

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

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:

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.**

**Approved as submitted, 3/10/26**