

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

**June 10th, 2025  
5:00PM at Town Hall**

Minutes

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

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

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

**I. Public Comment A\*:**

Mike Anderson mentioned the hard water stains on the toilets of Town Hall and suggested looking into powerful chemical or treatments to clean up the toilets.

Paul Brummer thanked Pete Wiggins for the signs put up at the cemetery.

Peggy Bertel announced and reminded townspeople that Make Music Day is on June 21<sup>st</sup>, all day.

**II. Administrative Reports**

- A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Max Imholte.
- B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Pete Wiggins.
- 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: No report at this time.
- F. Accounting Manager's Report: Prepared by Liz Brown.
- G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by Tom Rossberger.
- H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Tyler Andreas.
- I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Sarah Schram.

**III. Public Works**

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor
  - 1. Hire Fire Sign Installer:  
Motion to hire Steve Wakem at \$20/hr not to exceed 800 hours, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Parks
  - 1. Clarify Parks #2 to Parks #1/Discuss adjustment of compensation  
Motion to hire Trevor Kreuger as Parks #1 with an adjustment to \$21.50/hr not to exceed 800 hours, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**IV. Committees**

- A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing to report at this time.

**V. Town Hall Administration**

- A. Approve Short-Term Rental Administrator Job Description:  
Motion to approve the Short-Term Rental Administrator Job Description with additions

and corrections, S. Dobson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

~~B. Approve Lease with Grampa Tony's~~

B. 687 Middle Road Pasture Lease

Motion to approve the lease on 687 Middle Road property, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Call a Special Town Meeting:

Motion to set a Special Town Meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup> at 5pm for the purpose of establishing the wage for the elected treasurer as Short Term Rental Administrator, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Electrical Easement with Xcel Energy (Ashland County): Deferred.

E. Electrical Easement with Xcel Energy (Bayfield County): Deferred.

Motion to move V. F and VII A1. To before Lawsuits and Legals, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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F. Consider whether to interview/select any candidates for Town Planning and Zoning Administrator

**VI. Vouchers**

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$63,169.34, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025

B. Special Town Board Meeting – June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025

C. Special Town Board Meeting – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes from 5/27, 6/3 and 6/6 as submitted, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VIII. Emergency Services**

A. Police Department

1. Temporary Compensation Adjustment for Thom Rossberger performing Chief Duties

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B. Fire Department

1. Purchase Order for Test/Service Extraction Tools & Avon Brand SCBA

2. Purchase Order for Test/Service MSA Brand SCBA

Motion to approve the purchase orders for test/service of the SCBA and

extraction tools, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**IX. Public Comment B\*\*:**

John Carlson mentioned the importance of selecting a new Zoning Administrator who has knowledge and experience in planning and zoning. He also commented on the compensation package for the previous Zoning Administrator.

Paul Brummer commented on the Short-Term Rental Administrator job description stating there was a discussion on a limited number of rentals outside the commercial zone but wasn't aware this was in effect.

Glenn Carlson clarified that it is currently in the ordinance, with the max number of short-term rentals allowed was set to about 10% above the current number of rentals at the time of adopting the ordinance.

Glenn Carlson commented that the Public Works Department has been doing a great job given they are short-handed at this time.

**X. Liquor Licenses**

Please note that all businesses have paid outstanding debt prior to this meeting.

A. Combination "Class A" Liquor License and Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License

1. Madeline Island Yacht Club Inc., Monique Darton
2. Mission Hill Coffee House/La Pointe Provisions, Marie Noha
3. Farmhouse Madeline Island LLC/Darlings Grocery, Lauren Schuppe

Motion to approve the "Class A" Liquor and Class "A" Malt Licenses for the following, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. "Class B" Liquor License

1. Bell Street Global/ Bell Street Tavern, Joseph Wiltz \*Pending outstanding debt payment\*
  2. Bell Street Restaurant's Inc/ Beach Club, Joseph Wiltz \*Pending outstanding debt payment\*
  3. The Pub on Madeline Island Inc., Hristo Kopanarov \*Pending License Payment
- Motion to approve the "Class B" Liquor License for the following, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Reserve "Class B" Liquor License

1. Middle Road Literary/ Arts Society Inc./ Tom's Burned Down Café, Kirsten Pedersen

Motion to approve the reserve "Class B" License, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Class "B" Retail Sale of Fermented Malt Beverages License

1. Madeline Island Golf Club Inc., Ken Myhre Agent
2. Rock House Food Truck, Elena Bangeeva Erickson
3. Bell Street Global/Bell Street Tavern, Joseph Wiltz \*Pending outstanding debt payment\*
4. Bell Street Restaurant's Inc/ Beach Club, Joseph Wiltz \*Pending outstanding debt payment\*
5. Farmhouse Madeline Island/ Farmhouse Kitchen & Inn, Lauren Schuppe
6. Middle Road Literary/ Arts Society Inc./ Tom's Burned Down Café, Kirsten Pedersen

7. The Pub on Madeline Island Inc., Hristo Kopanarov \*Pending License Payment
  8. A Girl and Her Lake/Bell Street Gallery, Kayla Picciano
- Motion to approve the Class "B" Licenses for the following, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. "Class C" Wine License

1. Rock House Food Truck, Elena Bangeeva Erickson
  2. A Girl and Her Lake/Bell Street Gallery, Kayla Picciano
  3. Farmhouse Madeline Island/ Farmhouse Kitchen & Inn, Lauren Schuppe
- Motion to approve the "Class C" Wine Licenses for the following, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Cigarette and Tobacco License

1. Bell Street Restaurant's Inc/ Beach Club \*Pending outstanding debt payment
  2. Farmhouse Madeline Island LLC/ Darling's Grocery
  3. Middle Road Literary/ Arts Society Inc./ Tom's Burned Down Café
- Motion to approve the cigarette and tobacco licenses for the following, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Non-intoxicating Beverage License

1. Bell Street Restaurant Inc/ Beach Club \*Pending outstanding debt payment\*
  2. Bell Street Global/ Bell Street Tavern \*Pending outstanding debt payment\*
  4. Farmhouse Madeline Island/ Farmhouse Kitchen & Inn
  5. Farmhouse Madeline Island LLC/ Darling's Grocery
  6. McPearson LLC/ Quinn & Zayda's Bakery
  7. Middle Road Literary Arts Society Inc./ Tom's Burned Down Café
  8. The Pub on Madeline Island Inc. \*Pending License payment\*
  9. Rockhouse Food Truck
  10. Madeline Island Golf Club Inc
  11. Madeline Island Yacht Club
  12. Mission Hill/La Pointe Provisions
  13. Bell Street Galley/A Girl and Her Lake LLC
  14. Birds Nest/Birdie Pallas
- Motion to approve the non-intoxicating beverage licenses for the following, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, Roll Call Mike Anderson yes, Sue Brenna yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Samantha Dobson yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried. 5:36PM

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Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:53PM

The Town Board decided not to hire or select any candidates for Zoning Administrator at this time and the job remain open for applications until the next Town Board meeting.

Motion to approve a temporary retroactive wage compensation increase of \$5/hr for Tom Rossberger as acting chief, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, Motion Carried.

## **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 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

B. Sargent Claim vs Town of La Pointe

Nothing at this time.

## **XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Fire Department – False Calls Enforcement

Xcel Easements

Hire Zoning Administrator

Liquor Licenses

Picnic Licenses

## **XIII. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:56PM

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

**Approved as submitted 7/8.**