoe

Public Present: Mike Starck

1. Call to order: at 4:45pm

2. Public Comment A: County Supervisor Mike Starck said the county has received federal money to provide law enforcement coverage on the Bad River reservation, including the portion on Madeline Island. He also said county supervisors incorrectly believe the Town did not show up to a meeting on a potential law enforcement agreement; in reality, the county cancelled the meeting.

Motion to move to 2024 Police Scheduling and go into closed session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 4:47pm

4. 2024 Police Scheduling: Closed Session.

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 return to open session and move back to 2024 Budget Proposal Discussions, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:20pm

3. 2024 Budget Proposal Discussions: Michael Kuchta prepared and presented the 2024 budget updates. Based on the updated budgets, there is a projected 2024 budget gap of about \$634,580. The Town Board discussed the following: close the Comprehensive Steering Committee's designated fund, increase the tax levy by \$150,000 (roughly 7.5%), finance all capital expenditures, and use some of the Town's designated fund. Discussion will continue on November 9th, 2023.

5. Public Comment B: None.

6. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:49pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted 11/14/23.