

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

February 13th, 2024

5:00 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, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Public Works Director Ben Schram

Public Present: John Carlson, Lauren Schuppe, Jim Peters (via zoom) Michael Childers (via zoom), Mary McPhetridge (via zoom)

Call to Order: at 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*:

John Carlson suggested holding off on designating the 687 Middle Road property as the preferred parcel until a public hearing is held.

Lauren Schuppe advocated hearing from the townspeople about the 687 Middle Road property before deciding on the preferred parcel.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared and discussed by Michael Kuchta.

B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared and discussed by Ben Schram.

C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Martin Curry.

D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Prepared by Paul Wilharm.

E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Ed Schaffer.

F. Accounting Report: Prepared by Lauren Burtaux.

G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by William Defoe.

H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Rick Reichkitzer.

I. Ambulance Director's Report: No report at this time.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

1. Ice Road labor, equipment rates: Motion to postpone for the clarification of what constitutes overtime pay, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Airport

1. Authorize filing Building(s), Fixtures(s), and/or Improvements(s) Document for airport hangars: Motion to approve the Town Administrator to file, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Industrial lease for lot 4: Motion to approve the lease for lot 4 with Island Septic, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Recommendation from AHAC, TPC on Middle Road property: Motion to postpone for further discussion, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission

1. Dock lease agreement from the ferry line to the Harbor Commission: Motion to approve the dock lease agreement, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report: The Budget Summary report was received a few hours prior to the Town Board Meeting. Motion to postpone, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Special Event Permit – 16th Annual Apostle Islands Inline Marathon – June 15th, 2024 Motion to approve the special event permit for the Inline Marathon on June 15th, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Revise Town Ordinance Chapter 40-10 regarding Room Accommodation Tax: Motion to revise the Town Ordinance Chapter 40-10 as presented with an 8% rate on Room Accommodation Tax, M. Anderson, A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Fireworks MOU with Chamber of Commerce, Motion to approve the Fireworks MOU, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Porta-Potty MOU with Chamber of Commerce: Motion to approve the Porta-Potty MOU, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers: Motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$53,292.01, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

1. Special Town Board Meeting – January 16th, 2024
2. Special Town Board Meeting – February 6th, 2024
3. Special Town Board Meeting – February 8th, 2024

Motion to approve the Special Town Board minutes as submitted for Jan 16th, Feb 6th, and Feb 8th, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Authorize credit cards for officers Thom Rossberger, Karl Williams (\$800 each) Motion to authorize credit cards for Thom Rossberger and Karl Williams with a \$800 credit limit each, A. Baxter, S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Fire Department

1. Request to donate or sell surplus cascade bottles: Motion to approve the Fire Department to sell or donate surplus cascade bottles with discussion, M. Anderson/A. Baxter,

Discussion: The Town Board requested town equipment be donated if able or sold on the Wisconsin Surplus website. Motion to amend the previous motion and approve the Fire Department to either donate the cascade bottles to another department or sell using the Wisconsin Surplus website, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Ambulance

1. Modify Compensation Resolution #2023-1212D for EMT/EMR holiday pay:

Motion to modify the Compensation Resolution #2023-1212D with new language for the holiday pay, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Public Comment B**

John Carlson thanked the Town Clerk for the quick return of his public records request regarding the Police Department 2023 budget. He stated the total compensation for the Police Department was \$361,181, along with \$354,000 on the tax portion.

Lauren Schuppe passed out property maps and discussed with the Town Board about the 687 Middle Road property. She mentioned a little history of the 687 Middle Road property, the fertile land, cattle grazing, fencing, as the neighbor to this property and requested the town take this into consideration with plans for this parcel.

X. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

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

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Rafter funds

Ice Road Labor

687 Middle Road Property

Budget Summary Report

Policy for selling town equipment

Possible parts posting

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:28pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted, 3/12/24