

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
June 25th, 2024
5:00PM at Town Hall
Approved Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Samantha Dobson, Supervisor Mike Anderson (via zoom phone)

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

Public Present: Paul Brummer

I. Public Comment A*:

Paul Brummer requested an additional word added (“rent”) to his public comment from the June 11th meeting.

Samantha Dobson announced if anyone has any interest in being the MC for the 4th of July to let her know.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Town Administrator’s Report: Prepared and discussed by Michael Kuchta. In the airport item, incorrect use of word “terminal” will be changed to “hangar” where needed.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

Lease: Northwoods Paving, Winter Transportation office:

Motion to approve the agreement for Northwoods Paving to rent the Winter Transportation office while repaving Hagen Rd, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. (Time frame is TBD)

Purchase order: Lease of boom mower:

Motion to approve the one-month lease of a boom mower in the amount of \$10,772.00, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Zoning Board of Appeals appointments:

Motion to reappoint Paul Brummer to the Zoning Board of Appeals with a term ending in 2027, G. Carlson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Committee Minutes:

Unanimous consent to place committee minutes on file.

C. Library Board appointments:

Motion to appoint Mary Whittaker, Michael Peterson, and Paula Wurst to the Library Board with terms expiring in 2027, G. Carlson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report:

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

B. Motion to move V. Town Hall Administration Item B 'Town Administrator' to after XIII Lawsuits and Legal, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$20,673.75, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission:

Motion to approve the Harbor Commission vouchers in the amount of \$105,014.26 and \$2,300.00, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims:

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$262,732.60, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report:

No report available at this time. Report deferred until next meeting.

IX. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – June 11th, 2024

B. Special Town Board Meeting – June 18th, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes with Paul Brummer's requested addition, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services

A. Police Department

1. La Pointe law enforcement survey (first reading):

The Town Board conducted the first reading of the La Pointe law enforcement survey. They discussed formatting, age of participants, and some additional interaction items. The survey will be passed along to the town attorney.

2. Letter of Engagement: Michael Kelsey Law Office:

Motion to approve the substitution of Attorney Max Lindsey for Attorney Michael Kelsey for a case with conflict of interest, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Fire Department

1. Purchase order: Turnout gear:

Motion to approve purchase order for turnout gear (7 sets) in the amount of \$21,252.00, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XI. Public Comment B:**

Ben Schram commented that the town has run out of the town gravel supply after the recent storm. He is currently working on the solution and finding the best option to renew the supply.

XII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses

A. Class "B" Retail Sale of Fermented Malt Beverages License:

1. Frankie's Inc./ Grampa Tony's, Susan Flores, Agent (Pending debt payment)

2. On the Edge Inc./ Café Seiche, Chris Wolfe Agent (Pending debt payment)

Motion to approve the Class “B” Retail Sale of Fermented Malt Beverages for Grampa Tony’s no longer pending debt payment and Café Seiche pending debt payment, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. “Class B” Liquor License

1. On the Edge Inc./ Café Seiche, Chris Wolfe Agent (Pending debt payment)
Motion to approve the “Class B” Liquor License for Café Seiche pending debt payment, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. “Class C’ Wine License

1. Frankie’s Inc./ Grampa Tony’s, Susan Flores, Agent (~~Pending debt payment~~)
Motion to approve the “Class C” Wine License for Grampa Tony’s no longer pending debt payment, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Non-intoxicating Beverage License

1. Adventure Vacations Inc
2. Bell Street Restaurant Inc/ Beach Club
3. Bell Street Global/ Bell Street Tavern
4. Farmhouse Madeline Island/ Farmhouse Kitchen & Inn
5. Farmhouse Madeline Island LLC/ Darling’s Grocery
6. Frankie’s Inc./ Grampa Tony’s
7. McPearson LLC/ Quinn & Zayda’s Bakery
8. Middle Road Literary Arts Society Inc./ Tom’s Burned Down Café
9. On the Edge Inc./ Café Seiche
10. The Pub on Madeline Island Inc.
11. Rockhouse Food Truck
12. Madeline Island Gold Club Inc
13. Madeline Island Yacht Club
14. Mission Hill/La Pointe Provisions
15. Bell Street Galley/A Girl and Her Lake LLC
16. Birds Nest/Birdie Pallas
17. Madeline Island Trails

Motion to approve the following Non-intoxicating Beverage Licenses; Adventure Vacations, Beach Club, Bell Street Tavern, Farmhouse Kitchen and Inn, Darling’s Grocery, Grampa Tony’s, Quinn and Zayda’s Bakery, Tom’s Burned Down Café, Café Seiche, The Pub, Rockhouse Food Truck, Madeline Island Golf Club, Madeline Island Yacht Club, Mission Hill Coffee House, Bell Street Gallery, Birds Nest, Madeline Island Trails, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. List of processed Operator’s Licenses

The Town Board was present with a list of newly processed Operator's Licenses that consisted of 15 processed licenses for 2024.

F. Temporary Class “B” Picnic License

1. La Pointe Center/Concert Series:
Dates June 27th, July 11th, July 25th, August 8th, and August 25th
Motion to approve the Temporary Class “B” Picnic License for La Pointe Center, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Madeline Island Trails / July 4 cookout:

Motion to approve the Temporary Class "B" Picnic License for Madeline Island Trails, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 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 the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Regarding Ashland County:
Nothing to report at this time.

V.B. Town Administrator

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.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, Roll Call: Mike Anderson yes, Sue Brenna yes, Samantha Dobson yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried. 5:27pm

1. Consider Town Administrator performance and feedback (exit interview):
Discussed in closed session.
Michael Kuchta left meeting at 6:04pm
3. Consider appointment of interim Town Administrator:
Discussed in closed session.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes Motion Carried. 6:27pm

2. Accept Town Administrator resignation:
Motion to accept the Town Administrator's resignation, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
4. Consider hiring recruiting firm:
Motion to approve hiring the Public Administration Associates hiring firm, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Treasurer's Report
Temporary Class B License
Accept AHAC resignation
Minutes

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:29pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved with missing vote and motion carried language. 7/9/24.