

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
April 28th, 2026 at Town Hall
at 5:00PM

Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Town Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Mike Anderson, Supervisor Aimee Baxter, Supervisor John Carlson

Staff Present: Town Administrator Max Imholte, Public Works Director Pete Wiggins, Planning and Zoning Administrator Rich Kula, Police Officer Alan Lindquist, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Library Director Lauren Schuppe

Public Present: Paul Brummer, Charley Brummer, Robin Russell, Ken Goldfine, Ken Myhre. Michael G (via zoom)

Call to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

The Town Clerk read aloud Robin Russell’s submission which stated her reasoning and request to approve the picnic license for the Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve. Please see attached for the written submission.

Paul Brummer reiterated his statement from the last meeting; he mentioned art education at MISA and said the Wilderness Preserve offers educational opportunities throughout the summer at the museum not MISA. He also commented on Robin Russell’s submission towards the picnic license and where it was written. Please see attached for written public comment. Ken Myhre stated he was surprised at the objection of the picnic license and gave his support for the application.

Ambulance Director Sarah Schram submitted a comment in support of Thom Rossberger becoming Police Chief. Please see attached.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator’s Report: Prepared by Max Imholte.

III. Public Works

A. Parks

1. Hire the following positions; Campground Assistant, Campground Host #2, Parks #1:

Motion to hire Aiden Boznik as Parks 1 at \$22.08/hr starting April 29th ending October 2nd not to exceed 750 hours a week, A. Baxter/J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to hire Aiden amended not to exceed 750 hours in year, J. Carlson/G. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to hire Rand Moore as Campground Host #2 at \$20.54/hour starting may 15th and ending October 16th not to exceed 1000 hours for the season, A. Baxter/J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to hire Fern Langenberger as Campground Assistant at \$15.40/hr starting May 15th and ending October 16th not to exceed 750 hours for the season, A. Baxter/J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Discuss TPC Recommendation for Yacht Club Fence Easement:

The Town Board discussed the ongoing issue on the fence in the right of way at the Yacht Club, the TPC has left it up to the Town Board decision.

Motion to authorize the Town Administrator to work with the Town Attorney to draft a limited easement for the fence assuming MIYC will pay for M.

Anderson/J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Appoint Members to the Town Plan Commission:

Motion to appoint Jim Peters as a member and Paul Wilharm as chair to the Town Plan Commission, G. Carlson/M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Committee Minutes: 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/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Discussion on why the Dock and Harbor wages are so high already, & Pete clarified that MIFL has been asking for a lot of help from the Public Works Department recently.

B. Discussion of Skate Park Renovation/Library Plans with Lauren Schuppe:

Lauren Schuppe presented the library's plan for the skate park renovation, which would be an important step for the summer recreation camp as they have been participating in skate camp for the last 6 years. Lauren plans to find funding from grants and fundraisers to not use any money from the town or taxpayers. This plan would involve moving the skate park to the "winter ice rink" and pouring a slab, opening up the current skate park to be utilized as more parking space. The Town Board requested Lauren to continue to research for a follow up discussion about moving the skate park.

C. Approve Resolution #2026-0428A Qualified Transportation Benefit Program for Town Employees:

Motion to approve Resolution #2026-0428A effective the next payroll June 10th, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Resolution #2026-0428B Recognizing Town Board Supervisor:

Motion to approve Resolution #2026-0428B recognizing Sue Brenna, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Approve La Pointe Clinic HVAC Quotes:

Motion to defer, M. Anderson/J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Discuss Ashland County Bridge/Culvert Aid Policy:

This aid policy through Ashland County would be cost increasing for us for very little benefit. Motion to not recommend the Ashland County Bridge/Culvert Policy Aid, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Approve Modification to ESB Microgrid Scope:

The Town Board came to a consensus to follow along with Plan B using BABA compliant

inverter San batteries.

H. Approve Purchase Order and Contract for SHI:

Motion to approve the purchase order and contract for \$8,918.54 for SHI Microsoft Services, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the vouchers in the amount of \$10,561.61, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims:

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$396,357.51, M. Anderson/J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve the treasurer's report with a balance of \$1,406,529.40, A. Baxter/J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes: No minutes presented for approval.

Motion to move X. Letter A #1 to right before new agenda items, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

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.

1. Discuss Interim Status of Interim Police Chief: Item moved, please see below.

B. Fire Department

1. Approve Purchase Order for Big Water Apparatus

No action taken or needed.

XI. Public Comment B:**

Ken Goldfine mentioned last year's Wilderness Preserve reception was about butterflies and asked if this was going to be discussed tonight.

Paul Brummer suggested the Wilderness Preserve hold their reception elsewhere.

XII. Liquor Licenses

A. Temporary "Class B" Picnic License - Madeline Island Wilderness Preserve Spring Reception – May 23rd, 2026:

Motion to approve the "Class B" Picnic License, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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.

Motion to go into closed session, J. Carlson/A. Baxter, Roll Call Mike Anderson yes, John Carlson yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Samantha Dobson not present, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried.

5:50pm

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1. Discuss Interim Status of Interim Police Chief: Discussed in closed session, please see below for motion made in open session.

Motion to return to open session, G. Carlson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:05pm

Motion to promote Thom Rossberger as Police Chief effective immediately, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

HVAC Clinic Quotes

ESB Microgrid

Minutes

MIYC Fence Easement

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, J. Carlson/M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved with additional language to Paul Brummer's comment in Public Comment A per request, 5/12/26.