

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

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 2026 from 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 Tarriff, 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

B. Regular Town Board Meeting – December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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

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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~~ 35/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.**

**Approved with minor typo corrections to pages 2,3 & 4, 3/10/26**