

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

**June 24th, 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 Administrator Max Imholte

Public Present: John Carlson, Paul Brummer

I. Public Comment A*:

John Carlson commented on the Xcel Easements with Ashland and Bayfield County.

Paul Brummer mentioned the retirement of a library employee and the possibility of leaving the position open to save taxpayers money.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report:

Aimee Baxter suggested incorporating the chapel cleaning contract to the possible contract with Barany for the Parks Department.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor: Nothing to report at this time.

B. Parks: Nothing to report at this time.

IV. Committees

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

B. Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Appoint Zoning Board of Appeals members

Motion to appoint David Boone with a term ending 6/30/28, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report:

Motion to approve the budget summary report as presented, S. Dobson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Discussion of False Call Policy Enforcement for Fire Department:

The Town Board discussed the False Alarm Policy and the lack of enforcement in the past few years. The Town Board came to a consensus that more than three false calls should be a \$500 fee, that would be included in our fee schedule. More discussion in future meetings.

C. Approve Lease with Grampa Tony's:

Motion to approve the lease with Grampa Tony's, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Motion to approve the electrical easement with Xcel Energy for Ashland County, M.

Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Motion to approve the electrical easement with Xcel Energy for Bayfield County, M.

Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Approve Library Board appointment:

Motion to appoint Peggy Ross to the Library Board with a term ending 6/30/28, S.

Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Approve Attachment B to 2025 Compensation Resolution:

Motion to approve Attachment B to the 2025 Compensation Resolution, A. Baxter/S.

Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move 5H "Discussion of Zoning Administrator Candidates/Possible Hiring" to after Lawsuits and Legal, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(c). 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

H. Discussion of Zoning Administrator Candidates/Possible Hiring

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$18,635.29, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims:

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$310,639.30, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes: No minutes were presented at this meeting.

X. Emergency Services

A. Ambulance

1. Intercept Agreement with Ashland Fire:

Motion to approve the Intercept Agreement with Ashland Fire, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Public Comment B:**

John Carlson mentioned the hope of the easements covering the lawyer fees for the cost of contacting them.

XII. Liquor Licenses

A. Temporary Picnic License for La Pointe Center:

Motion to approve the Temporary Picnic License for La Pointe Center for 8 listed dates between July and August, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Temporary Picnic License for Madeline Island Trails:

Motion to approve the Temporary Picnic License for the 4th of July cookout with

Madeline Island Trails, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

1. Frankie's Inc./ Grampa Tony's, Susan Flores, Agent

2. On the Edge Inc./ Café Seiche, Chris Wolfe Agent

Motion to approve the Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverages License for the following, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. "Class B" Liquor License

1. On the Edge Inc./ Café Seiche, Chris Wolfe Agent

Motion to approve the Class "B" Liquor License for Café Seiche, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. "Class C" Wine License

1. Frankie's Inc./ Grampa Tony's, Susan Flores, Agent

Motion to approve the "Class C" Wine License for Grampa Tony's, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Non-Intoxicating Beverage License

1. Frankie's Inc./Grampa Tony's

2. On the Edge Inc./Café Seiche

3. *Madeline Island Trails*

Motion to approve the Non-Intoxicating Beverage License for the following, S. Brenna/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 Ashland County Circuit Court case Regarding Ashland County Tax Levy: Ashland County presented some additional briefing which will allow another extension of 90 days that the Tax Commission has granted.

B. Sargent Claim vs Town of La Pointe: Nothing to report this meeting.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, Roll Call Mike Anderson yes, Sue Brenna yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Samantha Dobson yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried. 5:26PM

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H. Discussion of Zoning Administrator Candidates/Possible Hiring:

Discussed in closed session.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried, 5:35PM

Motion to hire Rich Kula as the Planning and Zoning Administrator at \$26.65/hr starting June 30th with an option of a 10% increase is hourly after a 90-day evaluation, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

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Cleaning Contract

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:39PM

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted 7/8/25.