

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**April 9th, 2024**

**5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL**

*Approved Minutes*

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

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Public Works Director Ben Schram, Town Clerk Alex Smith

**Public Present:** Paul Brummer, Charley Brummer

**I. Public Comment A\*:**

Paul Brummer reminded the Town Board of the process required to amend the Zoning Ordinance.

**II. Open Bids**

A. ESB Tree Removal:

The Town Board received 4 bids for removing 15 marked trees from the following businesses: Quality Tree Service, North Farm and Land, Bruces Tree Service, and Greg Nelson. No action was taken at this time.

**III. Administrative Reports**

A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Michael Kuchta.

B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Ben Schram.

C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Marty Curry.

D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Prepared by Paul Wilharm.

E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Ed Schaffer.

F. Accounting Report: Prepared by Lauren Burtaux.

G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by William Defoe.

H. Fire Chief's Report: No report at this time.

I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Cindy Dalzell.

Reports placed on filed by unanimous consent.

**IV. Public Works**

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

1. Purchase order: magnesium chloride:

Motion to approve the purchase order for magnesium chloride in the amount of \$31,980.00, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks

1. Purchase order: BBTP boardwalk repair:

Motion to approve the purchase order for Big Bay Town Park boardwalk repair in the amount of \$1,586.00, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)

1. Cell tower lease conversion proposal (discussion):

The Town Board discussed their interest in the proposed cell tower lease with

Harmoni Towers. The Town Board has decided to add this item to a closed session on a future agenda to discuss further.

## **V. Committees**

### **A. Planning and Zoning**

#### **1. UDC contract with Alder Engineering:**

Michael Kuchta presented the Town Board with a revised UDC contract with some minor revisions. No action was taken at this time.

### **B. Harbor Commission**

#### **1. Harbor Assistance Program submission:**

Motion to approve the 3 Year Harbor Development Statement of Intentions, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **2. Resolution #2024-0409 A: Allocation of Funds:**

#### **3. Resolution #2024-0409 B: Ratification of Bank Loan:**

Motion to postpone Resolution #2024-0409A and Resolution #2024-0409B, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **4. Approve resignation of Harbor Commission President:**

Motion to approve the resignation of Michael Childers as Harbor Commission President, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **5. 2024 Ferry Line Tariff:**

Motion to postpone 2024 Ferry Line Tariff to a Special Town Board Meeting, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **VI. Town Hall Administration**

### **A. Schedule Board of Review Meetings**

#### **1. Initial 2024 Board of Review:**

The initial meeting is scheduled for May 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM.

#### **2. Open Book Board of Review:**

The Open Book is scheduled for July 30<sup>th</sup> from 3PM to 6PM.

#### **3. Board of Review:**

The BOR is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup> from 4PM to 6PM.

### **B. Budget Summary Report:**

Motion to approve the Budget Summary Report as presented, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **C. Purchase order: fireworks:**

Motion to approve the purchase order for fireworks with an estimated amount of \$21,000.00, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **D. Direct Sellers Ordinance (discussion)**

**1. Consider Resolution #2024-0409 C: Pursuant to Section 11.3 of the Town of La Pointe Zoning Ordinance, initiate consideration of an amendment to the Town of La Pointe Zoning Ordinance to redraw the Zoning Map boundaries such that parcel 014-00449-0000 (St. John's parking lot) is within the C-1 Commercial District:**

There currently are three enterprises potentially not in compliance with ordinance. A proposed solution for two of them (Dockside shop and wood sales

at Big Bay Town Park): Modify current ordinance to provide that the town reserves the right to lease property to direct sellers on land Town owns. Discussion considered the third instance: the Island Harvesters Food Wagon on St. John's parcel. The current parcel is private property but is not designated commercial on the new zoning map, causing a conflict with the ~~adopted~~ ordinance, which allows sellers to conduct business on private property only within the C1 zone.

Motion to approve the consideration of amending the Town Zoning Ordinance and approve Resolution #2024-0409 C to initiate the required process, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

[Further research revealed that the parcel actually is not marked properly on the new zoning map; the previous map shows the parking lot is zoned C1 commercial, which means Island Harvesters enterprise is in compliance. This makes the motion moot.]

## **VII. Vouchers**

A. Town:

B. Harbor Commission:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$41,233.00 and the Harbor Commission vouchers in the amount of \$89,560.32, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **VIII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

Motion to approve the minutes from March 26<sup>th</sup> with two minor corrections, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **IX. Emergency Services**

A. Police Department

1. Resolution 2024-0409 D: Amend 2024 Fee Schedule to incorporate Police Video Redaction:

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-0409D to amend the 2024 Fee Schedule to include video redaction at \$28.00/hr. in accordance with Wisconsin Act 253, M. Anderson/S. Dobson/ 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **X. Public Comment B\*\*:**

Paul Brummer suggested charging RVs with holding tanks an additional fee that come over to the island. He also commented on the cost of holding a Public Hearing for amending the Zoning Ordinance.

## **XI. Liquor & Operators' Licenses:**

Nothing to report at this time.

## **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 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 the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Regarding Ashland County:

Nothing to report at this time.

**XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**

Cell Tower lease

Policy for Zoom Attendees

Hire Camp Host

Hire Sign Installer

UDC contract

Contract for ESB cleaning

MOU for tourism entity

Waiver for Employees use of Town/MIFL garages

Police, Fire, and Ambulance responsibilities on tribal land

AHAC committee

Rental Ordinance language on delinquent payments

**XIV. Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:45PM

**Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.**

**Approved as submitted. 4/23/24**