

Town of La Pointe
2026 Budget Workshop
Wednesday, October 15th, 2025
5:00pm at the Town Hall

Minutes

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

Staff Present: Town Clerk Alex Smith, Town Administrator Max Imholte, Public Works Director Pete Wiggins, MRF Interim Supervisor Evan Erickson, Harbor Commission Secretary/Chief Office Administrator Katie Kisner, Airport Manager Paul Wilharm, Cemetery Sextons Paul and Charley Brummer

Public Present: None

1. Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Glenn Carlson at 5pm.

2. Public Comment:

None.

Motion to move 3 Letter B 'Harbor Commission' to the front, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission:

Chief Office Administrator/Secretary Katie Kisner was present to discuss the current Harbor Commission budget. She stated that the Harbor Commission Budget Committee is still developing the budget and working with MIFL to finalize the budget/cut back on the deficit. Currently it does not look like the Commission would need to increase the tax levy. There is currently no money in the 2026 budget for the Harbor Commission.

3. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Public Works

Roads:

Public Works Director Pete Wiggins & MRF Interim Supervisor Evan Erickson prepared the 2026 budget and were present to discuss. The Town Board requested the line items with 0's to be removed to avoid confusion. The Rents and Leases line item is set at \$12,000 for rental of a boom mower which happens every 2-3 years that can be quite costly. After further review, Highway Training Labor can decrease to \$1,200 and Highway Equipment Maintenance Parts can decrease significantly. The Highway Equipment Maintenance Fuels/Oils was significantly lower in 2024 due to the lack of snow/not needed to plow as much but the requested \$40,000 for 2026 is to remain. If possible, the department

would like the \$20,000 for gravel put into a designated fund. The department has requested the following Capital Requests; Air Compressor (\$2,000), Cold Mix (\$8,000), Mini Split (\$5,000), Plasma Cutter (\$2,500), tires for Chevy and Skid Steer (\$4,000) and Boss Plow Wings (\$4,000) for a total Capital Expense of \$25,500.

Parks:

Public Works Director Pete Wiggins & MRF Interim Supervisor Evan Erickson prepared the 2026 budget and were present to discuss. The 'Porta Potties' can decrease to \$5,000 with a fewer number of porta potties and Rec Center Town Labor can decrease from \$19,348 to \$9,000. The Town Board requested to clean up the line items with 0's to avoid confusion. The department is requesting dumpsters for a Capital Request (\$6,000).

Materials Recovery Facility (MRF):

MRF Interim Supervisor Evan Erickson prepared the 2026 budget and was present to discuss. With a change in leadership, the goal became to clean things up and keep things moving this year. The department has cleaned out the building and grounds as well as conducted a clean sweep this summer. The MRF wages, both Solid Waste and Recycling, have almost doubled being at \$51,859, these will need to be reviewed, and adjustments will need to be made as they seem too high, especially with the MRF being closed on Mondays December-March this year. The department has made a Capital Request for a new Hooklift Truck (\$185,000).

Airport:

Airport Manager Paul Wilharm prepared the 2026 budget and was present to discuss. The budget remains quite similar to last year. No comments were made by the Town Board.

Dock:

The 2026 budget remains similar to last year and there are no significant changes.

Cemetery:

Sextons Paul and Charley Brummer prepared and were present to discuss the 2026 budget. The budget is similar to last year. The 'Cemetery Misc Expenses' will need to increase from \$3000 to \$4400 to incorporate Waggle's contract for mowing that is billed out in Oct/Nov. Charley Brummer request the fee of gravestones on the 2026 Fee Schedule increase by at least \$50.00 after comparing with other areas/cemeteries.

B. Harbor Commission: Discussed at the beginning of the meeting.

4. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:34pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted 10/28/25.