

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

March 12th, 2024

5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL

Amended 3/11/24 at 2:00pm

Approved Minutes

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Public Works Director Ben Schram, Town Clerk Alex Smith

Public Present: Steve Lennick, Paul Brummer, Mike Starck, Michael Childers, Larry Sanders (via zoom), Molly O'Brien (via zoom)

Call to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

Paul Brummer again stated to consider laying off town road workers off in staggering terms due to the lack of snow, to save taxpayer's money.

Paul Brummer asked for a correction of his public comment from 2/27, to reflect that the letter was sent to the town and not to the Brummer family.

Paul Brummer paid tribute at the passing of Lori Hendrickson, Town Treasurer in the '80s and '90s; she will be greatly missed.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Michael Kuchta.
- B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Ben Schram.
- C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Marty 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: Prepared by Cindy Dalzell.
Department monthly reports placed on file by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor
 - 1. Intergovernmental agreement for highway department mutual aid:
Motion to sign and approve the Intergovernmental agreement with Ashland County Highway Department, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - 2. Job description for Sign Installation Laborer:
Motion to approve the job description and posting for Sign Installation Laborer

at \$18/hr not to exceed 800 hours with a start date to be determined, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Posting for Heavy Equipment Operator:

Motion to approve the posting for Heavy Equipment Operator at \$20/hr not to exceed 100 hours with a start of 3/13/24 and ending 12/31/24, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks

1. Rieman parcel:

The Town Board discussed the future of this parcel. The Town Board came to a consensus for the Town Administrator to speak with the Rieman family before decisions are made.

2. Posting for Parks #1:

Up to \$21.60/hr not to exceed 900 hours starting 5/1/24 and ending 10/12/24.

3. Posting for Parks #2:

\$18/hr not to exceed 750 hours starting 5/6/24 and ending 9/14/24.

4: Posting for Camp Host #2:

\$18/hr not to exceed 700 hours starting 5/13/24 and ending 9/12/24.

5. Posting for Campground Assistant:

\$15/hr not to exceed 600 hours starting 5/17/24 and ending 10/14/24.

Motion to approve the postings for Parks #1, Parks #2, Camp Host #2, and Campground Assistant, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

6. Authorization to file request for Congressionally Directed Spending for Big Bay Town Park accessibility project:

Motion to authorize filing a request for Congressionally Directed Spending for Big Bay Town Park accessibility project, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Airport

1. Stakeholders group for Terminal Area Master Plan:

Motion to appoint the following: Paul Wilharm, Ben Schram, Ray Hakola, Leslie Mack, and Nick Widmar to work with the SEH Inc. and the Bureau of Aeronautics for the Terminal Area Master Plan, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Comprehensive Plan (final reading, resolution to be voted on 3/26):

The Town Board discussed the final revised draft and plan to vote on March 26th.

2. Rental Ordinance (Revise Section 3.1.5, Section 5.4.1.C):

Motion to approve the revision of section 3.1.5 and the deletion of section 5.4.1.C, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission

1. Assignment and Assumption of Debt:

Motion to authorize the Assignment and Assumption of Debt from Madeline Island Ferry Line Inc. to the Harbor Commission, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Resolution #2024-0312 A: \$5,734,000 General Obligation promissory note:

Motion by Aimée Baxter to approve Resolution #2024-0132 A, seconded by Sue Brenna. Sue Brenna Aye, Mike Anderson Aye, Aimée Baxter Aye, Samantha Dobson Aye, Glenn Carlson Aye, 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

3. Discussion of Revenue Bonds: Motion to postpone Resolution #2024-0312 B: \$5,432,000 Revenue Bonds until March 26th, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Resolution #2024-0312 C: \$3,000,000 Ferry Line Service System note anticipation notes: Motion by Sue Brenna to approve Resolution #2024-0312 C, seconded by Aimée Baxter. Sue Brenna Aye, Mike Anderson Aye, Aimée Baxter Aye, Samantha Dobson Aye, Glenn Carlson Aye, 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

5. Resolution #2024-0312 E: \$600,000 Taxable note anticipation notes (line of credit): Motion by Sue Brenna to approve Resolution #2024-0312E, seconded by Aimée Baxter. Sue Brenna Aye, Mike Anderson Aye, Aimée Baxter Aye, Samantha Dobson Aye, Glenn Carlson Aye, 5 Ayes 0 Nays, Motion Carried.

6. Authorization to establish two interest-bearing accounts at Bremer Bank for debt service reserves and debt service funds:

Motion to authorize and establish two interest-bearing accounts at Bremer for debt service reserves and funds, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. Resolution #2024-0312 F: Amend Town of La Pointe 2024 Schedule of Fees to incorporate Madeline Island Ferry Line Inc. Local Tariff No. 33 and attached Parcel Delivery Rates

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-0312 F, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

8. Harbor Wireless Network Co-Location Lease Agreement with Bayfield Wireless:

Motion to approve the presented lease agreement and sign after the MIFL purchase closes, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

9. MIFL financing documents:

Motion for the Town Chair, Town Treasurer, and Town Clerk to sign the MIFL financing closing documents, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Library

1. Community Center RFP

Motion to authorize issuing an RFP for a community center feasibility study to be overseen by a committee and include the Library Director, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration: Nothing to report at this time.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe: Motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$52,162.65, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission: No vouchers presented.

VII. Treasurer's Report: Postponed

VIII. Minutes

1. Regular Town Board Meeting – February 13th, 2024:

Motion to approve the minutes from February 13th as submitted, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Regular Town Board Meeting – February 27th, 2024:

Motion to approve the minutes from February 27th with Paul Brummer’s suggested change of his public comment, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Emergency Services

A. RFP for removal of hazardous trees:

Motion to approve the RFP for the removal of hazardous trees, with the clarification of deadline for tree removal being July 1st, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Ambulance

1. Purchase order: Williams EMT training

Motion to approve the purchase order for EMT training, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Public Comment B:**

Paul Brummer commented on the location of the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve’s Annual Meeting in relation to a W-2 zone.

Ben Schram mentioned Matt from the highway department had trouble zooming into the meeting, but Ben is available to answer any question in relation to the mutual aid agreement.

XI. Liquor & Operators’ Licenses

1. Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve Annual Meeting – May 25th, 2024

Motion to approve the picnic license for MIWP’s Annual Meeting, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XII. Lawsuits & Legal Issues

The Town 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 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:

Briefs have been filed, expecting decision sometime mid-April.

XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:

UDC contract

Community Awards

Waivers for Town/MIFL garages

Comp Plan

MOU designated tourism entity

Bids for Dust Abatement

Revenue Bond Resolution

Treasurer's report

Chapel cleaning service

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:39pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved with 2 minor revisions, 3/26/24.