

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
August 26th, 2025 at Town Hall
at 5:00PM

Minutes

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

Staff Present: Town Clerk Alex Smith, Town Administrator Max Imholte, Zoning Administrator Rich Kula, MRF Interim Supervisor Evan Erickson

Public Present: John Carlson, Arnie Nelson, Charley Brummer, Paul Brummer

Call to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

John Carlson requested a better sound system to be able to hear the recording more clearly, especially with budget season coming.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Placed on file by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

1. Discussion of 'No Wake Zone' signage:

A letter was received concerning boat traffic speeds near swimming areas and suggested the town add 'No Wake Zone' signs. The Town Board agreed to put signage along the break wall and possibly all the way to the marina.

2. Emergency Dredging Permit for Nelson Construction:

Motion to approve the emergency dredging permit for Nelson Construction, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. Purchase order for 2025 Town of La Pointe Clean Sweep:

Motion to approve the purchase order for the 2025 La Pointe Clean Sweep in the amount of \$15,807.08, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Committee Minutes: Minutes placed on file by unanimous consent. Glenn mentioned last week there was miscommunication within the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, committee members weren't notified of lack of proper meeting notice/agenda and conducted a meeting anyway. No actions were taken during this meeting.

Please see end of IV Committees for Letter B-E motion.

B. Library Board

1. Appoint member with term ending 6/30/28

C. Winter Transportation Committee

1. Appoint member with term ending 9/9/28

D. Energy Committee

1. Appoint members with terms ending 8/23/28

E. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Appoint members with terms ending 8/31/27

Motion to appoint Monique Darton (Library Board), Ellen Troeltzsch (Winter Transportation), Tom Kromroy and Zach Montagne (Energy Committee), and James Peters (Affordable Housing Advisory), S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report:

Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report as presented, S. Dobson/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Culligan Water Treatment for Town Hall:

Motion to approve the Culligan Water Treatment for Town Hall, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Discussion: Mike Anderson asked who will be setting the regeneration and or who is responsible/what time. Max was unsure at this time.

C. Approve RFP for Liquid Propane:

Motion to approve the RFP for Liquid Propane, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Budget Policy Discussion:

The Town Board came to an agreement regarding a no show to the department's budget workshop meeting. If a department is absent during their meeting, the budget will remain the same as the previous year or the Town Board will adjust accordingly. Glenn also requested the Town Board members come up with specific department questions before we dive into budget workshop to have answers ahead of time.

E. Approve Commercial Lease with Dockside Gifts:

Motion to approve the commercial lease with Dockside Gifts, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Letter of Support for Ashland County FLAP Grant for CTY H:

Motion to approve the letter of support for County H Grant, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Annual ESB Sprinkler Inspection:

Aimee Baxter mentioned the possibility of training one of the firefighters in sprinkler inspections to save costs in the future.

Motion to approve the annual ESB sprinkler inspection in the amount of \$1,600 annually, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

I. Northwoods Paving Contract Renewal:

Motion to approve the Northwoods Paving contract renewal, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$54,737.22, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims:

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$274,901.48, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

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

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – August 12th, 2025:

Motion to approve the minutes from 8/12, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move X. Emergency Service Letter A Police Department #1 Law Enforcement Protocols to after Lawsuits and Legals, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of considering strategy for crime detection or prevention in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(d). 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.

1. Law Enforcement Protocols

XI. Public Comment B:**

John Carlson suggested with all of these appointments to committee, there should be an open meeting law policy for them to read.

Paul Brummer agreed and stated that new committee members and all other members should have access to the Wisconsin Towns Association handbook to better understand the laws and meeting regulations.

Glenn Carlson thanked all the volunteers and donors for the Emergency Services Polka Fundraiser.

XII. Liquor Licenses: Nothing to report at this time.

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 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 new to report at this time.

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. 5:31pm

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1. Law Enforcement Protocols: Discussed in closed session.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:38pm

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Consider the possible negotiation and purchase of property for public use * Closed Session
Quote for Cold Mix

XV. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:39pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted, 9/9/25.