

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

May 14th, 2024

5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL

Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Sue Brenna (via Zoom), Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Samantha Dobson

Staff Present: Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Public Works Director Ben Schram, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Public Works Evan Erickson Jr.

Public Present: Paul Brummer, Peggy Ross

Call to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

Paul Brummer suggested adding language about requiring insurance from employees for the waiver for employee use of Town/MIFL garages.

II. 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 Martin 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: Prepared by Rich Reichkitzer.
 - I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Cindy Dalzell
- Unanimous consent to place the monthly reports on file.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

- 1. Purchase order: cold mix asphalt:

Motion to approve the purchase order for cold mix asphalt in the amount of \$2,767.60, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

- 2. Authorization to rent Winter Transportation office for Hagen Rd. construction: The Town Board came to a consensus and granted authorization for Northwoods Paving to rent the Winter Transportation office for the Hagen Rd construction if they are the selected bidders.

- 3. Authorization to sell gravel for Hagen Rd. construction:

The Town Board came to a consensus and granted authorization for Northwoods Paving to purchase the Town's existing gravel stock. Town staff will work out pricing and details for the proposals from Northwoods Paving.

B. Parks

- 1. Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan:

Motion to adopt the updated version of the Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. MRF

1. Purchase order: Woodstock engine overhaul:

Motion to approve the purchase order for the Woodstock engine overhaul in the amount of \$11,694.01, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Island Closet lease:

Motion to approve the 2-year lease with Island Closet, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. TPC recommendation on Certified Survey Map #3409 (Parcel 014-00116-0700: Government Lot 2 of Section 20, Township 50 N, Range 3 W) 715 Big Bay Road: Motion to approve the TPC recommendation, which divides a parcel at 715 Big Bay Rd into three 1 acre lots, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Rental ordinance language on delinquent payments:

Motion to approve the revised language on delinquent payments in the Rental Ordinance, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission

1. Authorization to advance \$300,000 in working capital to MIFL LLC:

Motion to authorize the of \$300,000 in working capital to MIFL LLC from the MIFL Utility Account, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Appoint two members to Harbor Commission:

Motion to ratify the appointment of Susan Widmar and Glenn Carlson to the Harbor Commission with terms ending 10/6/2025, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Lease with Dockside Gifts:

Motion to approve the lease with Dockside Gifts, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

4. Bayfield dock lease with Nelson Construction:

Motion to approve the Bayfield dock lease with Nelson Construction, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

5. Renewal of Resolution #2024-0208B (Town loan of \$450,000 to Harbor Commission):

Motion to renew Resolution #2024-0208B to extend the existing loan of \$450,000 for an additional 90 days with a 5% interest rate, with payment of first-quarter interest of \$5,625. A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Public Arts Committee

1. Special Event permit for Make Music Day:

Motion to approve the Special Event Permit for Make Music Day, including the periodic closure of LeSueur and Bell Streets between Main and Cadotte, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Proposals for Town Board retreat:

Motion to accept the proposal from UW-Superior for a town board retreat, S, Dobson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

The retreat will take place in September at a tentative location of Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, more confirmation details to follow.

B. Waiver for employee use of Town/MIFL garages:

The Town Board has requested to add additional language to include the employee provides a certificate of insurance and listing the Town as an additional insurer.

C. Create Island Collaborative task force:

The Town Plan Commission has recommended the Town Board create a task force of people to come up with a structure for the Island Collaborative Task Force, to initially help in implementing the community focused parts of the Comprehensive Plan. The Town Board will come up with ideas and discuss at the next meeting.

D. Use of ice road parking lot for Dahl Construction project staging:

The Town Board came to a consensus to allow Dahl Construction to stage materials in a portion of the parking lot on Sunny Slope in late June/early July, during construction of a nearby home.

E. Pasture fee for 687 Middle Road property:

Motion to defer the pasture fee for the 687 Middle Road property, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Rental of woodshed at Big Bay Town Park:

The Town Board came to a consensus to authorize the Town to negotiate a lease for the rental of the woodshed at Big Bay Town Park.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town:

Motion to approve the Town vouchers in the amount of \$43,312.83, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission:

Motion to approve the Harbor Commission vouchers in the amount of \$56,979, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes: No minutes to approve at this time.

VIII. Emergency Services

A. Fire

1. Purchase order for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA):

Motion to approve the purchase order for SCBA in the amount of \$20,000, S, Dobson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Public Comment B:**

Paul Brummer commented on the MRF truck being out of commission and to make note of the difference of cost of doing it yourself versus using a subcontractor.

Evan Erickson Jr. stated that Republic is only willing to help us with this hauling or any hauling due to the fact that we are bringing it to Bayfield, they don't have the time to come and do the box swap, which saves them boat time that will not be included in the cost.

Peggy Ross asked for some clarification on a few Make Music Day logistics.

X. Liquor Licenses: Nothing to report at this time.

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 the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Regarding Ashland County:

Nothing to report at this time.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Fire/burn control addition to the Fee Schedule

Treasurer's Report

Minutes

Pasture Fee

Island Collaborative Task Force

XII. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:49PM

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved with minor language addition. 4/28/24