

Town of La Pointe
2026 Budget Workshop
Wednesday, October 22, 2025
5:00 pm 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, Accounting Manager Liz Brown, Zoning Administrator Rich Kula

Public Present: Charley Brummer

1. Call to order:

Meeting called to order by Glenn Carlson at 5:00pm.

2. Public Comment:

None.

3. Budget Workshop with each of the following departments:

A. Committees/Commissions:

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: The AHAC has not requested any funds and will keep what remains in their designated fund, which is roughly \$4,260.
- Community Awards Committee: The Community Awards Committee will use their remaining fund of \$100.
- Town Plan Commission/Zoning: The TPC has requested changing the pay of Special TPC Meetings from \$50 to \$75. The Town Board decided to have \$50/per month and keep the rate of \$50/per Special TPC meeting. The Zoning Budget has a slight increase due to making the ZA's position full time (70,000) as well as including the new position of Short-Term Rental Administrator (\$15,000). Other than wage adjustments/additions, the other budget items remain similar to last year.
- Winter Transportation Committee: The WTC has requested \$6,000 from each entity (Harbor, Town and Bayfield School).

B. General Government:

Town Administrator Max Imholte and Accounting Manager Liz Brown were present to discuss the overall Designated Funds, Revenues, etc. There are 3 new hybrid positions that were created for the upcoming year (Zoning Administrator/Grant Coordinator, Public Works Laborer, & Payroll/Accounting/HR Clerk) This does increase the personnel insurance (Town Hall staff) to \$40,000 which includes budgeting for the new Payroll position possibly taking the family insurance plan (\$28,000). The current proposal for

capital outlay is \$880,000. Max and Liz continue to update the 2026 budget as we progress through Budget Workshops.

4. Consider Extension of Hours for Campground Host #2 in 2025:

Motion to approve the extension of 110 hours for 2025 for Julie Hedges as Camp Host 2, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, Roll Call Vote Mike Anderson yes, Sue Brenna yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Samantha Dobson yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried. 5:38pm

5. Discuss Department Head & Town Administrator Compensation/Merit Increases:

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 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.

Discussed in closed session. No actions were taken.

Motion to return to open session S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:31pm

6. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:32pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted 10/28/25.