

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**September 24th, 2024**  
**5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL**

Minutes

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

**Staff Present:** Public Works Interim Peter Wiggins (left after II. Public Works) Town Clerk Alex Smith

**Public Present:** John Carlson, Steve McCue, Charley Brummer, Paul Brummer

**Call to Order: 5:00pm**

**I. Public Comment A\***

Paul Brummer asked if the Town is letting the MRF Supervisor use the work truck for his leave of absence. He mentioned adding language to the Zoning Ordinance regarding the directional signs to appease the certain townspeople.

John Carlson asked ~~for confirmation that the guns are locked up at the ESB building~~ if Johnson Controls has ever been hooked up in the ESB building. He commented that the town cannot afford all of the studies. He asked if the Harbor Commission has paid their \$450,000 debt back to the town.

Glenn Carlson later clarified that the Harbor Commission has paid the \$450,000 and interest to the town.

**II. Administrative Reports:**

There were no reports at this time.

**III. Public Works:**

Public Works Director Interim Peter Wiggins gave update on the blacktop and line painting for the roads under construction.

**IV. Committees**

A. Committee Minutes:

No comments on the committee minutes. Committee minutes placed on file.

B. Planning and Zoning

1. Recommendation from TPC for Signs on Street Resolution:

The Resolution presented conflicts with the current Zoning Ordinance. There would need to be a public hearing with the townspeople to amend the Zoning Ordinance to include the addition of directional signs. Motion to send back to the TPC for further action, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried,

C. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Appoint committee members:

Motion to appoint Jackie Noha, John Nielsen, and Samantha Dobson to the AHAC

with terms ending 8/31/26, G. Carlson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### D. Harbor Commission

1. Appoint committee members:

Motion to reappoint Zach Montagne, G. Carlson/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Approve Chief Administrative Officer credit card:

Motion to approve a credit for Chief Administrative Officer with a credit limit of \$5,000, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. La Pointe engine rebuild quotes:

Motion to approve the engine rebuild quotes in the amount of about \$96,000, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report:

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

B. Discussion of 2025 Chapel Cleaning:

The Town Board is still on the search for cleaning the chapel in 2025, the Town Board considered doing a request for proposals.

C. Special Event Permit – Madeline Island Museum:

Motion to approve the Special Event Permit for Treaty Days with the Madeline Island Museum, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Sanitary District Inquiry:

The Town Board discussed the inquiry with Paul Brummer. The Town Board considers this a necessity and would be willing to become a part of the project. However, town employees are at max capacity. The Town Board requested Chair Glenn Carlson to draft a document to the Sanitary District of the interest and restricts.

E. Discussion of RFP for the Community Center Feasibility Study:

The Town Board discussed the Community Center Feasibility Study and decided to put this project on hold as the town lacks the human capacity at this time.

F. MOU - Designated Tourism Entity:

Motion to approve the MOU for Designated Tourism Entity with a few corrections, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Agreement with Harmoni Towers to purchase telecommunication easement:

Motion to approve the agreement with Harmoni Towers, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. Harmoni Towers Resolution and Consent Affidavit (Attachment 1):

Motion to approve the Harmoni Towers Resolution and Consent Affidavit after a few minor date and names errors, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

I. Harmoni Towers Owner's Affidavit:

Motion to approve the Harmoni Towers Owner's Affidavit, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move items J and K to follow “XII Lawsuits and Legal Issues”, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VI. Vouchers**

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$42,241.07, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission

1. Harbor Designated Fund:

Motion to approve the Harbor Designated Fund in the amount of \$1,098.00, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. MIFL Utility:

Motion to approve the MIFL Utility in the amount of \$167,290.59, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VII. Alternative Claims:**

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$169,655.06, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VIII. Treasurer’s Report:**

No Treasurer’s Report available at this time, will be deferred to the next meeting.

**IX. Minutes:**

No minutes present at this meeting.

**X. Emergency Services**

A. Ambulance

1. Review revised Ambulance Director job description:

The Town Board review the revised Ambulance Director job description.

B. Fire Department

1. Purchase order for Electric vehicle fire suppression blanket:

Motion to approve the purchase order for fire suppression blanket in the amount of \$2,426.67, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**XI. Public Comment B\*\*:**

No public comments.

**XII. Liquor & Operators’ Licenses:**

No Liquor License applications at this time.

**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:

The petition has been filed with Ashland County Circuit Court. No closed session.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, Roll Call vote Sue Brenna yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Mike Anderson yes, Samatha Dobson yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried.  
5:52pm

**V. Town Hall Administration**

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.

J. Public Works Director Compensation:

Town Board discussed in closed session and made a motion in open session.

K. Review of Town Administrator Candidates with PAA:

Town Board discussed in closed session.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:13 pm

J. Public Works Director Compensation:

Motion to hire Peter Wiggins as interim Public Works Director at \$32/hr retroactive to 9/16, A. Baxter, S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Treasurer's Report

Chapel Cleaning 2025

Meeting Minutes

Open Bids for propane

Police Survey Discussion

**XV. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:17pm

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

**Approved with edit to public comment A, 10/8/24.**