

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

**August 27th, 2024**

**5:00PM at Town Hall**

Approved Minutes

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

**Staff Present:** Town Clerk Alex Smith

**Public Present:** Paul Brummer, John Carlson

**Call to Order:** 5:00pm

**I. Public Comment A\***

John Carlson requested the Town Board stay in open session when discussing the La Pointe Police Survey.

Paul Brummer agreed with John about remaining in open session. He suggested the Town Board take a look at the MRF employee's use of the Town's pickup. He stated that keeping the expenses down for taxpayers must be done.

**II. Administrative Reports**

A. Town Administrator's Report: No formal report. Glenn updated on the hiring of a Town Administrator. There have been six applicants, and the application deadline is this coming Tuesday. The Town Board will discuss the next steps at the next Town Board Meeting.

**III. Public Works**

A. Public Works

1. Public Works Director job posting:

Motion to approve the Public Works Job posting with minor corrections, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Roads, Dock, Harbor

1. Purchase order from Sunny Slope failed culvert:

Motion to approve the Sunny Slope failed culvert purchase order in the amount of \$1,824.40, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Materials Recovery Facility

1. Purchase order for MRF Compacter Service:

Motion to approve the MRF Compacter Service purchase order in the amount of \$1,859.97, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Discussion: Supervisor Aimee Baxter requested the results from the inspection.

D. Airport

1. FAA Approval of Agreement for Transfer of Entitlement:

Motion to approve the Agreement for Transfer of Entitlement, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**IV. Committees**

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

B. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Appoint members:

Motion to reappoint AHAC member Mark Pass and Jane Vogt for terms ending 8/31/26, A. Baxter/ S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Budget Summary Report:

Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report as presented, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Letter of opposition for Apostle Island National Park (Resolution #24-0827):

The Town Board conducted a first reading of the proposed opposition resolution and deferred the item for the next Town Board meeting.

C. Review current vacation personnel policy:

The Town Board discussed the current vacation personnel policy with all of the recent requested vacation extensions.

Discussion: Glenn Carlson suggested setting the vacation deadline be set to the same date for all employees. Samantha Dobson asked if there would be a risk of employees all taking off at the same time if the vacation deadline date was set the same. The Town Board stated there needs to more/better communication regarding expiring vacation hours. The Department Heads should be in communication with their employees and their vacation hours and expiration.

D. Agreement with Alder Engineering for miscellaneous consulting:

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e). 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

The Town Board did not go into closed session for this item. Motion to approve the proposal for miscellaneous consulting from Alder Engineering effective as of 8/16, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VI. Vouchers**

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$23,681.89, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission

1. Harbor Designated Fund:

Motion to approve the Harbor Designated Fund vouchers in the amount of \$121.38, M, Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. MIFL Utility:

Motion to approve the MIFL Utility vouchers in the amount of \$240,033.75, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VII. Alternative Claims:**

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$236,080.08, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VIII. Treasurer’s Report:**

Motion to approve the treasurer’s report with a balance of \$460,278.93, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**IX. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes from 8/14 as submitted, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**X. Emergency Services**

A. Ambulance

1. Monthly Ambulance Report:

Motion to approve the monthly ambulance report, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Placed on file by unanimous consent.

Discussion: Samantha Dobson thanked everyone for stepping forward to help the EMS service.

B. Police Department

1. Discussion of police survey:

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(d). 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.

The Town Board did not go into closed session for this item. Glenn discussed the overall results and details. There were 660 who participated and over 250 comments. There are many comments that are accusatory, defamatory and may reveal the anonymity of participants in the survey. Glenn will be discussing with the attorney about the comment section and the best action moving forward to release the police survey comments.

Motion to release the survey results without comments, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**XI. Public Comment B\*\*:**

Mike Anderson asked Glenn about the Chamber and their support for the opposition of the National Park proposal.

**XII. Liquor & Operators’ Licenses**

A. Class “B” Picnic License

1. Madeline Island Historical Preservation “Softball Fundraiser”:

Motion to approve the Class “B” picnic license for the MIHPA, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**XIII. 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 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

B. Starck Claim Against Town of La Pointe

Motion to go into closed session, S. Benna/S. Dobson, Roll Call Mike Anderson present, Sue Brenna present, Aimee Baxter present, Samantha Dobson present, Glenn Carlson present, Motion Carried. 5:37pm

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:50pm

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Regarding Ashland County:  
Motion to file petition with circuit court, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Starck Claim Against Town of La Pointe:

Motion to deny Starck Claim Against Town of La Pointe, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Exit Interview with Public Works Director

Opposition of National Park Resolution

Comments of Police Survey

**XV. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:53pm

**Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.**