

TOWN OF LA POINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
2025 BUDGET WORKSHOP
October 29th, 2024
5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

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

Staff Present: Town Clerk Alex Smith, Public Works Director Peter Wiggins, Public Works Ray Hakola

Public Present: Library Director Lauren Schuppe, Paul Brummer

1. Call to Order:

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

2. Public Comment:

Sue Brenna suggested in regard to Bob Hartzell's recently listed properties, that the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee should look into the possibilities.

Paul Brummer suggested purchasing a pickup truck for the sextons at the cemetery.

3. 2025 Budget Discussion:

The Town Board conducted an overall discussion of the budget. The Town Board first went over the compensation adjustments and discussed the COLA and other details. ~~Although The Town owes the ferry Town employees are still charged for work related ferry travel but do receive a ferry budget for funds~~ and town employees are charged to keep track per department. The Town Board discussed the present 2025 Fee Schedule. The idea of a swipe card for the MRF using the square system was discussed to eliminate the punch cards and create a more efficient system. It was mentioned that it is difficult to see total daily sales with a punch card. It should be noted that most of the fee schedule remains the same per each department beside and increase for short term rental renewal going from \$300 to \$350. The Town Board reviewed the recently updated budget per request from the previous workshop. The Town Board unanimously suggested some of the following should be lowered or looked into, subtract \$10,000 from Legal Expenses Accounting Services lowered from \$30,000 to \$20,000, lowering the police total wages by efficient scheduling of officers, reducing the amount form turnout gear for Fire Department, lowering the significant increase in wages for the Ambulance Department, reducing the reservation system fee for the Parks Department to be closer to actual. The Community Awards Committee has a budget of \$50. The Public Arts Committee will be given a budget of \$1,000. Burtaux will be given this information to adjust and redistribute for the next workshop.

4. 2025 Fee Schedule:

This agenda item was discussed during #2025 Budget Discussion.

5. Purchase order for PWC (jetski):

Motion to approve the purchase order for a PWC in the amount of \$17,401.45 and \$1,335.00, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, Roll Call Mike Anderson yes, Sue Brenna yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Samantha Dobson yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried. 6:04pm

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.

6. Discuss Interim Accounting Position: This agenda item was discussed in closed session.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried 6:14pm

Motion made in open session to post Accounting Manager position at up to 32/hr with a deadline of November 6th, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

7. Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 6:15pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved with minor language change to item #3, 11/12/24.