

Town Board Meeting Memo

From: Max Imholte, TA

Date: March 10, 2026

Re: Agenda Items

III. Public Works

C. MRF:

1. **Approve** purchase order for replacement hook truck. This is a used truck located in Minnesota. The purchase price includes adding the hook mechanism.

VIII: Emergency Services

B. Fire Department:

1. **Appoint** Jay Wiltz as Fire Chief.
2. **Approve** purchase order for used tanker.

RECEIVED
MAR 8 2026
Robbie dg

TOWN ADMINSTRATOR REPORT

March 10, 2026

- Quite a bit of energy at Town Hall over the past week has been directed at the first payroll run using the Kerber Rose accounting firm. Given that this was the first time, it went better than expected. After going through this it's clear that the whole payroll process would be a good candidate for our first attempt at end-to-end process mapping.
- We are also talking to Kerber Rose about implementing a Qualified Transportation Benefit program that would enable Town employees to allocate pre-tax money to a ferry card account.
- We are preparing documents to submit the alternative design option for the ESB Microgrid project.
- I participated in most but not all of the second-round interviews for the summer rec program director.
- On Friday, March 13th there will be a retirement dinner at Lakewoods Resort in Cable for Bill Defoe. I will be there representing the Town.
- I am still working on getting input for a preliminary design approach and rough cost estimate for the proposed alterations to the Winter Transportation building.

Max I.

RECEIVED

MAR 6 2026

initial dg

February 2026

Public Works Report

February has been a pretty mild month for snow fall and temperatures this year. We had several small snow events that were easily managed by the crew and one major snow event over a 2-day period which brought well over 12 inches of wet heavy snow. The crew put in some very long hours between plowing and snow removal on February 18th and 19th. The gravel roads were especially challenging due to warmer temperatures exposing and thawing the top layer gravel which means only the grader and loader can plow these roads and usually takes 4 very slow passes to get it as clean as possible while minimizing damage to the gravel.

We have used 90% of our 170 yards of salt sand mix. We have plenty of untreated sand that we can still use. We will be making 200 hund or more yards of salt sand for next year.

With the warmer temperatures the crew had several days of scraping slush and cleaning out storm drains and sluice ways downtown, pushing back piles on intersections, winging back snowbanks and moving large snow piles at parking lots and cleaning off what we can from the sidewalks on main street.

We assembled our culvert steaming equipment in preparation for the coming thaw but have not had to steam any culverts yet. We typically patrol County H and Town roads a couple times a week to monitor flooding, and I encourage the public to report any backed up culverts we may have missed to my office line, 715-747-6855.

Trevor Krueger has completed the first step of his CDL training and has obtained his temporary CDL permit which allows him to drive a commercial vehicle with a valid CDL holder.

The Town Board approved funding to purchase a new Roll-off truck for the MRF in the 2026 budget and we have found a truck that will work for us in our rice range. Evan and Matt traveled to Rice Minnesota and the 26th to look at several trucks and decided on a 2020 Western Star 4700. If the numbers work, we will hopefully purchase this truck in the next couple months.

The Ice Road has taken a beating, and I don't foresee it lasting much longer, so be prepared for lengthy wind Sled season.

RECEIVED

MAR 5 2026

Initial: dg

Roads

- Plowed/Scraped slush 5 times.
- Wing back snowbanks in the grader.
- Cleaned up several downed trees.
- Opened culverts ends at usual problem areas with the 410 backhoe.
- Sanding corners, intersections and sometimes entire roads as conditions require.
- Trimmed overgrown trees on Voyageur, Herring Street, Mondamin Trail and North Shore Rd.
- Cleared snow from sluice way on the lake side of Brummer Co. on main street.
- Several storm water inlets were opened on rice street and main street.

County H

- Plowed/ Scraped slush 5 times.
- Cleaned up 2 downed trees.
- Sand corners and intersections as needed.

Ice Road / Approaches

- Moved ice piles at Griggs approach with the Excavator 1 time.
- We sand Griggs approach almost daily.

Equipment

- Installed heated front wiper on the grader.
- Replaced the damaged sand spreader on our 2020 Western Star dump truck.
- Installed auxiliary back up lights on 2 pickup trucks.
- Chainsaw maintenance and repair.
- Repaired the snow blower attachment for the TV-145 airport tractor. New bearings bushings and on sprocket for one of the augers.
- New mirrors installed on the 2016 Ram 5500.

Airport

- Plowed 5 times.
- Moved giant snow piles 2 times with the loader.

Facilities

- Monitoring the heat and utility room at the Big Bay Town Park office at least twice a week.
- Repaired the furnace at the Clinic.

- Motoring heat and air exchangers at the Emergency Services Building a couple times a week.
- Replaced several outlets in the Town Shop.
- Deep clean the town shop and Snow Removal Equipment Building.

Parks

- Dropped and cleaned up several dead or dying trees at the Big Bay Town Park.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Pete Wiggins, Public Works Director.

February 2026 MRF Report

As you may suspect, February was quite tame compared to our summer months. As we roll into March, we are enjoying the somewhat warmer weather, longer days, and the last few days of the ice road. Over the month of February, we did take advantage of the ice road along with keeping up with the day-to-day business.

Without boats running, hauling comes to a standstill, but we were able to get a pickup truck load of material hauled over. With the opening of the ice road, we were able to sell some recyclables. On 2/6, Michael took a pickup truck over with some copper products and catalytic converters. We made a total of \$317.15 on 28 pounds of aluminum wire, 42 pounds of 2 copper, and 251 pounds of old extension cords. After the catalytic converters were graded, we received a check for \$700. We had hopes that the ice road would continue to thicken to bring over a load of batteries and air conditioners, but that was not the case. We will wait until the boats run again to bring over those materials.

So far, we look to be in good shape in terms of space to last until the boats run. Out of our 3 demo boxes, 1 is full and the second is half full. Out of our 2 trash boxes, the one is 2/3rds full. Our recycling box is about 1/2 full.

With no hauling needed, Woodstock received some much-needed rest and a spa treatment. This treatment included pressure washing, a new roll tarp, and a change in the hydraulic filters and oil. Before the boats shut down, we loaded up one of the failed hydraulic rams to be sent off for a rebuild. In the middle of February Trevor drove the ram to a machine shop in Wakefield MI to get fixed. The ram was picked up in the beginning of March. We will bring it to the island when boats start up again.

On 2/26 Matt H and I took a trip to Rice, MN to look at some hooklift trucks. CarCo in Rice MN specializes in purchasing trucks that have been damaged and turning them into hooklift trucks and dump trucks. After spending some time on their lot, we found two trucks that can meet our needs. The first truck we looked at that met our needs was a 2016 Freightliner M2 with 133,000 miles on it. This truck does need some work (hydraulic hoses replaced, air bags replaced and one tire replaced) before a purchase would be made. The second truck that we liked the most was a 2020 Western Star 4700 also with approximately 133,000 miles. This truck did not have a hooklift body on it but we could get one installed similar to the one on Woodstock. This truck had not been entered into CarCos system yet since it was new to their inventory. I am waiting for all the information on the truck along with final numbers with the truck finished. I hope to have that for the next Town Board meeting to present.

Over the past month, I have worked with Katie and Liz to make our end-of-day reports meet the needs of the auditors. In the past, we would bring in our end-of-day information which included both a cash drawer report that shows that the register is balanced, and a daily sales report. In addition to that, we are now filling out a daily log. This log shows our sales, refunds/transaction

RECEIVED

MAR 5 2026

Initial: alg

mistakes, credit card and card load fees, how much in each bill we are turning in, how much revenue is in checks, how much revenue is in credit cards, change in the MRF card balance, and change in House Account balances. Turning in this additional information should make Katie's and Liz's jobs easier, along with satisfying the requirements needed for the audit. It also brings me joy that I get to play with another spreadsheet.

I am unable to turn in hauling and bailing information in for the month of February. I was struck by the flu at the time of making my report and did the report from home where I do not have access to the M drive. I will present that information in the March report. My apologies for the inconvenience.

This will be the final month of the winter schedule where we are closed on Mondays. Starting April 1st, we will be open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday 8:30AM-2:30PM.

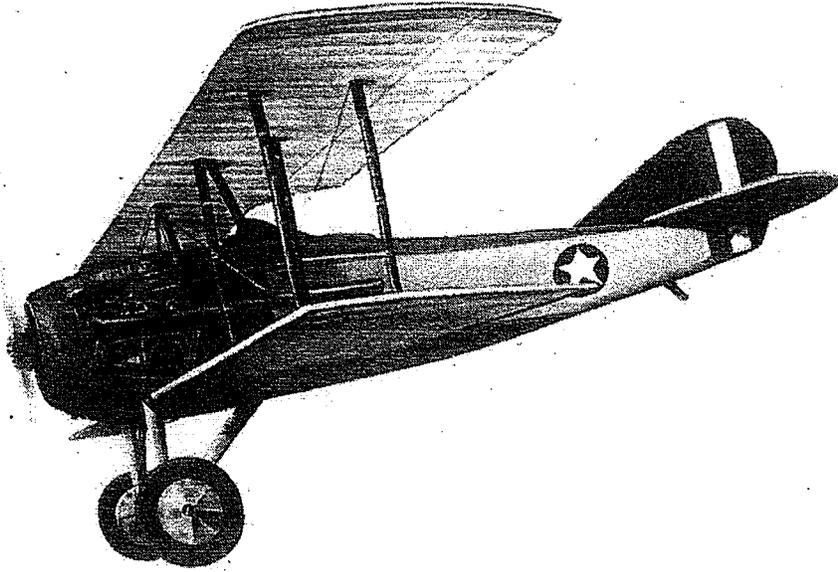
Respectfully submitted,

Evan R Erickson

February

	2026	2025
Gross sales	\$4,971.46	\$5,367.00
Items	\$4,926.25	\$5,367.00
Service charges	\$45.21	\$0.00
Discounts & comps	(\$1,021.56)	(\$607.00)
Net sales	\$3,949.90	\$4,760.00
Gift card loads	\$3,683.00	\$2,433.00
Total sales	\$7,632.90	\$7,193.00
Total payments collected	\$8,106.44	\$5,554.00
Card	\$2,559.25	\$1,528.50
Cash	\$1,412.25	\$1,995.00
Check	\$828.00	
Gift card redeemed	\$3,306.94	\$2,030.50
House account	\$169.21	\$2,045.00
Fees	(\$172.53)	(\$106.52)
Total number of sales	404	327

⑤ TB, TA, A, Clerk, Public



Major Gilbert Field (4R5)

To: Town Board

From: Paul Wilharm

Date: 03/01/2026

Re: Monthly report for February 2026

During the month of February our airport was issue free.

Drop box receipts:	\$0.00
Traffic, flight plan:	14
Traffic, sign in	09
NOTAMS	06

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 !

Paul cover + (4)

RECEIVED

MAR 2 2026

Initial: dg

February 2026 Traffic count and revenue log / checklist

Drop box receipts \$ 0.00

The following filed flight plans

02/03 N997UW

02/07 N75327

02/08 N4241L

02/08 N180GB

02/12 N419TL

02/12 N61761

02/14 N16093

02/14 N23MW

02/14 N311YM

02/15 N192AF

02/16 N8577W

02/23 N47955

02/26 N377CA

02/27 N192AF

For additional traffic see sign in sheet(s)

2/14/25	[REDACTED]	1	P	ZID	
2/14/26	[REDACTED]	2	P	COQ	

Sign in (1)

WELCOME TO 4RS

DATE	PILOT'S NAME	N-NUMBER	NUMBER ABOARD	BUSINESS/ PLEASURE	FLIGHT ORIGIN	CONTACT
2-14-26	[REDACTED]		2	P	KSUE	
02/14/26						
2-14-26			2	P	Y77	
2-14-26			2	P	KEFT	
2-15-26			1	P	KFCM	
2-15-26			3/2	P/B	KSGS	On F.L
2/14/26			2	P/B	KJKS	[REDACTED]

Sign in (2)

Available Reports		Run	6 total records			
Filter Name	Filter Value	Reference...	NOTAM N...	NOTAM Text	Designator	Rc
Civil Airport Coordination Report		79815907	02/032	IGRB 02/032 4R5 RWY 22 FICON 3/3/3 100 PCT 3/4IN DRY SN OVER COMPACTED SN OBS AT 2602...	4R5	Pa
Civil Airport NOTAM Report		80082140	02/503	IGRB 02/503 4R5 RWY 04/22 REDL OBSC 2602201448-2602271448	4R5	Pa
gAirportCounts		80186349	02/693	IGRB 02/693 4R5 RWY 22 FICON 3/3/3 100 PCT 3IN DRY SN OBS AT 2602262234, 2602262234-26022...	4R5	Pa
xMonthlyLogins		80186349	02/693	IGRB 02/693 4R5 RWY 22 FICON 3/3/3 100 PCT 3IN DRY SN OBS AT 2602262234, 2602262234-26022...	4R5	Pa
xUserEmails		80195496	02/701	IGRB 02/701 4R5 RWY 04/22 REDL OBSC 2602271557-2603131556	4R5	Pa
		80195506	02/702	IGRB 02/702 4R5 RWY 22 FICON 3/3/3 100 PCT COMPACTED SN OBS AT 2602271559, 2602271559-...	4R5	Pa
Location	4R5					
Status	Active,Cancelled,Expired					
Keyword						
Date Range (Start)	02/01/2025					
Date Range (End)	02/28/2025					

02/26 NOTAM

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

February 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 and two TPC meetings in February. On February 11th the TPC completed their review, and I incorporated all comments into a DRAFT Final document that was shared with the TPC Members on February 19th. Discussion on the next steps and timing will occur during the Monthly TPC Meeting on March 4th.
- Continued identification & preparation of grant applications for the Town of La Pointe to pursue. I worked with the Madeline Island Ferry Line and the Harbor Commission and submitted two BUILD Grant applications; one for repowering and super structure work (approximately \$1.9M) on the Island Queen and a second planning and design grant (\$700k) to map out the vessel future for MIFL as the fleet continues to age. Both applications were submitted on February 18th.
- Attended and participated in, along with representatives from MIFL, LLC, the Passenger Vessel Association MariTrends 2026 National Convention in Covington, Kentucky from February 20th to February 27th. This is an annual event that brings together over 400 leaders, key government officials and influencers in the passenger vessel industry. I participated in seminars, workshops and roundtables each day and met many key people in the industry. My attendance and participation have prepared me for future public funding opportunities to ensure we remain competitive.

Zoning Ordinance Re-Write

- During February, the Town Plan Commission Working Group continued an in-depth review of all the Public Comments received. The TPC met a total of 5 times in January and February and reviewed the draft document page by page. On February 11th, the TPC completed their review of the document. I took all their comments, edits and modifications and prepared an updated draft document for a final review. This was completed and distributed to the TPC on February 19th. The revised DRAFT Zoning Ordinance (with public comments addressed) is on the Agenda to be reviewed at the next TPC Meeting on March 4th. Also, during the March 4th TPC meeting, the Team will discuss the next steps including scheduling a Public Hearing and the notification requirements. Legal and Town Board review will also have to be scheduled.

RECEIVED

MAR 5 2026

Passenger Vessel Association (PVA) – MariTrends National Convention (Covington, Kentucky)

- From February 20th to February 27th, I attended and participated in the PVA MariTrends Convention in Kentucky. Over the entire convention, I was able to attend approximately 30 different seminars, workshops and roundtables learning about the industry which will help the Town of La Pointe find and compete for different grant funding. I met owners and operators across the country who operate different types of ferry operations. There were over 440 registered attendees. While not a comprehensive list of seminars attended, the below represents some that directly relate to the type of operation that we have that currently serves the Island:
 - Public Ferry Operator’s Discussion – Included good discussions on various on-going activities in Washington DC and the recent release, by the White House, of the Maritime Action Plan.
 - PVA Vessel Decarbonization Forum Update – Discussed local utility grid challenges and how some communities are determining and working through high electricity demand for short periods of time.
 - How to Get the Most Participation for Your Shipbuilding Project – Three existing ship building companies gave an overview of what they do, the current state of the industry and how to navigate a complicated process.
 - Opening General Session – Congressperson Thomas Massie presented on the state of the industry and how he is committed to helping operators. He also gave an update of the US Coast Guard shutdown and how it is tied to other funding streams and how it is not a stand-alone issue.
 - Getting Your Boat Built: Key Lessons from Hybrid and Electric Ferry Projects – A discussion took place that focused on the premise that having a boat built will be more expensive than you think and will take longer than you think. Ship building costs are up three times since the 1990’s. Tariffs are on again and off again challenging the build costs and shipyards have capacity limits which also impact the build time.
 - NTSB Board Member Todd Inman – Mr. Inman presented on the NTSB’s roll and how to work with the NTSB in the event you every have to. Of their 436 employees, 33% are new within the last 3 years. They are raising the accident reporting threshold for Marine operations from \$500k to \$2M. Investing the time in meeting the investigator is key.

PVA is hosting a fly-in in April for ferry operators to meet with elected officials. I am strongly encouraging representatives from MIFL, LLC to attend and participate in this important event. This is an opportunity to continue to make elected officials aware of the unique type of operation we have which could result in additional funding at some point in the future.

February 2026 Permit Information/Status

DATE	SANITARY PERMIT #	COUNTY PERMIT #	LAND USE PERMIT #	NAME OF PROPERTY OWNER	FIRE #	STREET NAME	Parcel number 014	PROJECT TYPE
2/17/2026				Haecker/Cellon		893 & 895 Nebraska Rd.	00412-0400	CSM
2/19/2026				Philip Myers		3752 Big Bay Rd.	00020-0100	CSM

During the month of February, two certified survey map requests were submitted for review and approval in March:

- 1) 893 & 895 Nebraska Rd – Haecker/Cellon
- 2) 3752 Big Bay Road – Philip Myers/Wilderness Preserve

During the month, I worked with the surveyor preparing the materials for the upcoming TPC meeting on March 4th.

While January and February have been light in actual permit applications, I have been working with property owners regarding issues and upcoming permit applications. These include working with property owners at the following locations:

- 1) 351 Fort Road – Potential Sauna and modifications to the existing primary dwelling.
- 2) 2661 Big Bay Road – Reconfiguring two existing lots.
- 3) 442 Bojo Lane – Dwelling Addition
- 4) 2912 Big Bay Road – Primary Dwelling

Grant Opportunities

In February, I continued working with the Madeline Island Ferry Line and Harbor Commission on preparing and submitting two FY26 BUILD Grant applications. On February 18th, we submitted both a capital grant and planning grant request 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 vessels for the ferry line.

These two grant applications were a heavy lift during the month. Each application included an SF-424 and SF-LLL form, along with key information questions, a project description, project location, project budget, funding commitment documentation, merit criteria, project readiness and letter of support. In addition, the capital grant application required us to complete a Benefit Cost Analysis (BCA) and a narrative of the BCA. We were able to complete a BCA that resulted in a 2.22 BCA ratio, and still well above 1.0 with a couple of sensitivity analyses. Overall, the applications were between 30 and 36 pages in total length. While I still believe that our chances are minimal that we are selected, we are starting to build a library of information that will make applying for future grants easier and less time intensive. US DOT will review and make selections in June 2026.

I also sat in on the Local Small Structures Improvement Grant Program (LSSIP) 2026-2027 webinar. Unfortunately, we have no projects in La Pointe that currently qualify.

Finally, I will continue to coordinate with the Department Heads and will continue coordinating with them regularly to identify all opportunities that exist and will apply to as many as makes sense.

Supporting the Short-Term Rental Administrator

The Short-Term Rental Administrator (STRA) and I continue to coordinate. 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). We have a meeting scheduled with the property owner on March 10th. The Short-Term Rental Administrator, the Town Inspector and I will attend the meeting.

On February 17th, the Short-Term Administrator mailed renewal letters to all property owners that offer their properties as vacation rentals. This letter included the deadline to apply (June 14th), some important ordinance reminders, and information about 2023 Wisconsin Act 73 regarding alcohol/permits for guests to have alcohol.

Accounting Manager Report February 2026

3/4/2026

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. Kerber Rose Payroll Services: meetings and support through transition.
- d. Baker Tilly Auditors - 2025 Audit prep for final work in April.

3. Upcoming Items:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Brown

Accounting Manager

RECEIVED

MAR 5 2026

LESLIE dg



⑤ TB, TA, A, Clerk, Public
LA POINTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

MADLINE ISLAND
270 MAIN STREET
LA POINTE, WISCONSIN 54850

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

To: Town Board
From: Thom Rossberger
Date: 3/5/2026
Re: February 2026

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

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

February weather and time of year, most island businesses have shut down for the season. Department activity numbers are down as a result. The weather was favorable to having the ice road.

There has been concern about the use of and law enforcement on the ice road, resulting in several ideas. The La Pointe Department Officers were active on the ice road to help ensure the safe use of the road, ensuring it lasted as long as possible. Both the La Pointe Police Department's Facebook page and the Madeline Island Community page posted updates about road conditions, along with reasons why it's important to drive slowly. The effort was successful, attracting a few hundred followers.

The annual Bonfire event went smoothly, and the traditional Ojibwe winter sport called Snow Snake—where participants slide wooden "snakes" down a snowy course—was enjoyed by many without any problems.

Chief Defoe has retired and is enjoying his time off. An intimate dinner is planned for March to honor Chief Defoe's years of dedicated service. Thom Rossberger is currently on medical leave and plans to resume work in March.

Officer Abbey Johnson is currently undergoing training with Alan Lindquist and is demonstrating satisfactory progress. Officer Adam Leask, a veteran member of the Police Department, and Returning Officer Richard Lakkonen have both been assigned to shifts on the island and will continue to support efforts to minimize overtime.

If there are any questions or if you wish to discuss things within the department, please feel free to contact me.

TJRossberger

RECEIVED

MAR 5 2026

Inchell dg

(5) TB, TA, A, Clerk, Public

From: joseph wiltz <wiltz32@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2026 6:31:44 PM

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

Subject: Fire Department Report to the Town Board

Dear Members of the Town Board,

At our last regular department meeting, elections were held in accordance with our bylaws for a special election to fill the position of Fire Chief. I was nominated and unanimously elected by the membership. I am deeply honored by the trust placed in me and proud to lead what I believe is one of the most dedicated and unique volunteer fire departments in the country.

I am pleased to report that our offer for a replacement tanker has been accepted. The purchase price came in under budget and well below the original asking price. We anticipate delivery within the next month. The seller will deliver the tanker directly to the town's contracted mechanic for inspection so it can be placed into service as soon as possible.

This month's department training focused on engine operations. Members conducted drafting and pumping operations with Engine 1 and also tested the north end alternate water source by drafting with our trailer-mounted pump. These exercises help ensure we maintain reliable water supply capabilities throughout our coverage area.

I have submitted a letter to the local Gazette regarding the formation of a Fire Department Auxiliary. This group will consist of community members who wish to support the department through fundraising efforts and by assisting during extended emergencies with food, refreshments, and other support for responders. Michael Childers has graciously volunteered to help develop and chair this auxiliary group.

Additionally, I submitted a letter recognizing and thanking several of our recently retired members for their years of dedication and service to our town. Their commitment has helped shape the department we have today.

Respectfully,

Chief Joseph Wiltz
Lapointe FD

RECEIVED

MAR 6 2026

Initial dg

Ambulance Report- February 2026

For the month of February, the Madeline Island Ambulance Service responded to a total of two calls for service. Both incidents required transport across the ice due to winter access conditions between Madeline Island and the mainland.

One patient was transported across the ice utilizing the Mercedes ambulance. The second patient was transported via windsled. Winter operations require flexibility, careful assessment of ice and weather conditions, and close coordination with our mainland partners. Both transports were completed safely and in accordance with established winter transport protocols.

As a reminder, when transport is conducted via windsled, the Madeline Island Ambulance Service operates under an established interagency agreement with Bayfield Ambulance. Upon arrival on the mainland side in Bayfield, patient care is formally transferred to Bayfield Ambulance personnel. Bayfield Ambulance then assumes responsibility for continued transport to Tamarack Health in Ashland or another appropriate receiving facility based on patient needs. This arrangement ensures continuity of care, appropriate transport resources, and operational efficiency during the winter season.

The service remains in consistent communication with Windsled Inc. and Bayfield Ambulance Service, as ice conditions can vary daily. Ongoing coordination is essential during this season to ensure safe and timely patient transport.

In addition to operational responses, our service is currently underway with refresher training requirements for both EMTs and EMRs. We have enrolled in an online refresher program through Northwood Technical College. EMTs are completing their required 40-hour refresher course, while EMRs are completing their 18-hour refresher. All responders will also renew their CPR certification to maintain compliance with state and licensure requirements.

We have also been in communication with the American Red Cross to coordinate this year's annual Madeline Island blood drive. Due to planned renovations at the La Pointe School this summer, the blood drive will instead be held at the Emergency Services Building (ESB). The event is scheduled for July 22nd. We look forward to supporting this important community health initiative.

Report respectfully submitted by Sarah Schram.

RECEIVED
MAR 4 2025

Initial dg

Certified Survey Map Application

Location: 893 & 895 Nebraska Road Haecker/Cellon

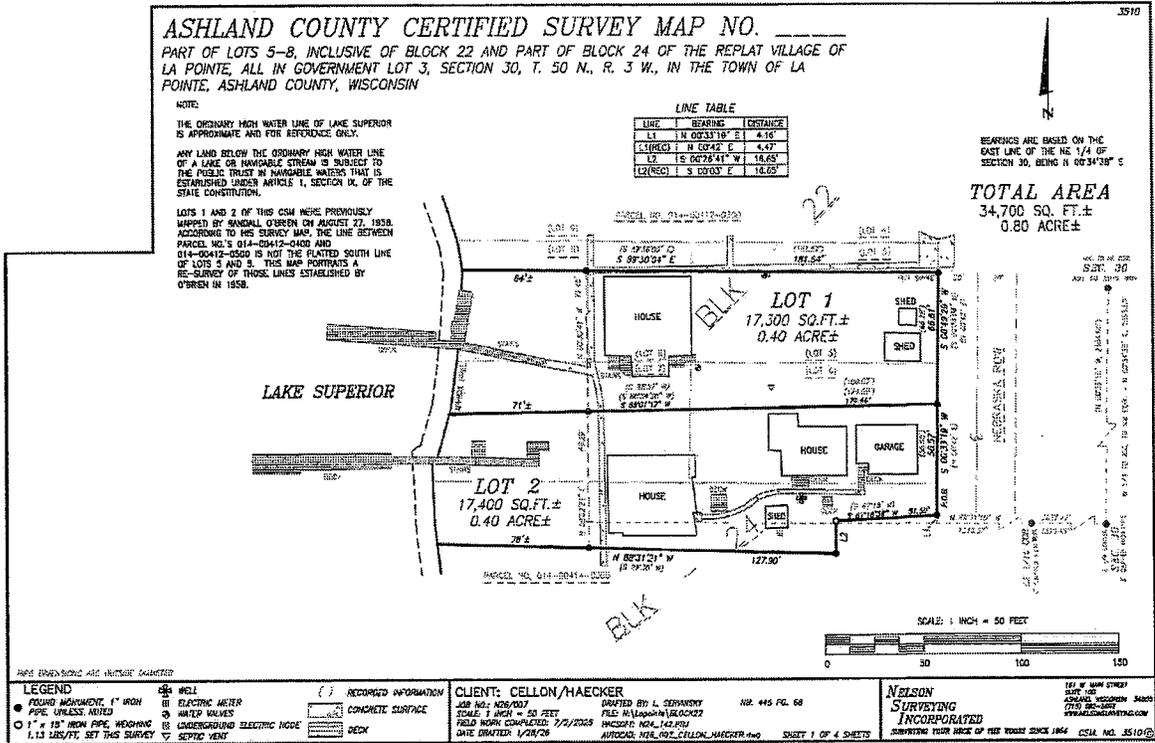
Received on: February 17, 2026

Summary of Proposal: Lot 1 and Lot 2 were previously mapped on August 27, 1958. Unfortunately, the line between parcels number 014-00412-0400 (Cellon) and 014-00412-0500 (Haecker) is not the platted south line of Lots 5 & 8. This new map corrects the errors made in 1958. Others along Nebraska Road were previously corrected/amended.

Ashland County Zoning Web Map – 1958 Descriptions



New Certified Survey Map - 2026



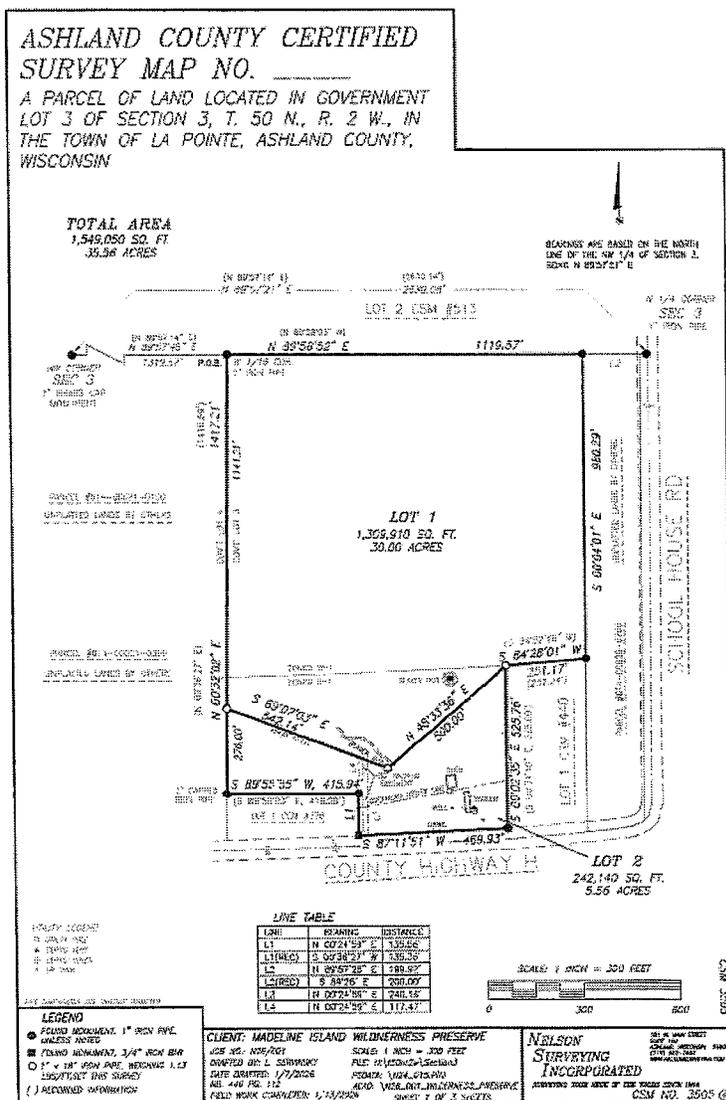
Planning & Zoning Administrator Review: I have reviewed this application and coordinated with the surveyor a couple of times, most recently on March 2nd. The surveyor explained the errors that occurred and showed them to me on the map. The minimum lot size requirement in this zone is 9,600 square feet. As this was before 1972, the actual setbacks for the house and garage on the east end of the property do not apply. Both significantly exceed the minimum lot size requirements. I have no concerns with the proposal. Upon approval by the TPC, my plan is to get this topic on the Regular Town Board Meeting Agenda for March 10th for review, discussion, and possible approval.

Certified Survey Map Application

Location: 3752 Big Bay Road

Received on: February 19, 2026

Summary of Proposal: To divide a 35.56-acre parcel to facilitate the conveyance of 30 acres from Philip Myers to the Wilderness Preserve. The property that abuts Big Bay Road (County Highway H) is zoned S-1 – Shoreland Protection District is 5.56 acres, well above the 3 acre requirement. The property identified as Lot 1, is 30 acres. It is primarily zoned W-1 with a minimum lot size of 20 acres.



Planning & Zoning Administrator Review: I have reviewed this application and coordinated with the surveyor a couple of times, most recently on March 2nd. The surveyor explained the reason for the shape of the proposal. There is a beaver hut/lodge and a beaver dam on the property. The intent is for both to remain on the parcel that is being donated to the Wilderness Preserve. I have no concerns with the proposal. Upon approval by the TPC, my plan is to get this topic on the Regular Town Board Meeting Agenda for March 10th for review, discussion, and possible approval.

(5) TB, TA, A, Clerk, Dobson

Attachment "B" to 2026 Compensation Resolution Town of LaPointe Resolution #2025-1222C

RESOLVED by the Town Board of the Town of LaPointe, Ashland County, Wisconsin, and this change to Resolution #2025-1222C (**2026 Compensations**) has been passed and is attached to the resolution and becomes a part thereof.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>2025 RATE</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>	<u>2025 RATE</u>
<i>Town Plan Commission (Stipend) Chair</i>	<i>\$50/meeting (20)</i>	<i>\$25.00</i>	<i>\$75.00/meeting(20)</i>

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2026.

Attest:

Alex Smith, Town Clerk

Glenn Carlson, Chairman

Michael Anderson, Supervisor

Posted:

Aimée Baxter, Supervisor

Susan Brenna, Supervisor

Samantha Dobson, Supervisor

RECEIVED
MAR 5 2026

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 13th, 2026 at Town Hall
at 4:45PM
Draft Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Supervisor Aimee Baxter, Supervisor Samantha Dobson, Supervisor Mike Anderson, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Town Chair Glenn Carlson
Staff Present: MRF Interim Supervisor Evan Erickson, Town Administrator Max Imholte, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Zoning Administrator Rich Kula
Public Present: Julie Hedges and John Carlson
Call to Order: 4:45pm

I. Public Comment A*:
None.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Max Imholte.
- B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Pete Wiggins
- C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Evan Erickson.
- D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Prepared by Paul Wilharm.
- E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Rich Kula.
- F. Accounting Manager's Report: Prepared by Liz Brown.
- G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by Thom Rossberger.
- H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Jay Wiltz.
- I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Sarah Schram.

All monthly reports placed on file by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor
 - 1. Purchase Order for Scan Tool #2026-1:
Motion to approve the purchase order for scan tool in the amount of \$2500, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
 - 2. Purchase Order for Plasma Cutter #2026-2:
Motion to approve the purchase order for plasma cutter in the amount of \$3500, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Parks
 - 1. Discuss Kayak Rental Business Proposal at BBTP:
Julie Hedges was present to discuss her business idea of starting a private kayak rental business within the Town Park. She stated there is a demand with the only rentals at the Town Park being canoes. The Town Board requested she talk with Town Administrator Max and Public Works Director Pete to draft a business

RECEIVED

MAR 5 2026

initialed dg

proposal. The board requested an emphasis on safety and liability in her proposal.

C. Airport

1. Approve Airport Hanger Lease Amendment Lot 16 (Stephan/Nelson):
Motion to approve the amendment to hanger lease lot 16, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Resolution #2026-0113 'Intention to Join the Statewide Public Safety Interoperability Communication System':
Motion to approve Resolution #2026-0113, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. MI Childcare Task Force

1. Review and Discuss Applications and Possible Appointments to Task Force:
Motion to appoint, Debbie Knopf, Cora Baxter, Kaesha Baloch, and Samantha Dobson to the MI Childcare Task Force, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Approve Ice Rescue MOU "Exhibit B":

Motion to approve the Ice Rescue MOU, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

~~B. Reapprove Riemer Release Documentation *TENTATIVE*~~

C. Approve contract with YWS Technology:

Motion to approve the contract with YWS Technology, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Approve Medsurety FSA IRS increase:

Motion to approve the IRS increase for 2600 to 3400, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Discussion of Temporary School Location:

The Town Board discussed the possibility of relocating the school kids to the Recreation Center. Some challenges with this location include no kitchen, no Wi-Fi, and public restroom access. The Town Administrator is continuing to work with the Bayfield School District/Island School to solidify a plan.

F. Discuss Relocation of Police Department Office:

Town Administrator Max and Zoning Administrator Rich currently need their own offices. The Town Board discussed the logistics of moving the police department office to the Winter Transportation building to allow more space at Town Hall.

G. Consider Revision to Ferry Tariff to Eliminate Winter Surcharge:

Motion to approve removing the winter surcharge from the Ferry Tariff, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Discussion of Big Bay Town Park Accessibility Design Task Force:

Glenn presented the board with a resolution which establishes a task force that would conduct the study and research design ideas for the accessibility bridge at the Town Park. No action was taken at this time.

Motion to move items I and J to before XII. New Agenda Items, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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.

I. Discussion of Compensation Adjustment for Public Works Director: Item moved, please see below.

J. Accept Police Chief Resignation & Appoint Police Chief: Item moved, please see below.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$50,442.22, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – December 9th, 2025

B. Regular Town Board Meeting – December 22nd, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes from 12/9 and 12/22 as presented, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Fire Department

1. Purchase Order for ice/dive rescue supply #2025-31:

Motion to approve the purchase order for ice/dive rescue supplies in the amount of \$1,720.60, S. Dobson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Public Comment B**:

John Carlson thanked the Town Board for stating in the BBTP Task Force Resolution that once the project was complete the task force would dissolve. He also commented on the \$500,000 loan received by the town designated for the ESB solar and the amount of interest that could accumulate. He asked the Town Board to keep future generations in mind when it comes to acquiring debt.

X. Liquor Licenses : No liquor license items.

XI. 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
Nothing new to discuss at this time.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, Roll Call Mike Anderson yes, Samantha Dobson yes, Sue Brenna yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried. 5:29pm

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.

I. Discussion of Compensation Adjustment for Public Works Director:

Discussed in closed session.

J. Accept Police Chief Resignation & Appoint Police Chief:

Discussed in closed session.

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

The following motions were made in open session:

I. Motion to adjust Public Work Director Pete Wiggins' compensation to \$30/hr retroactive to 1/1/26, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

J. Motion to accept Bill Defoe's resignation as Police Chief effective 1/23/26, and appoint Thom Rossbeger as interim Police Chief until further notice, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

2026 Insurance Policies

Windsled Agreement

Kerber Rose Contract

ESB Waiver Agreement

Relocation of Police Department Office

BBTP Task Force Resolution

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:44pm

Respectfully submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
January 27th, 2026 at Town Hall
at 4:45PM
Draft Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Supervisor Aimee Baxter, Supervisor Samantha Dobson (4:50pm), Supervisor Mike Anderson, Supervisor Sue Brenna

Staff Present: Town Administrator Max Imholte, Zoning Administrator Rich Kula

Public Present: John Carlson and Paul Brummer

Call to Order: 4:45pm

Motion to appoint Aimee Baxter as interim Chair for this meeting, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 3 Ayes, Motion Carried.

I. Public Comment A*

John Carlson thanked the Town Board for the audio equipment purchase order for the Town Meetings, quite a handful of people watch the recordings and having better sound system is needed. He also requested an update on the ESB solar array/12-month extension be included at the next meeting.

Samantha Dobson arrived at 4:50pm. Interim Chair Aimee Baxter conducted Roll Call.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Max Imholte. Report placed on file by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

1. PO for plow parts # 2026-5:

Motion to approve the purchase order for plow parts in the amount of \$4,105.40, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Committee Minutes:

Committee Minutes were placed on file by unanimous consent.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report:

Motion to approve the budget summary report as presented, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Approve Winter Transportation Agreement:

RECEIVED
MAR 5 2026
Initial dg

Motion to approve the Winter Transportation Agreement, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Approve 2025-26 Ice Road Rates:

Motion to approve the 25-26 Ice Road Rates as presented, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to

D. Approve 2026 Insurance Renewals:

Motion to approve the 2026 insurance renewals, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried

E. Approve PO for Town Hall Board Room audio improvement # 2026-4:

Motion to approve the purchase order for audio equipment/improvement in the amount of \$7,064, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers

Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the vouchers in amount of \$1,221,963.64, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims:

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$257,978.59, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1,437,991, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes: No minutes presented for approval.

X. Public Comment B:**

Samantha Dobson mentioned attending the Dark Sky presentation in Bayfield. She stated "There was a discussion with Scott Lindt, who is a master electrician, and he had a discussion on what municipalities can do with their lighting. I plan to meet with the island electricians. The way we look at lights is very different now. We've always done wattage, now it's lumens, and the intensity has changed quite a bit, even the research in the last 3 years." Sam would like to present at the next meeting highlighting the Dark Sky PowerPoint and what was discussed.

XI. Liquor Licenses: No liquor licenses presented.

XII. 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:

Nothing new to discuss. No closed session.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Solar array Update/12-month extension

Dark Sky Presentation

Resolution for Police Chief

XIV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/M. Andreson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:05pm

Minutes taken from Zoom Recording, respectfully submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

DRAFT

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 10th, 2026 at Town Hall
at 4:45PM
Draft Minutes

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

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

Public Present: Paul Brummer, Julie Stryker-North, Charley Brummer, Ken Goldfine

Call to Order: 4:45pm

I. Public Comment A*

Paul Brummer requested the town lay off road crew in staggering terms during this time of year with the lack of snow to save tax payer dollars.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Max Imholte.
- B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Pete Wiggins.
- C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Evan Erickson.
- D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Prepared by Paul Wilharm.
- E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Rich Kula
- F. Accounting Manager's Report: Prepared by Liz Brown.
- G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by Thom Rossberger.
- H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Jay Wiltz.
- I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Sarah Schram.

All monthly department reports placed on file by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

- 1. PO# 2026-6 Tires for 2021 Chevy 2500:

Motion to approve the purchase order for tires in the amount of \$1,668, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks

- 1. Agreement with Bayfield School for use of Rec Center:

Motion to approve the agreement with Bayfield School for the use of the Recreation Center, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

RECEIVED

MAR 5 2026

Initial dg

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing to discuss at this time.

B. MI Childcare Task Force

1. Appoint Task Force Members:

Motion to appoint Julie Stryker North to the Madeline Island Childcare Task Force, S. Dobson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Resolution #2026-0210 Establish Big Bay Accessibility Design Task Force:

Motion to approve Resolution #2026-0210 to establish a task force for the BBTP Accessibility Project, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried

B. Update on ESB Microgrid/12-month Extension:

Glenn corrected a public comment that was made at the last meeting regarding the \$500,000 loan from 2025. It should be noted that the loan was not entirely designated for the ESB microgrid. The ESB microgrid waiver for the inverter was applied for in January 2025 and no news has been received. The original plan for having longer term power at the Emergency Services Building would require this inverter. A secondary plan, Plan B, would be to skip the inverter and use only the batteries, which is not as efficient but less expensive (\$103,000 vs \$146,000) overall. It may be possible to get the inverter down the road if the waiver is approved, but the cost is unknown. Jolma Electric is asking what direction to go moving forward and requests the Town Board make a plan.

C. Dark Sky Presentation by Sam Dobson:

Samatha Dobson discussed a presentation she attended in Bayfield that touched on the topic of municipal lighting and what can be done to retrofit lighting within municipalities. Lower lighting and color temperature decreases costs, can be more efficient, and is overall safer. Bayfield has already begun implementing the lighting techniques discussed. The Town Board unanimously consented to start investigating and looking into grants. Samantha plans to talk with the island electricians as well as Pete Wiggins, Public Works Director.

D. Consider for approval Short Term loan to Harbor Commission:

Motion to approve a short-term loan to the Harbor Commission in the amount of \$450,000 at 5% interest to be paid by July 31st, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Consider amendment of Harbor Commission dock lease payment date:

Motion to amend the payment date to July 31st instead of February 15th, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried

F. Discuss parking in Bayfield during ferry shutdown:

With an increase in visitors there have been several complaints about parking issues or lack of parking during the windsled/ice road season. The Bayfield mayor offered extra parking on the upper lot up the hill on the south side of Washington Ave (\$2,000 for 30 days). The Town Board decided to ask the Harbor Commission to look at what we have for parking that is not being used as intended (leaving cars in lots for long periods of time/multiple cars parked for one family). No action was taken at this time.

G. Easement for fence at Madeline Island Yacht Club:

In October of 2025 a zoning complaint was received regarding a fence in the right of way at the Madeline Island Yacht Club. The Zoning Administrator investigated and realized a portion of the fence (6 to 9 inches) is in the right of way which violates the current zoning. However, the MI Yacht Club only replaced the fence that was already there. Fixing the fence to be complaint with code could be quite costly, other alternative including apply for a variance or easement.

Motion to move items V. H and I to after Public Comment B, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

H. Kerber Rose Accounting Services Contract: Moved to after Pubic Comment B, see below.

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 to 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.

I. TA Performance Evaluation: Moved to after Public Comment B, see below.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$66,166.20, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried

VII. Minutes: No minutes presented for approval.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. Resolution #2026-0210 B Recognizing Police Chief's Service:

Motion to approve Resolution #2026-0210 B to recognize Bill Defoe's service to the town as Police Chief, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Ice Road law enforcement:

The Town Board discussed the law enforcement laws on the ice road and what can be done in the future for protecting the ice road which includes speed limit signs, a QR code with an instructional safety video, or weight limit restrictions. No action was taken at this time.

IX. Public Comment B**

Paul Brummer stated "Seriously, ask people to be considerate and only have one vehicle per family, because in the past. I've seen people have a car, a truck, and believe it or not, a trailer, because in case they want to go somewhere and pick up a piece of equipment and bring it back" He also made a correction to the misspelling on the Police Chief Resolution.

John Carlson commented “I'd like to say the information I got for how much we spent on the ESB microgrid, I got through the town. Secondly, I've taken \$148,000 for the solar array back, doing the grant money, you could still, pay the electric bill for 27 years and that is something to keep in mind” Julie Stryker- North asked if there is a way to stop snowmobiles from parking in spots during windsled season.

Motion to go into closed session, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, Roll Call Mike Anderson yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Sue Brenna yes, Samanth Dobson yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried. 5:41pm

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

H. Kerber Rose Accounting Services Contract: Discussed in closed session. No action taken in open session.

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 to 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.

I. TA Performance Evaluation: Discussed in closed session. No action taken in open session.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:05pm

X. Liquor Licenses: No licenses presented for approval.

XI. 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 to 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:
Nothing new to discuss at this time.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

ESB Microgrid Decision

MI Task Force Amendment to Amount of Members

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried 6:08pm

Minutes taken from Zoom Recording, respectfully submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
February 24th, 2026 at Town Hall
at 4:45PM
Draft Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Supervisor Aimee Baxter, Supervisor Samantha Dobson (4:47pm), Supervisor Mike Anderson, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Town Chair Glenn Carlson

Staff Present: Town Administrator Max Imholte

Public Present: Paul Brummer, Elena Bangeeva-Erickson, John Carlson, Charley Brummer

Call to Order: 4:45pm

I. Public Comment A*

Elena Bangeeva-Erickson read a letter a loud from Madeline Island Yacht Club Commadore, Phyliss Jagger regarding the fence in the right of way, in the letter she requested a variance or easement to fix the zoning issue.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Max Imholte, placed on file by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor: Nothing to discuss at this meeting.

B. Parks: Nothing to discuss at this meeting.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing to discuss at this meeting.

B. Committee Minutes: Placed on file by unanimous consent.

C. MI Childcare Task Force

1. Amend Resolution #2026-0224 to Increase MI Childcare Task Force Members:

Motion to amend the MI Childcare Task Force Resolution increase the members from 5 to 7, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Appoint member to Task Force:

Motion to appoint Lauren Schuppe to the MI Childcare Task Force, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report:

Motion to approve the budget summary report as submitted, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Attachment "A" to 2026 Compensation Resolution:

Motion to approve Attachment A to the 2026 Compensation Resolution, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. 2025-26 Cooperative Agreements – Bayfield School District and Harbor Commission

Motion to approve the 25-26 Cooperative Agreement between the Town of La Pointe and the Harbor Commission S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to approve the 25-26 Cooperative Agreement between the Town of La Pointe and the Bayfield School District, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Amendment to Harbor Commission Dock Lease:

RECEIVED

MAR 5 2026

Initial dg

Motion to approve the amendment to the Harbor Commission Dock Lease (July 31st), A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Amend Cemetery fee split on 2026 Fee Schedule:

Motion to amend the fee split on the 2026 Cemetery Fee Schedule, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. ESB Microgrid Approve Plan B Submittal:

Motion to approve the Plan B submittal for the ESB Microgrid, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried

G. Kerber Rose Accounting Services Contract:

Motion to approve the contract with Kerber Rose with accounting services, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move V. H to after Lawsuits and Legals, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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 to 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.

H. TA Performance Evaluation: Item moved after Lawsuits and Legals, please see below.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$71,078.52, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$175,634.23, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the treasurer's report with a balance of \$2,496,459.01, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes: No minutes presented for approval.

X. Emergency Services

- A. Police Department
- B. Fire Department
- C. Ambulance

There was nothing to discuss for items A-C.

XI. Public Comment B:**

John Carlson requested it be noted the retiring of Evan Ralph and Zach Whittaker from the Ambulance Department and that Kye Castillo, Lilah Guertin, and Alan Lindquist are now enrolled in EMT courses.

XII. Liquor Licenses: No liquor licenses presented for approval.

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 to 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:
Nothing new to discuss at this time.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, Roll Call Mike Anderson yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Sue Brenna yes, Samantha Dobson yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried 5:05pm

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 to 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.

H. TA Performance Evaluation: Discussed in closed session. No action taken in open session.

Motion to return to open session, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:11pm

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:14pm

Minutes taken from Zoom Recording, respectfully submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

DRAFT