

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

March 25th, 2025

5:00PM at Town Hall

Minutes

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

Staff Present: Town Administrator Max Imholte, MRF Interim Supervisor Evan Erickson,

Public Present: Paul Brummer, John Carlson, Michael Kuchta (via zoom)

Call to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

John Carlson commented on the loan application with WHEDA Infrastructure Access Program and stated concerns with authorizing this infrastructure loan too early.

Glenn mentioned James Price will be here on April 21st from 2:00pm to 4:00pm, where the Town Board will have a Special Town Board Meeting, where he will be addressing the Town Board on current topics and answer any question contractors may have.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Max Imholte.

Placed on file by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

A. Parks

1. Hire Parks #1:

Motion to hire John Flockhart as Parks #1 at \$20/hr not to exceed 600 hours, S. Dobson/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Committee Minutes:

Placed on file by unanimous consent.

B. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Authorize Loan Application with WHEDA Infrastructure Access Program

Motion to table until the next meeting, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Michael Kuchta clarified some questions and discussed the application.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report:

Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report, S. Dobson/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Approve Contract with Chemical Industries for Dust Abatement:

Motion to approve contract with Chemical Industries for Dust Abatement, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Award Bid and Approve Contract for Trash Compactor Replacement:

Motion to award and approve contact with FleetGenius for Trash Compactor

Replacement in the amount of \$29,265, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Resolution #2025-0325 Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Loan:

Chair Glenn Carlson introduced and read the preamble for Resolution #2025-0325 Board of Commissioners of Public Lands Loan. Motion by Aimee Baxter to approve preamble and resolutions, all in favor Glenn Carlson aye, Aimee Baxter aye, Sue Brenna aye, Samantha Dobson aye, Mike Anderson absent, Vote 4 to 0 with 1 Absent, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$18,671.71, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims:

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$1,327,902.47, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes:

No minutes presented.

X. Emergency Services

Nothing to report at this meeting.

XI. Public Comment B**

John Carlson commented on AHAC notifying how much they want to borrow for the WHEDA Infrastructure Access Program loan.

Paul Brummer asked if the town has ever looked into laying off road workers in staggering terms when there is little to no snow, to help try and save some money.

Michael Kuchta mentioned the \$1.3 million grant from the USDA through their rural facilities program for the Big Bay Town Park Accessibility Project, for replacing the wooden staircase/improvements has been eliminated.

XII. Liquor Licenses

Nothing to report at this meeting.

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 Ashland County Circuit Court case Regarding Ashland County Tax Levy

No closed session. Glenn Carlson updated on the recent decision regarding the Petition with Ashland County Circuit Court.

The Tax Appeals Commission was wrong and does have jurisdiction, according to Judge Anderson. It has been sent back to the Tax Appeals Commission.

B. Sargent Claim vs Town of La Pointe

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

WHEDA Application Authorization for AHAC

School Referendum Results

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Airport Article

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted 4/8.