

TOWN OF LAPOINTE

SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 2025
Immediately following the Special Town Meeting
at Town Hall

Minutes

28 townspeople were present in person including the Town Board members/Town Staff,
and 3 members of the public via zoom

Please see sign up sheet for list of present town electors.

I. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Glenn Carlson at 5:30pm.

Chair Glenn Carlson added public comment to the beginning of this meeting.

Micaela Montagne: I'm sure all the increasing wages and insurances were discussed, but almost every department came in well under budget in 2025. Were there considerations to reduce other areas in the budget more based on the increase in wages and insurances? Because we're so far above 2025, yet we never spent the money we even had.

Glenn: We have held a lot of Budget Workshop meetings to get the budget to where it's at. There are certain circumstances within the insurance and retirement, especially with the Recreation Director position that could be cut back, but we have to assume the hire could take the family insurance & budget accordingly. We have been fortunate every year, ending up with a carryover of some amount.

Micaela: The 2025 budget was almost \$3.5 million, which is the difference of \$419,000 for the year end of 2025. Where is the other \$400,000 coming from for the carryover to be around \$800,000?

Glenn: The 2025 approved budget amounts did not include the Room Accommodation Tax of \$157,500 to the Chamber of Commerce. There were also committee allocations made last year for the ESB micro grid, including a \$500,000 loan that has not been used, which adds to the carryover.

Micaela: Are there expenditures in the 2026 budget for this?

Glenn: No not in 2026, because we received a 12-month extension on the ESB microgrid.

Robin Russell: Why would property tax in 2024 be so much higher than 2025?

Glenn: The total apportionment and equalized assessed value changes yearly which is set by the state. So, the overall apportionment for the Town of La Pointe was less this year than in the past.

II. Discuss & finalize the 2026 Budget per the tax levy, voted by the Townspeople.

a. 2026 General Fund Budget:

Motion to approve the 2026 proposed budget in the amount of \$4,426,242.00,

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

b. 2026 Designated Fund Budgets:

Motion to approve the proposed designated fund budgets, S. Dobson/A. Baxter,
5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

c. 2026 Schedule of Fees:

Motion to defer, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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. 5:43pm

III. Consider Real Estate/Personal Property Purchase: Discussed in closed session.

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the 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 open session to act upon the discussion in the closed session or otherwise complete the business of the meeting before adjourning.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:54pm.

IV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
5:54pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted, 12/22/25.