

Town Board Meeting Memo

From: Max Imholte, TA

Date: February 10, 2026

Re: Agenda Items

III. Public Works

- A. Parks: **Approve** Agreement for temporary use of the Rec Center by the Bayfield School District. They plan to use the Rec Center from April until potentially the end of the school year (June 11th) while renovations are taking place at the La Pointe School.

IV. Committees

- B. MI Childcare Task Force: Appoint J. Styker and L. Schuppe to the Task Force.

V. Town Hall Administration:

- A. **Approve** Resolution #2026-0210 Establish BBTP Accessibility Design Task Force.

B. **Discuss** next steps on ESB Microgrid Project. The attached spreadsheet summarizes the financial impact of changing from the original design to a Buy America compliant system. This alternate system, "Plan B" would have an American manufactured inverter and no battery storage. If this design is chosen the original objective of the project, which was to provide reliable power to the ESB building during a prolonged outage will no longer be achievable. As an update he posts for the solar panels are installed and the solar panels themselves have been delivered.

- D. **Approve** an advance to the Harbor Commission of \$450,000 to be paid back by July 31st at 5% interest.

- E. **Approve** amendment of Harbor Commission Dock Lease payment from Feb. 15 to July 31st.

- F. **Discussion** of overflow parking situation during the ferry shutdown season.

- G. **Discussion** of Potential Easement for a portion of the wooden fence at the MI Yacht Club that encroaches on the right-of-way.

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TOWN ADMINSTRATOR REPORT

Feb. 10, 2026

- We are in discussion with the City of Bayfield to develop an overflow parking plan for the windsled season. According to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, our population went from 270 in 2019 to 433 in 2024. That's a 60% increase in five years and in addition to that, in 2024 we issued 18 new housing permits. So, it's not surprising that some of our long-standing infrastructure components may be approaching their limits.
- Work continues on the new personnel policy handbook. Once the first draft is complete a working group will be formed to review the draft. Attached is a copy of the first page of the "handbook" to give you a feel for the tone of the document. Of course, the primary objectives of remaining current with employment law changes and clearly communicating our policies remain but we recognize the reality that the secondary benefits of employee retention and satisfaction must also be served.
- Katey Abbott is making progress towards getting our Town credit card limit back close to the limit we had with Bremer. The much lower limit that Old National imposed created operational problems.
- Although it's only February Pete Wiggins is already beginning to plan for spring. With the additional resource of a full time laborer we will be able to get started earlier in the season to get our parks and green spaces looking ship shape.

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Foreword

Welcome to the Town of La Pointe.

Working here provides a unique opportunity to promote the good of the people of Madeline Island and its visitors by maintaining the logistical, social, financial, and cultural elements necessary to achieve that mission. The skills, dedication and experience that you bring to the Town are essential to us, whatever your role.

The Island continues to evolve and the responsibility for meeting the needs of year-round and seasonal Islanders as well as short-term visitors, rests with us. Islanders expect the best from us, and we expect the best from ourselves.

To help you succeed in delivering our mission, we promise to provide you with the support, development and encouragement that you need to do your job. Our ambition is to create a municipal workplace that is more human and humbler and that both honors the cultural history of this sacred place and meets the changing needs of the world around us.

This handbook brings together all the information that you need about your employment with the Town, including your terms and conditions of service. It also sets out our role as public servants and the standards of behavior expected of all of us.

We look forward to working with you and wish you all the very best.

January 2026

Public Works Report

Ice Road, Ice Road, Ice Road!!! The beginning of the month wasn't looking good for us, but the extremely cold temps made it happen. A big thanks to Nelson construction for plowing and maintaining the Ice Road. The Town Crew assisted with flooding both the Bayfield and Island approaches for the very short initial Windsled season, and helped Evan Erickson senior, who graciously volunteered his time and equipment, to put up the row of trees between the Island and Bayfield.

It seems like we get a half inch or more of lake effect snow almost every night, so the Town Crew has plowed 11 times this month. We also had a few very warm days where we had to do some heavy slush removal on the County Road and blacktop Town roads. Matt Herriott and Evan JR. have gotten a few hours under their belt running the new grader doing snow removal this year on the roads and airport. I have been the sole grader operator for the past several years, and it is time for the other crew members to get some experience behind the controls.

The last few days the Ferry's were running we helped move ice at the Town Dock several times. The Town Crew also removed the wood ramp on the south side of the dock so the Island Queen could reach the dock and lowered a steel ramp in Bayfield so the La Pointe could dock for the season.

Roads

- Plowed 11 times.
- Scraped slush and snowpack 4 times.
- Winged back shoulders 4 times with the grader.
- Knocked down the ice ridges at the Griggs and O'Briens approaches with the Towns excavator.
- Cleaned up several downed trees in the right of way.
- Sanding both the County and Town roads as needed.

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Dock/MIFL

- Removed wooden ramp on the Island dock and brought it to the MIFL storage yard on Middle Road.
- Lowered a steel ramp in Bayfield for the La Pointe.
- Removed snow piles at the Bayfield harbor and the shop in Bayfield.
- We keep the Island side storage area on Middle Road plowed as well.

Equipment

- Annual maintenance of both EMS ambulances.
- Replaced rear window in our backhoe.
- Diagnosed and repaired blower motor in the Towns skid-steer.
- Replaced worn out tires on the Towns skid-steer.
- Repaired the throttle pedal on the old roll-off truck. This truck is no longer in service but still needs to be able to move. We plan to auction this truck in the spring.
- Repaired heated wipers on our 2004 Chevy 2500.
- Repaired the sander on our 2019 Western Star dump truck.
- Installed heated wipers on the Grader.
- Replaced plow wings on a 9' 2" boss plow.
- Regular greasing and inspections of all our snow removal equipment.

Parks

- We kept the parks and Town Trail heads plowed.
- Sanded the Parks parking lots as needed.
- Flooded the Ice rink 3 times.
- Periodic checks on the public bathrooms and office at BBTP.
- Cleaned up dead trees at BBTP.

Facilities

- Total Energy Solutions performed maintenance and repairs to 3 of our backup generators.
- Superior Plumbing replaced failing parts on the Town shops overhead heater.
- Ray made repairs to the furnace at the La Point Community Clinic. This unit is very old and will need to be replaced next year.
- Assembled the new Smith Machine workout equipment at the ESB. We will be auctioning off the old equipment in the spring.

Airport

- Plowed 9 times.
- Moved snow piles between hangers 5 times.
- Snow-blow around runway lights twice.
- Snow-blow piles along taxiway and ends of the runway twice.

Respectfully Submitted By,

Pete Wiggins, Public Works Director

January 2026 MRF Report

As expected, the first month of the year is one of the slowest months. With the deep cold and several snow events in January, activity at the MRF has been brought to a minimum.

During the month, we experienced several days below zero. Even though the cold is difficult to work in, it does create a wonderful event.....boat shut down!!! Seeing the forecast of a long stretch of cold weather, Michael and Woodstock took action to start hauling everything we could from the MRF. Starting on January 22nd Michael started hauling boxes. Michael and Woodstock battled the cold on the 22nd, 23rd, 26th, 27th and the 28th to make sure that all boxes were empty. This stretch of hauling totaled 40.61 tons of material. The beginning of the month, January 5th, Michael had one haul of demo totaling 7.55 tons. In total, the month of January was 48.16 tons of material hauled off.

Now that boats have shut down, and there is no need to do any hauling, we have started doing some general maintenance on Woodstock. We will be changing the hydraulic oil, hydraulic filters, engine oil change, and putting a new tarp to replace the torn up one. It will also get a full grease job while it's in the shop. Even though Woodstock is set to be our backup starting this year, it's still a usable truck that we want to take care of and have ready.

Before the boats shut down, we sent over a town truck to Bayfield with the hydraulic ram that failed this last summer in Woodstock. This hydraulic ram is the main lifting ram with a length of about 8 feet and about an 8" diameter. We will be sending this ram out for a new seal kit and will have it back as a spare sometime this spring.

Bailing for the month has also slowed down. For the month we only had 2 bales of cardboard totaling 2,300 pounds.

With the start of 2026, we have started to look for our another hook-lift truck to replace the "Beast". Our original search started with trucks that are fully built, but we have found out that the exact package that we want to get isn't easy to come by. We want to buy a truck and hook-lift that is similar to what the town already owns. We are looking for a Western Star 4700 with a Detroit engine, Allison Automatic Transmission (Same truck as the towns dump truck that was purchased in 2020), and a Galbreath hook-lift. While we are keeping an eye on the market for a truck that has already been built, we have decided to try another route to see if we could get a better bang for our buck while also getting the package we want. We are working with JWR equipment in southern WI to see what a new Galbreath hook (the same hook that is on the Beast and Woodstock) would cost to put on a used truck chassis that we would find. This would be a little more work to get done, but we could get a much better truck for less funds, along with getting the truck that we want.

I have started communications with Northwest Regional Planning Commission regarding the disposal of hazardous waste this year and potentially planning another clean sweep for the island in 2027 or 2028. This year, we will bring the couple of gaylords of aerosol cans and oil-based paints

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that we have collected since we had our clean sweep in July. We will be bringing these gaylords to the Bayfield County or Ashland County clean sweep events.

I would like to thank Michael for hauling battling the cold days, along with the challenges that come with it. Another thanks to Trevor for covering the MRF on open days. Current hours of operation until April 1st 2026: Wednesday and Saturday 8:30AM-2:30PM

Respectfully submitted

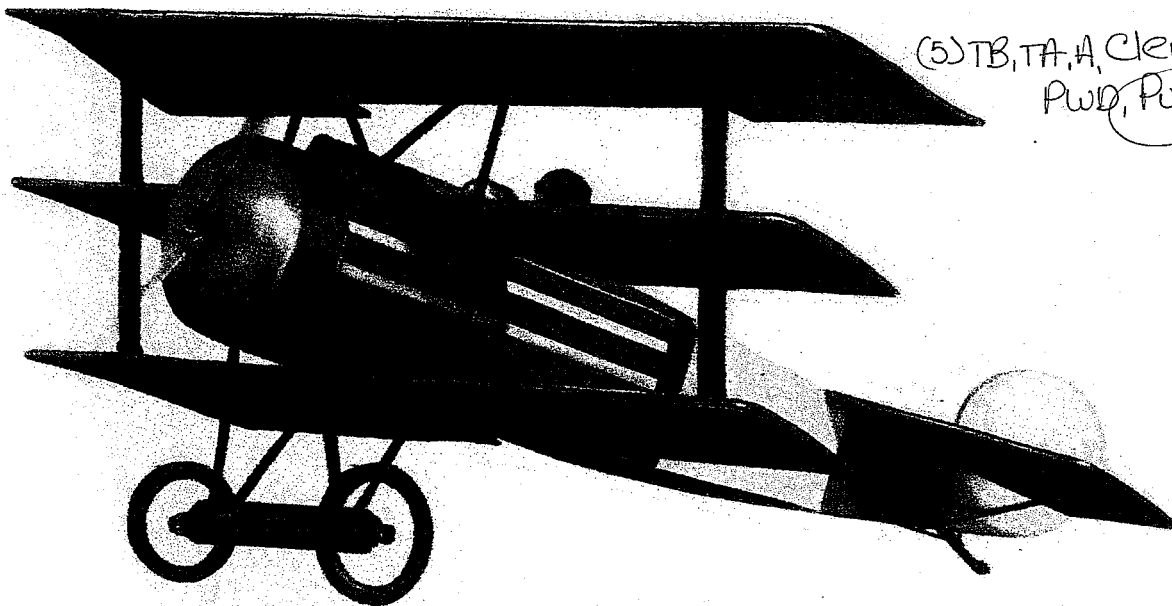
Evan R Erickson

Financial information:

	January 2026	January 2025
Gross sales	\$8,394.00	\$8,277.24
Discounts & comps	(\$1,718.00)	(\$328.75)
Net sales	\$6,676.00	\$7,948.49
Fees	(\$161.10)	(\$101.23)
Net total	\$6,514.90	\$7,847.26
Card	\$2,050.40	\$931.50
Cash	\$3,257.50	\$6,853.00
Gift card redeemed	\$5,074.00	\$970.75
Total number of sales	474	301

Total A/R due: \$3,965.10

Date	Vehicle	Material	Category	Employee	Destination	Number of Hours	Equipment Cost	Number of Tons	Cost per Ton	Price per Ton	Tipping Fees	Recycling Income	Fairly Fee	Fuel	Other Fees	Oil Fuel	Cost/Revenue per Pound
1/5/2026	Woodstock	Demo	Waste	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	3.25	264.23	125.61	7.55	\$ 92.61	\$ 699.21	\$ -	\$ 380.00				(3,270.72) \$ (0.22)
1/22/2026	Woodstock	Demo	Waste	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	5.5	447.15	212.88	8.13	\$ 92.61	\$ 762.92	\$ -	\$ 394.00				(1,806.64) \$ (0.11)
1/23/2026	Woodstock	Scrap Metal	Recycling	Michael Haben	Chicago Iron, Ashland	8	650.40	309.20	8.22	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69.86				(235.35) \$ (0.01)
1/26/2026	Woodstock	Demo	Waste	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	5.5	447.15	212.88	4.52	\$ 92.61	\$ 418.60	\$ -	\$ 338.00	\$ 141.93			(1,558.25) \$ (0.17)
1/27/2026	Woodstock	Solid Waste	Waste	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	7.5	609.75	289.88	8.22	\$ 92.61	\$ 761.25	\$ -	\$ 394.00				(2,054.89) \$ (0.12)
1/28/2026	Woodstock	Demo	Waste	Michael Haben	Republic, Ashland	6	487.80	231.90	11.52	\$ 92.61	\$ 1,066.87	\$ -	\$ 436.00				(2,222.57) \$ (0.10)
Total	6					35.75	\$ 2,906.48	\$ 1,381.74	48.16		\$3,698.84	\$ 822.00	\$ 2,011.86	\$ 141.93	\$ 27.89		(11,148.42) \$ (0.12)



Major Gilbert Field (4R5)

To: Town Board

From: Paul Wilharm

Date: 02/02/2026

Re: Monthly report for January 2026

During the month of January our airport was issue free.

Drop box receipts:	\$0.00
Traffic, flight plan:	02
Traffic, sign in	01
NOTAMS	10

Traffic counts do not include touch and go and those who do not file and/or sign in which historically is many.

Attached are logs / checklists

Thanks !

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January 2026 Traffic count and revenue log / checklist

Drop box receipts \$ 0.00

The following filed flight plans

01/09 N4771J

01/26 N2436N

For additional traffic see sign in sheet(s)

01/09/26	Cedric Teisberg	47715	1	P	KASX	

1/26 Sign in

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1/26 NOTAM

Planning & Zoning Administrator Town of La Pointe, Wisconsin January 2026 Report

January continued to be a busy month. Described in more detail below, but in short, I was able to accomplish the following:

- Continued an in-depth review of the Public Comments received on the Zoning Ordinance Re-Write. The DRAFT document was shared with TPC for review on December 30th and was discussed at three TPC meetings in January (January 7th Regular TPC Meeting and January 21st and January 28th Special TPC Meetings). As of the end of January, 62 of the 131-page document has been reviewed by TPC.
- Issued the Town's response to two complaints received (challenge of a variance issued and a claim that a fence was in the Right-of-Way). I worked with the complainant and the property owners and reviewed the files on the issues at hand. After careful consideration and coordination within the Town, including with the TPC, I issued our determination letters. Since issuing these determinations, I have continued to coordinate with those involved as a final resolution is worked through.
- Conducted 2 site visits in support of permit requests or future permit requests; issued 1 land use permits during the month, and prepared 2 data packages for TPC discussion at the February Regular TPC meeting.
- Continued Identification & Preparation of Grant applications for the Town of La Pointe to pursue. Worked with Emergency Services, Police and the Fire Department and submitted a grant application for \$40k for WISCOM Radios. I also started working with the Madeline Island Ferry Line on two BUILD Grant applications; one for repowering and super structure work (approximately \$1.5M) on the Island Queen and a second planning grant (approximately \$100k) to map out the future for MIFL as the fleet continues to age. These applications will be submitted in mid-February.

Zoning Ordinance Re-Write

- During January, the Town Plan Commission Working Group continued an in-depth review of all of the Public Comments received. The TPC Working Group continued to meet almost every Tuesday to review and address the comments received focusing on the larger issues identified during the Question & Answer sessions. During January, further discussion continued on the proposed boundaries of the mixed-use areas and identifying the ultimate number of camper type units that can be on each property; two major categories of public input on the Draft Zoning Ordinance Re-Write. The revised DRAFT Zoning Ordinance (with public comments addressed) is on the Agenda to continue to be discussed at the next TPC Meeting on February 4th.

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January 2026 Permit Information/Status

DATE	SANITARY PERMIT	COUNTY PERMIT	LAND USE PERMIT	NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER	FIRE #	STREET NAME	Parcel number 014	PROJECT TYPE
1/8/2026				Sam & Jake Dobson	772	Brian's Rd	00207-0600	Change of Use
1/12/2026			2026-01	Evan Erickson		861 Whitefish St		Demolition
1/26/2026				Thomas Penn		2194 North Shore Rd.	00066-0400	Hillside Lift

During the month of January, one land use permit was issued and review started on two to be considered for approval in February:

- 1) 861 Whitefish Street (issued on January 19th)

As noted above, one permit was issued in January 2026. In January 2024, two Town of La Pointe permits were issued (driveway and dwelling) and in January 2025, one Town of La Pointe permit (accessory structure) was issued.

Site Visits

Site visits are critical to our understanding of the proposed projects submitted by property owners and help facilitate our review of land use permit applications. These visits also allow me to better understand the property owner's goals and to be able to share information as I see it. Providing on-going good customer service is important to me.

During January, I participated in 2 site visits (listed below):

- January 2nd – 299 Equaysayway Lane
- January 30th – 772 Brian's Road

Grant Opportunities

During the month, I continued working with the Town Department Heads to start identifying, and then start preparing, grant applications that would benefit, if selected, the Town of La Pointe. I have a draft of a tracking tool that includes the name of the grant, the purpose, the amount sought, the Town's match (if selected), the due date and the changes (high, medium, low) of the Town of La Pointe being selected.

In January, I worked with Emergency Medical Services, the Fire Department and Police Department on assembling the materials for submitting a competitive application for advanced communication radios. The application was submitted on January 14th. While it appears that the funding for this program this year is for other parts of the State, and our chances are low, our submittal this year prepares us for the next round of funding (2027) and shows that the need exists today.

Furthermore, I started working with the Madeline Island Ferry Line on preparing materials for the FY26 BUILD Grant applications. We are submitting both a capital and planning grant request in February competing to receive funding to repower and perform super structure work on the Island Queen and undertake a planning study that evaluates and identifies the long-term plan for the ferry line.

Finally, I will continue to coordinate with the Department Heads and will be coordinating with them regularly in an attempt to identify all opportunities that exist.

Processing Complaints

Overall, in total 5 potential zoning complaints have been received by the Zoning Office. During January, at the Regular Monthly TPC meeting, I briefed the members with the high-level details of the complaints received and their status.

I issued two determination letters in January. The building setback variance complaint determination letter was issued on January 9th and the Fence in the Right-of-Way determination letter was issued on January 21st. There has been a follow-up with the complainant on the building setback variance letter and with the property owner on the fence in the Right-of-Way letter. Both are being worked. In addition, in the “Supporting the Short-Term Rental Administrator” section below, additional details are provided on the status of a complaint regarding events occurring at a property are provided.

Supporting the Short-Term Rental Administrator

The Short-Term Rental Administrator (STRA) and I continue to coordinate on a regular basis. During December, we mailed (certified return receipt on December 4th) a corrective action letter to the property owner regarding the written complaint that we received in August as well as additional new complaints, all regarding events occurring at the same property address. The property owner received the letter on December 11th and called the Zoning Administrator (ZA). The property owner requested copies of the 2024 and 2025 rental permits (which were provided via email on December 18th). On January 13th and January 29th I reached out to the property owner to attempt to schedule a meeting. Efforts to reach the property owner will continue.

During January, our current total of short-term rentals are 139 (113 short term and 26 commercial). As property owners have until January 31st to pay their Room Accommodation Taxes, we don’t have final numbers yet for 2025. Final numbers will be available in February and will be included in the Month of February update. That being said, we believe that the number of property owners that still owe are less than 10 in total.

Accounting Manager Report

January 2026

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1. Completed Items:

- a. Baker Tilly Auditors - 2025 Audit Preliminary work.

2. Ongoing Items:

- a. Financial Working Group: Cash Flow Analysis working on forecasting cash flow out to 2026-2028.
- b. Kerber Rose Accounting Support: meetings this month held to discuss 2026 contract for services with KR, and 2025 reconciliation of new accounts.
- c. Baker Tilly Auditors - 2025 Audit prep for final work in April.
- d. Continue to work on cleaning up 2025 year end tasks.

3. Upcoming Items:

- a. 2025 Audit with Baker Tilly – end of April

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Brown

Accounting Manager

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LA POINTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PHONE: (715) 747-6913
FAX: (715) 747-3096
police@townoflapointewi.gov

To: Town Board
From: Thom Rossberger
Date: 2/6/2026
Re: Monthly Police Report for January 2026

During the month of January, the La Pointe Police responded to the following:

- 36 Incidents/Complaints (calls for service)
- 5 Traffic Stops
- 7 Citizen Assists
- 1 Accidents
- 0 Civil Process
- 3 False Alarm/911 hang up calls.
- 2 Call Out
- 4 Animal Calls
- 0 Parking Citations

January's weather and this time of year, most island businesses have shut down for the season. Department activity numbers are down as a result. See above. With average temps from 8 degrees to 19 degrees, we were able to have ice form and although we did not have an ice road for January, February looks to be a solid start to ice road season.

With the ice road and the good amount of snow, we have seen a large increase of snowmobile use and issues associated with the sleds on trails and roads they are not allowed on. DNR Wardens have been informed and requested to help with education and patrol to make the use of sleds enjoyable to the riders and safe for the community. If there are issues with sleds on private lands or trails that are not open to sleds, please notify dispatch and your local officers.

As you know Chief Defoe has officially retired. Sgt. Rossberger is the interim Chief and went to New Chief and Sheriff's training put on by the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Chief Rossberger looks forward to serving the La Pointe Department and the Island Community for years to come.

Ofc. Williams and Chief Rossberger are currently recertifying as Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) and have participated in meetings and training sessions with the Madeline Island Ambulance. Ofc. Lindquist is in training to become an EMT to further assist the Madeline Island Ambulance. EMS Director Sarah Schram has thanked The La Pointe Police Dept and requested we continue to assist the Ambulance service.

If you know anyone that is interested in a career in law enforcement, please have them come talk to me about how they can get into the profession and possibly get sponsored by our department. If there are any questions or if you wish to discuss things within the department, please feel free to contact me. I suggest all town board members ride with a member of the police department. Chief TJR

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From: joseph wiltz <wiltz32@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 2, 2026 2:00:21 PM

To: Alex Smith <clerk@townoflapointewi.gov>; Max Imholte
<administrator@townoflapointewi.gov>

Subject: Fire Department Monthly Report

To the Town of La Pointe,

Please find the Fire Department's monthly report below, outlining training activities, equipment updates, and administrative matters from the past month.

Training and Operations

Last month, the Fire Department conducted training on our newly acquired carbon monoxide detector, as well as truck compartment contents and operational use. These trainings ensure all members are familiar with equipment placement, function, and safe deployment.

The Ice Rescue Team met and completed a full inventory and safety inspection of all ice rescue equipment. Additionally, the department conducted an in-water rescue training led by our newly appointed Ice Rescue Coordinator, William Hagen.

Equipment and Apparatus Updates

The Husky windsled is currently undergoing hull repairs by Nelson Construction and is expected to be ready for use during the upcoming season. A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was agreed upon and signed by both Windsled Inc. and the Town of La Pointe. This updated MOU clarifies terminology related to sled descriptions and authorized operators.

The department has also received new stabilization equipment for use during automobile accidents. This equipment is crucial for firefighter and patient safety while operating on or around vehicle crashes. Training will be conducted this month, after which the equipment will be placed on apparatus.

The department selling the tanker we are interested in has tentatively accepted our offer of \$95,000, down from their original asking price of \$120,000. This reduced price allows room in the budget for required inspections and delivery costs.

EMS and Fire Department Equipment

EMS and Fire have received a new workout machine purchased using designated funds. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Ray, Pete, and Trevor for assembling this impressive—but extremely complicated—piece of equipment.

Upcoming Training Opportunities

Assistant Chief Tyler Andreas is working with Northwood Technical College to arrange a live burn training this spring at the former ferry lodging. This will provide a valuable real-world training opportunity that cannot be replicated through classroom or simulated exercises.

Administrative Updates

An election for the position of Fire Chief will be held at the upcoming monthly meeting. Acting Chief Wiltz will be running for the position of Fire Chief.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or for additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Fire Chief Wiltz

La Pointe Fire Department

**Madeline Island Ambulance Service
Monthly Report – January 2026
Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Schram**

January was a very quiet month for the service, with a total call volume of **two calls**. We are grateful for the uneventful nature of the month and the opportunity it provided to focus on training, equipment readiness, and administrative updates.

Training & Continuing Education

With the slower call volume, we dedicated time to hands-on skills training, including:

- Review and operation of the **LUCAS chest compression device**
- **Epinephrine draw-up** practice from vials
- Proper sizing and application of **cervical collars** for adults and infants
- Training on the **mounted suction units** in our ambulances

In addition, members have enrolled in required refresher courses through **Northwood Technical College**:

- **40-hour EMT refresher**
- **18-hour EMR refresher**

We will also be completing **online CPR recertification**. Most service licenses are on track to be renewed prior to the June deadlines.

Winter Operations Update

Ambulance **508 (Mercedes)** is currently designated as our primary response vehicle due to its lighter weight and all-wheel drive capability, which makes it better suited for winter travel conditions.

All patient transports are being conducted via **windsled** at this time. We remain in close communication with **Arnie Nelson** and the other windsled operators to ensure timely transport availability. **Bayfield Ambulance Service** continues to provide support on the mainland side and is prepared to receive patients from the landing as needed.

Equipment & Inventory

During January, a full inventory review was completed. All supplies were checked for expiration dates and stock levels to ensure readiness. Equipment organization and replacement needs were addressed as necessary.

Billing & Administrative Updates

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Administrative time was used to review and update our insurance billing portals. Payment information and payer enrollment details were verified to help ensure a smooth and efficient billing year.

Staffing & Roster Changes

We are excited to see continued growth and professional development within our roster.

- **Kye Castillo, Lilah Guertin** are currently enrolled in the EMT course through Allied Medical Training. We look forward to them earning their EMT licensure in early spring.
- **Alan Lindquist** has also enrolled in an EMT course and will be a valuable asset to the island community in his dual role as a police officer and EMT.

We also recognize recent departures:

- **Evan Ralph** retired at the end of the season after **nine years of dedicated service** as an EMR. We sincerely thank him for his commitment and contributions to the ambulance service.
- **Zach Whitaker** has also moved on from the service. We appreciate the time and effort he gave while serving the community.



TOWN OF LA POINTE
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715-747-6913

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GOVERNMENT AGENCY TAX EXEMPT
- All Sales are Tax Exempt -

Purchase Order Form

Date of Request 2/5/2026 Is this Expenditure Currently in the Budget? ☒ Y ☐ N
Person's Name Peter Wiggins If not, where will funds come from? _____
Budget Line Item # 57324-000 Currently in budget line item \$ 16,900.00
Project Name Replace Truck Tires Date Needed _____
Purpose Replace worn tires on 2021 Chevy 2500
Amount Estimate \$ 1,700.00 Checked State Purchasing Website ☐ Y ☒ N
Date Town Board approved: _____ SDS Needed? _____
Actual Cost \$ 1,668.00 Actual Purchase Date _____

Purchasing policy requires attaching 3 vendor quotes/estimates. Circle Selected Vendor:

Vendor #1 Rons Repair Amount \$ 1,668.00
Vendor #2 Zifko Trie and Battery Amount \$ 1,750.00
Vendor #3 _____ Amount \$ _____
Why did you pick this vendor Best price

Chairperson _____ Date _____
Supervisor #2 _____ Date _____
Supervisor #3 _____ Date _____
Supervisor #4 _____ Date _____
Supervisor #5 _____ Date _____
Town Administrator _____ Date _____

NOTE: Complete one Purchase Order for each vendor on a multi-vendor project.

CONTRACT PROCESSING

\$1,500 - \$5,000 - Signed by Town Administration ☐ YES ☐ NO
\$5,001 - Signed by Town Board ☐ YES ☐ NO Date Contract to TB _____
Publishing/posting Needed? ☐ YES ☐ NO If yes, date(s) _____

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Town of La Pointe Agreement for Use of Rec Center Property

This Agreement is entered into on February _____, 2026, between the Town of La Pointe (hereinafter "Town") and the School District of Bayfield (hereinafter "User") .

The Town and User agree to the following:

- 1) The Town owns the Rec Center Building at 295 Middle Rd., La Pointe WI (hereinafter "Premises").
- 2) The Town is willing to offer the use of the Rec Center as a temporary school classroom during renovations at the La Pointe School. The use of the Rec Center for this purpose is expected to begin on April 1st, 2026 and continue through June 15th, 2026. With a potential extension to the month of September 2026.
- 3) The User will pay the Town at a rate of \$0.25 per square foot for 500 square feet. The payment will total \$125 per month to be billed monthly. The User and Town agree that this does not constitute nor create a tenant/landlord relationship. This rate includes water and sewer charges. Electricity and internet service will be billed at cost to the User and is expected to be approximately \$150.00 per month.
- 4) The Town will maintain the building and grounds (including snow removal) to the extent possible without interfering with User's activities.
- 5) The User will assume responsibility for personal property kept on the Premises. Any personal property remaining on the Premises after the termination of this Agreement shall be deemed abandoned.
- 6) The Town will provide General Liability/Property Damage Insurance on the grounds and any Town-owned structures. The User will maintain adequate General Liability Insurance for activities on the Premises; the policy will name the Town of La Pointe as an Additional Insured. A copy of the Certificate of Insurance will be filed with the Town. Town reserves the right to require additional or greater insurance coverage. Failure to maintain said policy or a lapse in coverage of more than ten (10) days will constitute grounds for termination of this Agreement.
- 7) The User will protect, indemnify, and save the Town, its partners, shareholders, employees, officers, directors, agents and their respective successors and assigns harmless from and against all liabilities, obligations, claims, damages, penalties, causes of action, costs and expenses (including without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses) imposed upon, incurred by, or asserted against the Town by reason of (a) any accident, injury to or death of persons or loss of or damage to property occurring on or about the Premises or any part thereof or the adjoining properties, sidewalks, curbs, streets or ways, or resulting from an act or omission of the User or anyone claiming by, through or under the User; (b) any failure on the part of the User to perform or comply with any of the terms of this Agreement affecting the Premises; (c) the use, occupation, condition, or operation of the Premises or any part thereof; or (d) performance of any labor or services or the furnishing of any materials or other property in respect of the Premises or any part thereof. In case any action, suit, or proceeding is brought against the Town by reason of any such occurrence, the User will, at the User's sole expense, resist and defend such action, suit or proceeding, or cause the same to be resisted and defended with counsel acceptable to the Town. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the User shall not be responsible for the negligence and willful

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misconduct of the Town, its affiliates or their employees: (a) resulting in any accident, injury to or death of persons or loss of or damage to property occurring on or about the Premises or any part thereof or the adjoining properties, sidewalks, curbs, streets or ways; and (b) with respect to the performance of any labor or services or the furnishing of any materials or other property in respect of the Premises or any part thereof.

- 8) The User is not a sub-contractor of the Town. It is further understood that the Town has no supervisory control over any of the User's principals, employees or representatives. This Agreement does not create a partnership relationship. The User understands that the use of the Premises does not constitute an endorsement of said use.
- 9) The User will use the Premises contemplated herein in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The User represents and warrants that it has or will obtain all permits, licenses, registrations, and other approvals required by every federal, state, local, or municipal government or agency in respect to the use of the Premises.
- 10) Any disagreements or disputes will be brought to the Town Administrator for resolution as soon as possible. Should the dispute not get settled through these discussions, it is agreed that the User may bring the dispute to the Town Board for resolution.
- 11) This Agreement may be modified at any time by written mutual agreement of the Town and User.
- 12) This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon 30 days' written notice.
- 13) This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding and agreement between the parties relating to use of the Premises and supersedes and replaces any prior discussions, negotiations and agreements, oral or written. This Agreement may be executed in parts and counterparts, each of which, taken together, represent one Agreement. Signatures may be made electronically. A copy of this Agreement shall be valid as an original.

Town

User

Glenn Carlson, chair

Signature, Title

Attest: Alex Smith, clerk

Date

Date

Contacts

Town

Town Administrator
PO Box 270, La Pointe, WI 54850
administrator@townoflapointewi.gov
715-747-6914

User

The School District of Bayfield
300 N. 4th St. Bayfield WI 54814
email: _____
906-221-5167



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TOWN OF LA POINTE, MADELINE ISLAND

Application to Serve on a Board and/or Committee

Complete and return to Town Hall (PO Box 270) or email to clerk@townoflapointewi.gov

1. Please select the board and/or committee that you wish to be considered for appointment to (you may select more than one)

☐ Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
☐ Election Board *
☐ Madeline Island Public Library Board
☐ Town Plan Commission*
☐ Zoning Board of Appeals *

☐ Board of Review (alternate)*
☐ Energy Committee
☐ Public Arts Committee
☐ Winter Transportation Committee
☒ Other: Child care task force

*Members receive compensation for meeting attendance

** Members receive monthly compensation

2. Personal Information

Julie Stryker North
Name (please print)

Box 232
Mailing Address

Phone (Primary)

Phone (Other)

Email Address

Town Resident? Full time ☒ Seasonal ☐ Other ☐

3. Have you served on any other Town boards/committees in the past? YES ☒ NO ☐

If yes, what boards or committees?

Election board

4. What are your reasons for seeking an appointment to the board(s)/committee(s) you have selected above?

I am interested / concerned about the children and future of our island.

5. Why would you be an asset to the board(s)/committee(s) you have selected above? (Use back if necessary)

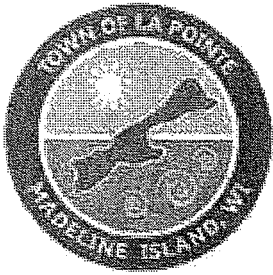
I have raised 2 daughters on this island. Child care was an issue then and it is an issue now. I believe I can bring to the committee past experience, what worked, what didn't and options.

I am aware of the required time commitment (see back) for the board(s)/committee(s) I have selected above.

Julie Stryker North
Print Name

Julia S. North
Signature

01/14/2026
Date



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1. Please select the board and/or committee that you wish to be considered for appointment to (you may select more than one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Advisory Committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Review (alternate)* |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Election Board * | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Madeline Island Public Library Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Arts Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town Plan Commission* | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Transportation Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Zoning Board of Appeals * | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Child Care Task Force |
- *Members receive compensation for meeting attendance
** Members receive monthly compensation

2. Personal Information

Lauren Schuppe

Name (please print)

po box 276 La Pointe, WI 54850

Mailing Address

Phone (Primary) Phone (Other) Email Address

Town Resident? Full time ☒ Seasonal ☐ Other ☐

3. Have you served on any other Town boards/committees in the past? YES ☒ NO ☐

If yes, what boards or committees?

I was on the affordable housing committee

4. What are your reasons for seeking an appointment to the board(s)/committee(s) you have selected above?

I feel very passionately about finding support for current and future island families. This topic has been a challenge for families always.

5. Why would you be an asset to the board(s)/committee(s) you have selected above? (Use back if necessary)

I would be an asset as I have served as the Town's Library Director providing the majority of child programming and activities for 8 years. I have a unique perspective and knowledge of families needs, what has worked and not done so well. In addition I have two children and have lived the struggle.

I am aware of the required time commitment (see back) for the board(s)/committee(s) I have selected above.

Lauren Schuppe
Print Name

Lauren Schuppe
Signature

Digitally signed by Lauren Schuppe
Date: 2026.01.14 12:50:45 -0500

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Date

TOWN OF LA POINTE

Resolution No. 2026-XXXX

A Resolution Establishing the Big Bay Town Park Accessibility Design Task Force

WHEREAS, Big Bay Town Park is one of the Town of La Pointe's most important public assets, providing recreational access to Lake Superior for residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of La Pointe has received a \$1.5 million federal appropriation through the USDA Rural Community Facilities Program to support the planning, design, and construction of an ADA-accessible route from the upper parking area to the beach at Big Bay Town Park; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the design and planning of this project will require careful consideration of accessibility, environmental protection, cultural and historical resources, public input, and long-term stewardship of the park and lagoon; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires a transparent, inclusive, and community-informed process while retaining final decision-making authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of La Pointe, Ashland County, Wisconsin, that the Big Bay Town Park Accessibility Design Task Force ("Task Force") is hereby established as an advisory body to the Town Board.

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Task Force is to advise the Town Board on matters related to the planning, design, public engagement, and review of the Big Bay Town Park Accessibility Project, including accessibility considerations, environmental stewardship, cultural sensitivity, and community input.

The Task Force shall have no independent decision-making authority. All final decisions shall remain with the Town Board.

SECTION 2. MEMBERSHIP

The Task Force shall consist of seven (7) voting members, appointed by the Town Board

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Chair and confirmed by the Town Board.

No Town employees shall serve as voting members of the Task Force.

SECTION 3. DUTIES

The Task Force may:

- Review prior engineering concepts and new preliminary design alternatives.
- Provide feedback on accessibility, environmental protection, cultural and historical considerations, and park character.
- Advise on public engagement strategies and review public input.
- Offer written or verbal recommendations to the Town Board at key milestones.

The Task Force shall not direct Town staff or consultants, negotiate contracts, or represent the Town independently.

SECTION 4. MEETINGS

The Task Force shall meet as needed during active planning and design phases. Meetings shall be noticed and conducted in compliance with Wisconsin Open Meetings Law. The Task Force shall select a chair from among its voting members.

SECTION 5. DURATION

The Task Force shall sunset upon approval of a design by the Town Board, unless extended by action of the Town Board.

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of La Pointe this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Glenn Carlson, Chair

Clerk Attest

Mike Anderson, Supervisor

Date

Aimée Baxter, Supervisor

Sue Brenna, Supervisor

Samantha Dobson, Supervisor

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ESB MICROGRID PROJECT

Award Date: 11/24/2024

	Orig. Plan	Plan B*
Total Project Cost	\$288,773.04	\$201,873.40
Grant Award	\$142,310.00	\$98,917.77
Town Portion	\$146,463.04	102,955.23
Jolma	\$270,021.98	\$189,761.24

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RESOLUTION #2026-0210 B

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF LA POINTE, WISCONSIN,
COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING CHIEF BILL DEFOE FOR TWELVE YEARS OF
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS CHIEF OF THE LA POINTE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND
TWENTY-TWO TOTAL YEARS TOTAL AS A POLICE OFFICER

WHEREAS, the Town of La Pointe depends on the dedication, training, and readiness of its police officers to protect the lives and property of residents, visitors, and businesses on Madeline Island; and

WHEREAS, William "Bill" Defoe has served the Town of La Pointe with distinction in the La Pointe Police Department for the past twenty-two (22) years, twelve (12) of which as police chief; and

WHEREAS, during Chief Defoe's tenure, the police force has maintained a roster of fully qualified law enforcement despite the recruiting and retention challenges of being an Island thereby strengthening the department's capacity to respond safely and effectively to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Chief Defoe has promoted a culture of training, preparedness, teamwork, and public service within the department, and has supported the recruitment and retention of police officers; and

WHEREAS, Chief Reichkitzer has worked collaboratively with Town staff, other emergency services, and regional partners to improve emergency response on and around Madeline Island; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership, professionalism, and steady presence, Chief Defoe has earned the respect and appreciation of Town officials, fellow police officers, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Chief Defoe is now retiring from his position as Chief of the La Pointe Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of La Pointe, Ashland County, Wisconsin, that the Board hereby commends and thanks Chief Bill Defoe for his twelve years of loyal and dedicated service as Police Chief, and twenty-two years overall as a police officer and recognizes his important contributions to the safety and well-being of the Town of La Pointe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board extends to Chief Defoe its best wishes in his retirement and future endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be entered into the official records of the Town of La Pointe and presented to Chief Defoe as a token of the Town's appreciation.

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This resolution was duly passed on this _____ day of _____, 2026

Glenn Carlson, Chair

Clerk Attest

Mike Anderson, Supervisor

Date

Aimee Baxter, Supervisor

Sue Brenna, Supervisor

Samantha Dobson, Supervisor