

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**July 31st, 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

**Staff Present:** Public Works Director Ben Schram

**Public Present:** John Carlson, Paul Brummer, Tori Moore, Lelsie Livingston, Charley Brummer

I. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order by Glenn Carlson at 5:00pm

II. Public Comment:

Paul Brummer suggested in regard to paving roads, the Town Board should consider paving some of the more used worn roads that won't last as long such as Mondamin and South Shore. He mentioned it is nice to see Mike Anderson here in person.

John Carlson highly recommended writing a letter to Congressman Tiffany against the Apostle Island National Park proposal. He has written a personal letter and shared it with the Town Board.

Charley Brummer agreed with Paul Brummer about paving the rougher more used roads on the island like Mondamin, South Shore, and Minnewawa.

Tori Moore wanted to know the Town Board's opinions on the Apostle Island National Park proposal and the vision. She mentioned she is opposed to the proposal. She asked about the widening of roads, not paving.

Mike Anderson clarified that Hagen Rd is being widened but that is unrelated to the Town Board and involves the State Park.

Leslie Livingston requested making a comment during the paving discussion.

III. Approve hiring of CPA/consultant:

There were two proposals for outsourced accounting services from Bauman Associates and KerberRose. Lauren Burtaux recommended to hire the KerberRose firm to assist with accounting services for up to 6 months.

Motion to approve hiring KerberRose accounting services, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Approve insurance for HC refrigerated vehicle:

Motion to approve the Harbor Commission's refrigerated vehicle insurance in the amount of \$5,656, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Waive attorney/client privilege on open records request:

Motion to waive attorney client privilege for an open records request, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Approve PAA job announcement:

Motion to approve the PAA job announcement with a few minor changes, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Consider ancillary blacktop paving requests:

An informal inquiry was received to pave Old Forte Rd, Casper all the way to the dead end. The individual sent out a poll to reach out to neighboring houses to hear opinions. The individual reported back that about 75% were opposed to the pavement. He has withdrawn his request for the pavement of Old Forte and Casper.

Leslie Livingston mentioned she has seen seasonal resident responses but not very many responses from year-round residents. She commented how paving would create a parking issue and would require some sort of parking lot.

Tori Moore stated that the dirt roads are part of the charm of the island. Essentially, they slow people down and bring down the traffic on these roads, with people being less inclined to travel on dirt roads without a purpose.

Ben Schram proposed paving, fixing culverts, and patching one of the worst parts of South Shore, fixing a culvert on Whitefish, and fixing a dip on Sunny Slope. This would take place sometime during late September. He estimated this project would cost between \$20,000 - \$25,000, with the funding coming from unused Winter Transportation funds.

Ben Schram stated the other road improvement suggestions made tonight would be ideal but very costly. It doesn't seem possible with the current budget.

Motion to approve the improvement of South Shore, White Fish Street, and Sunny Slope roads/culverts in the amount of \$20,000 to \$25,000, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:30pm

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

**Approved as submitted, 8/14/24.**