

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

January 23rd, 2024

4:45 PM AT TOWN HALL

Approved Minutes

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Deputy Clerk Dorgene Goetsch, Public Works Director Ben Schram, Town Clerk Alex Smith (via zoom)

Public Present: John Carlson, Michael Childers, Katie Sanders, Jim Peters, Paul Brummer, as well as a few zoom users

Call to Order: at 4:45pm, 4 Town Board members present, missing Samantha Dobson

I. Public Comment A*:

Paul Brummer stated his concern about changing the zoning on Middle Road to either a C-1 or mixed-use zone, he asked that Middle Road be kept as a W-2 zone.

Paul Brummer again suggested with the lack of snow, laying off town road workers in staggering terms in order to help with the budget.

Katie Sanders introduced herself as representing for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee and gave the option for Town Board to asks questions regarding the recommendation to designate 687 Middle Road as the preferred town parcel.

Motion to move to IV Committees - Harbor Commission item b: Resolution #2024-0123 Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

b. Resolution #2024-0123 Board of Commissioners of Public Land:

Michael Childers introduced and discussed the proposed resolution. Supervisor Mike Anderson read the Preamble and Resolution #2024-0123. Supervisor Aimée Baxter motioned to adopt Resolution #2024-0123 by vote. Roll Call vote to approve Resolution #2024-0123, Mike Anderson Aye, Sue Brenna Aye, Aimée Baxter Aye, Samantha Dobson absent, Glenn Carlson Aye, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Supervisor Samantha Dobson present at 4:54pm.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: prepared and discussed by Michael Kuchta.
Placed on filed by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

- A. Roads, Dock, Harbor
B. Parks
C. Airport

- a. Lease for Industrial Lot 5: Motion to approve the lease with Cedric Teisberg for Industrial Lot 5, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

a. Rental Ordinance:

The Town Board conducted a first reading of the final draft received earlier today, no action was taken at this time.

b. Comprehensive Plan and maps:

Glenn distributed some suggested language adjustments and the reorganization of some details. The Town Board would like a final draft with updated data before approving.

B. Committee Minutes: Placed on file by unanimous consent.

C. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

a. Recommendation to designate 687 Middle Road as preferred town parcel

The Town Board discussed the property in relation to the recommendation of designating 687 Middle Road as the preferred town parcel. Glenn suggested this go to the TPC for their input. Motion for Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to work with the TPC in designating town parcel A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Harbor Commission

a. Cooperative Agreement between Harbor Commission and Town of La Pointe

Motion to approve the agreement between the Harbor Commission and Town of La Pointe, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report: Postponed.

B. Winter Transportation Agreement with Windsled Transportation Inc. and Madeline Island Transportation LLC

Motion to approve the agreement with Windsled Transportation Inc. and Madeline Island Transportation LLC, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Ice Rescue MOU with Windsled Transportation Inc. and Madeline Island Transportation LLC

Motion to approve the MOU with Windsled Transportation and Madeline Island Transportation LLC, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Amend Accommodations Tax Ordinance Chapter 40-10 (First reading):

No action taken at this time.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$60,414.16, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims: Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$133,686.56, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1,597,790.93, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

a. Regular Town Board Meeting January 9th, 2024

b. Special Town Board Meeting January 11th, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes for 1/9 and 1/11 as submitted, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

XI. Public Comment B**

John Carlson stated he has put in a public records request for police overtime and budget. He also stated in regards to designating 687 Middle Road as the preferred town parcel, he hopes the Town Board will have a set plan when considering the designation of this property.

XII. Liquor Licenses

XIII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(g). After the completion of the closed session, the Board will come back into open session to act upon the discussion in the closed session or otherwise complete the business of the meeting before adjourning.

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Regarding Ashland County

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Accommodation Tax Ordinance

Rental Ordinance

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:27pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted 2/6/24.