

Town of La Pointe
Public Hearing:
2024 Budget
Tuesday, December 5th, 2023
5:00pm at Town Hall
Approved Minutes

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

Public Present: 24 Townspeople present total including Town Board Members

I. Call to Order: Glenn Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

II. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the 2024 proposed budget.

County supervisor Mike Stark made a comment that he received a letter from Romaine Quinn, State Senator, stating that Ashland County will see an increase of \$609,124 (74% increase) in state aid, bringing the total to \$1,435,494.

John Carlson asked about police overtime this past year and how it has affected the budget. Overtime and future costs were discussed. Next year, the budget for overtime will be less, with the addition of a third full-time officer. The proposed increase in the tax levy, in the amount of \$135,000, is initially to cover the costs of law enforcement that Ashland County is no longer providing.

Jim Peters asked about the Assessor wages and why there was such a big increase for this coming year. It was clarified that it is for the assessor's revaluation of every property on the island, that the assessor has spent this year doing.

Mary Ross stated she could not find the Polka Ball Fundraiser in the Designated Funds. Michael Kuchta confirmed that it was a spreadsheet error, the money exists, and the funds are roughly \$31,000.

The Harbor Commission/Ferry line payments were discussed per the Harbor Commission Q & A session last week.

Mike Starck made a final comment that the Town should be meeting with the county about the increase in state aid before we approve the tax levy.

III. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:16pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith

Approved with changes to John Carlson's question as requested, 12/12.