

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8th, 2025
5:00PM at Town Hall
Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor Mike Anderson (via phone)

Staff Present: Town Administrator Max Imholte, MRF Interim Supervisor Evan Erickson, Public Works Director Pete Wiggins, Town Clerk Alex Smith

Public Present: Paul Brummer, John Carlson, Charley Brummer, John Apitz (via zoom)

Call to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

Mike Anderson congratulated the elected officials from the April 1st election.

Charley Brummer mentioned when purchasing a new hook truck, to purchase one that can be serviced by the Town when needed.

Glenn Carlson announced the winning of the school referendum for improvements of both the Bayfield and Island schools. He also expressed the Town's condolences of Charlie Meech's passing.

II. Administrative Reports

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

B. Public Works Director's Report: The report was missing accidentally, will be available next meeting.

C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Evan Erickson.

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

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

F. Accounting Manager's Report: Prepared by Liz Brown.

G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by Thom Rossberger.

H. Fire Chief's Report: No report.

I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Sarah Schram.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

1. Purchase Order for Grader Carbide Bits:

Motion to approve the purchase order for grader carbide bits in the amount of \$1,515.90, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks

1. Hire Parks #2:

Motion to hire Thomas Tiddle as Parks #2 at \$20/hr starting May 5th, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Airport

1. Airport Flyer Article “Airport of the Month”: The Town Board discussed the flyer article written about the Madeline Island Airport. Possibility of trying to get on record with the FAA.

IV. Committees: There was nothing to discuss at this meeting.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Discussion of Town Park Canoe/Kayak Rack Rental Ordinance:

The Town Board addressed a public complaint about the current rack rental ordinance and fairness to current people on the waiting list, the first person on the waiting list has been on since 2019. The Town Board came to a consensus that the rate will be increased next year as well as offering assistance with the removal of kayaks and canoes that may be only using the rack for storage to hopefully allow new rentals.

B. Consider Short Term Loan to Harbor Commission:

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

C. Discussion of Livestreaming Committee Meetings:

The Town Board came to a consensus that all committee meetings should be live streamed via YouTube except for Community Awards Committee.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$23,288.75, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – March 11th, 2025

B. Regular Town Board Meeting - March 25th, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes from March 11th and March 25th as submitted, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services: There was nothing to discuss at this meeting.

IX. Public Comment B**

John Carlson thanked the Town Board for agreeing to livestream committee meetings on YouTube. He stated that watching the meetings can sometimes provide more than the minutes are able to reflect in words.

X. Liquor Licenses: There was nothing to discuss at this meeting.

XI. 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 Ashland County Circuit Court case Regarding Ashland County Tax Levy

B. Sargent Claim vs Town of La Pointe

There was nothing to discuss at this meeting. No closed session.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

WHEDA LOAN

Short term loan for HC

Temp Liquor License

Amend Fee Schedule – Tariff and MRF fees

PO for grader repair

Public Works Report

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:23pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted. 5/13/25.