

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at Town Hall**  
**Immediately following the Special Town Meeting**  
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 (via zoom), Town Administrator Max Imholte, Town Treasurer Katey Abbott, Airport Manager Paul Wilharm, Zoning Administrator Rich Kula

**Public Present:** Mary McHugh, Steve McHugh, Deborah Blair, John Carlson, Rick Reichkitzer, John Nielsen, Steve Law, Jim Peters, Richard Hoglund, Paul Brummer, Charley Brummer

**Call to Order: 5:12 PM**

**I. Public Comment A\***

Paul Brummer commented on the library position and suggested keeping the position vacant to save tax dollars. He requested CUPs in the future to focus on zoning and not economic development.

Steve McHugh stated he is present to answer any questions the Town Board may have regarding his Conditional Use Permit Application.

John Carlson reminded the Town Board to consider the Town Plan Commission members who approved of this permit and keep that in mind when the time to reappoint comes.

Rick Reichkitzer stated he is a busy builder that goes through the proper permit process, he has noticed a lot of projects without the proper permit posted and voiced his concerns.

Evan Erickson (via zoom comment) apologized for the late submission of his MRF report.

Steve Law commented his reasons for being in favor of the McHugh CUP.

Debbie Blair voiced her concerns for musicians and their freedom to express themselves regarding the McHugh CUP.

**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: Prepared by Rich Kula/Max Imholte

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

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

H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Rick Reichkitzer.

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

All monthly reports placed on file by unanimous consent.

### **III. Public Works**

#### **A. Roads, Dock and Harbor**

##### **1. Purchase Order for tire replacement on dump truck**

Motion to approve the purchase order for tire replacement on the dump truck in the amount of \$1,887.80, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **IV. Committees**

#### **A. Planning and Zoning**

##### **1. Discussion of McCue Conditional Use Permit:**

The Town Board discussed the McHugh CUP recommendation from the TPC with the current list of conditions and conducted their first reading. No action was taken.

Motion to move item V. A to after Lawsuits and Legals, G. Carlson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **V. Town Hall Administration**

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(e). After the completion of the closed session, the Board will come back into the open session to act upon the discussion in the closed session or otherwise complete the business of the meeting before adjourning.

#### **A. Building Inspector Contract**

### **VI. Vouchers**

#### **A. Town of La Pointe:**

Motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$30,666.46, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **VII. Minutes**

#### **A. Regular Town Board Meeting - June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

#### **B. Regular Town Board Meeting – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Motion to approve the Town Board meeting minutes for 6/10 and 6/24 as submitted, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **VIII. Emergency Services**

#### **A. Police Department**

##### **1. Possible Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer:**

Motion to hire John William as part time police officer at \$26.03/hr starting July 8<sup>th</sup> not to exceed 400 hours, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Glenn Carlson read Jim Peters' written public comment regarding the McHugh CUP. Please see attached.

Paul Brummer mentioned there should be no more public comments taken into consideration for McHugh CUP, as the time to do so was at the public hearing weeks ago.

Charley Brummer voiced his agreement with the Mc Hugh CUP, stating the conditions are fair & abide by the town's comprehensive plan for a home studio/gallery.

John Carlson asked the town board what the plan will be if the contract with UDC Inspector James Price is terminated.

Rick Reichkitzer shared similar concerns regarding the possible termination of the UDC Inspector.

Steve Law and John Nielsen both agree and support Jim Peters letter in support of McHugh CUP.

**X. Liquor Licenses:** Nothing to report on this time.

**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

No closed session or action taken.

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. 5:36pm

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A. Building Inspector Contract: Discussed in closed session.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:54PM

Motion to direct the town's attorney to draft a notice of incurable default of contract to James Price, G. Carlson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to appoint Steve Schraufnagel at interim UDC Building Inspector, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

Hire Short Term Rental Administrator

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McHugh CUP

Ambulance Director position request

**XIII. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:56PM

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

**Approved as submitted, 8/12/25.**