

**TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 19TH, 2024
5:00PM at Town Hall**

Minutes

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

Staff Present: Town Clerk Alex Smith, Public Works Director Pete Wiggins, Town Administrator Max Imholte

Public Present: Paul Brummer, John Carlson, Katie Sanders (via zoom)

Call to Order: 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

John Carlson asked about the ESB microgrid, if there will need to be another contract for someone to conduct maintenance or what the procedure will be.

Paul Brummer mentioned the cost of upkeep and maintenance when it comes to acquiring more trucks, in relation to the purchase order for Public Works.

II. Administrative Reports

A. Accounting Manager's Report:

B. Fire Chief's Report:

C. Introduction of New Town Administrator: The Town welcomes Mak Imholte as the new Town Administrator!

All reports placed on file by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor

1. Hire Temporary Plow Driver:

Motion to hire Paul Wilharm as non-CDL temporary snowplow driver at \$20.50 not to exceed 200 hours, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Approve vehicle transfer between MIFL/Harbor Commission and Public Works:

Motion to approve the vehicle transfer of trucks between MIFL and Public Works, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

3. Purchase Order for a Used 2500 Truck:

Motion to approve purchase order for used 2500 truck in the amount of \$37,997, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning: Nothing to report at this time.

B. Committee Minutes: Placed on file by unanimous consent.

C. Energy Committee

1. ESB Contract with Jolma Electric:

Motion to defer for further clarifications of questions presented, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Accept member resignation:

Motion to accept Jane Vogt's resignation from the AHAC, S. Dobson/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Appoint committee member:

Motion to defer until the AHAC committee is ask about having partners on the same committee, G. Carlson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, Motion Carried.

E. Harbor Commission

1. Recommendation to Approve Harbor Commission/MIFL Budget:

Motion to defer to allow Town Board members more time to look over details, S. Dobson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Budget Summary Report:

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

B. Compensation Resolution #2024-1219 A:

Motion to defer to revise errors, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Elected Officials Salary Resolution #2024-1219 B:

Motion to defer to revise errors, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Approve 2025 Fee Schedule:

Motion to approve the 2025 Fee Schedule with change to MRF bag pricing, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Library Levy Resolution #2024-1219 C:

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-1219C, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Award Propane Bid and Approve Contract:

Motion to approve and award contract with Midland Services at 2.29/gallon, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Approve credit card for Town Administrator:

Approve credit card for Town Administrator with a credit limit of \$5,000, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. 2024-2025 Cooperative Agreement between Town of La Pointe and Harbor Commission:

I. 2024-2025 Cooperative Agreement between Town of La Pointe and School District of Bayfield:

Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Cooperative Agreements between Harbor Commission and Bayfield School District with the Town of La Pointe, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

J. Winter Transportation Agreement Town of La Pointe and Madeline Island Transportation:

Motion to approve the Winter Transportation Agreement, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

K. MOU for Ice Rescue:

Motion to approve the MOU for Ice Rescue with Windsled Transportation Inc, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

L. Discussion of Town Mechanic doing work on firetrucks:

The Town Board and Public Works Director discussed the circumstances of the Town Mechanic doing work on the firetrucks.

The Chair suggested that the Town Administrator work with the Public Works and Fire Department to come up with a solution. No action was taken.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$33,920.94, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Alternative Claims:

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$131,239.85, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

A. October 2024:

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IX. Minutes

A. Special Town Board Meeting – December 5th

B. Public Hearing Budget 2025 – December 5th

C. Regular Town Board Meeting – December 10th

Motion to approve the minutes as presented, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

X. Emergency Services: Nothing to report at this meeting.

XI. Public Comment B :**

Paul Brummer commented on the Big Water Apparatus Contract and stated it would be cost efficient to do repairs/maintenance in house.

Katie Sanders requested the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee presentation on housing development to be put on the next regular meeting.

John Carlson asked for the next budget season, to receive documents sooner in advance.

XII. Liquor Licenses: Nothing new to report at this meeting.

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 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 Ashland County Circuit Court case Regarding Ashland County Tax Levy

B. Sargent Claim vs Town of La Pointe

Nothing new to report on either Lawsuit and Legal items, no closed session.

XIV. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Elected Officials Salary Resolution AHAC Appointment

ESB Contract Treasurer Report

Harbor Budget Public Hearing/STBM on 1/6

XV. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:42PM