

TOWN OF LA POINTE
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 14th, 2025
5:00PM at Town Hall

Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Michael Anderson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Sue Brenna

Staff Present: Town Administrator Max Imholte, Town Clerk Alex Smith, MRF Interim Supervisor Evan Erickson, Public Works Director Pete Wiggins

Public Present: Jeremiah Wendt (WWTP Presentation), Lois Carlson, Hilary Nelson, Paul Brummer, John Carlson, Jim Peters, Zach Montage, Evan Erickson Sr, Michael Childers, Katie Sanders (via zoom), Michael Kutcha (via zoom), Katey Abbott (via zoom)

Call to Order: at 5:00pm

I. Public Comment A*

Paul Brummer made a comment about the purchase of a new snowplow.

John Carlson commented on the ESB solar grid and the questions he asked about 3 weeks ago.

~~He stated the second question was not directly answered about how the current solar grids in were doing.~~ He stated that the questions were answered by someone who works for signing for solar array rather than someone who uses solar array.

Motion to move “V. Letter B and IV B to follow public comment, S. Brenna/M. Anderson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

B. Discussion of funding options for the relocation of the RV disposal site/Presentation by Jeremiah Wendt of SHE:

Jeremiah Wendt of SHE distributed a memorandum of funding options for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project/Relocation of RV disposal site to the Town Board members. He presented several funding sources and suggested to Town Board write a letter of support as part of the first steps of this project. No action was taken at this time. The Town agreed to put approval of a letter of support on the next agenda.

IV. Committees

B. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Presentation on Housing Development:

Katie Sanders, AHAC Chair, presented the current new housing development. The Affordable Housing Advisory Committee is requesting a 3-year option to develop workforce housing on land between the ESB and MRF (Parcel #014-00199-0000), which is owned by the Town. The Committee is researching a variety of construction options, financing opportunities, and management models. No money from the Town is involved at this time.

Motion to approve a 3-year commitment as a tool to move forward on the project, G. Carlson/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

II. Administrative Reports

- A. Town Administrator's Report: No report presented.
- B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Pete Wiggins.
- C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Evan Erickson.
- D. Airport Manager's Report: Prepared by Paul Wilharm.
- E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Ed Schaffer.
- F. Accounting Report: No report presented.
- G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by William Defoe.
- H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Rick Reichkitzer.
- I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Sarah Schram.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

1. Approve RFB for tree removal:

Motion to approve the RFB publishing for dead tree removal around the Winter Transportation Building, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes. Motion Carried.

2. 2024 Auction Update:

MRF Supervisor Interim, Evan Erickson, prepared and discussed the updates on the 2024 Auctions items and mentioned a possible 2025 Spring Auction.

3. Purchase Order for snowplow:

Motion to approve the purchase order for a snowplow in the amount of \$10,461, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Parks

1. Approve Seasonal Parks Job Posting:

Motion to approve the season parks job posting for 2025, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Tennis Court Resurfacing:

Ken Myhre is looking into the resurfacing of the Town's tennis court. He has received a quote for about \$40,000. He is confident that half of the funding could be raised, leaving the remaining balance to be covered by the Town. The Town Board came to a consensus for Ken, the Public Works Director, and Town Administrator to further explore the project.

IV. Committees

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Certified Survey Map for Parcel 014-00045-1400:

Motion to approve the CSM parcel #014-00045-1400, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Presentation on Housing Development: This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting, please see after public comment for details.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Discussion of Treasurer position:

The Town Board discussed the current Treasurer situation. There is a gap from February to the beginning of April (before the election). There were two applicants that applied for the temporary position. However, both of them are running in the April election,

which is a conflict of interest. Melissa is able to train someone up until April but after that she will not be able to. The Town Board came to a consensus and decided that Melissa will train Jamie Murray (payroll coordinator) as Treasurer starting in February. Jamie will then train in the newly elected Treasurer in April.

B. Discussion of funding options for the relocation of the RV disposal site/Presentation by Jeremiah Wendt of SHE:

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting, please see after public comment for details.

C. Treasurer's Report for November:

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for November as presented, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$100,456.95, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – December 19th, 2024

B. Special Town Board Meeting – December 26th, 2024

C. Public Hearing for Airport Petition – January 6th, 2025

D. Special Town Board Meeting – January 6th, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes from 12/19, 12/26, 1/6 as submitted, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services: Noting to report at this time.

IX. Public Comment B:**

Paul Brummer suggested selling the old snowplow to buy a new one during the appropriate season, preferably next fall/early winter.

X. Liquor Licenses: Nothing to report at this time.

XI. 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

The Town Board did not go into closed session. Nothing new to discuss at this time.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Ambulance Support Discussion

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WWTP Support Letter

Appointment to AHAC

Clerical Job Compensation

XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:55pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved with change to Public Comment A. 2/11/25