

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**TUESDAY DECEMBER 13, 2022**  
**5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL**  
Approved Minutes

**Town Board Members Present:** Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Michael Anderson, Supervisor Aimée Baxter, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor John Carlson  
**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Elected Clerk Micaela Montagne  
**Public Present:** Peter Ross, Robin Trinko Russell, Evan Erickson, Michael Childers  
**Called to Order:** 5:00pm

**I. Public Comment A\*:** Robin Trinko Russell commented on the Energy Committee grant request and gave supporting reasons for it.

Motion to have agenda item IV. C. now, M. Anderson/ S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**IV. Committees**

C. Updates from Harbor Commission: President of the Harbor Commission Michael Childers provided updates from the commission: they hired Lauren Burtaux as the Harbor Commission Secretary, they have signed Nondisclosure Agreements and are reviewing sensitive documents related to the purchase of the Madeline Island Ferry Line, are interviewing different legal counsel for the many aspects the commission will need advice on, and they are actively seeking state and federal funding.

**II. Administrative Reports**

- A. Town Administrator's Report: prepared by Michael Kuchta
- B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Ben Schram
- C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Martin Curry
- D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Prepared by Paul Wilharm
- E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Ed Schaffer
- F. Accounting Administrator's Report: Prepared by Barb Nelson
- 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 Cindy Dalzell

Reports for November 2022 placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

**III. Public Works**

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor
  - 1. Job Posting for Two Non-CDL Temp Driver positions for 2023: Motion to approve the posting (correcting the date), S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Parks
- C. Materials Recovery Facility (MRF)
  - 1. Service Contract with Republic Services/ Ashland Transfer Station: Motion to approve, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **IV. Committees**

##### **A. Planning and Zoning**

##### **B. Energy Committee**

1. Energy Innovation Grant for Micro Grid: Motion to approve the grant application for up to \$250,000 to the WI Public Service Commission's Energy Innovation Grant Program, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson. Discussion on how there are currently no matches budgeted for the grant. J. Carlson wants more information on what kind of batteries will be purchased due to mining and lack of recycling. Vote on the motion to approve, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay (J. Carlson), Motion Carried.

#### **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Attachment 'G' to 2022 Compensation Resolution #2021-1214A: Motion to approve, J. Carlson/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Resolution #2022-1213: Adopting the 2023 Fee Schedule: Motion to approve, J. Carlson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. 2023 Budget Report: Motion to approve the condensed version of the report for 2023, M. Anderson/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$50,150.31, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **VII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting November 22, 2022

B. Public Hearing December 5, 2022

C. Special Town Board Meeting December 5, 2022

Motion to approve all three sets of minutes, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **VIII. Emergency Services**

##### **A. Police Department**

##### **B. Fire Department**

1. Change Order #1 with Custom Fire for New Fire Engine: The Fire Department approved the change order for an additional \$11,560 prior to Town Board approval [*Clerk's note: the total changes approved by the Fire Department is \$6,932.80 not \$11,560 as was previously thought*]. Motion to approve the change order if the Fire Department comes up with their own funds to pay the difference, A. Baxter/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

##### **C. Ambulance Department**

1. Madeline Island Ambulance Volunteer Service Sponsorship: updated to include online courses. Motion to approve, S. Brenna/ A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**IX. Public Comment B\*\*:** None.

#### **X. Liquor & Operators' Licenses**

##### **A. Class "B" Sale of Fermented Malt Beverages License**

Regular Town Board Meeting December 13, 2022

1. Bell St. Gallery/ A Girl and Her Lake, Kayla Picciano Agent  
B. "Class C" Wine License

1. Bell St. Gallery/ A Girl and Her Lake, Kayla Picciano Agent

C. Non-intoxicating Beverage License

1. Bell St. Gallery/ A Girl and Her Lake

These licenses will include 2 months prorated for May and June 2023, then be the usual annual licenses 7/1/23 to 6/30/24 as the Town Board will no longer offer 6-month licenses. Motion to approve all three licenses, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues**

A. Petition with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue and potential Ashland County

Levy Litigation

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.

Motion to go into closed session as posted, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes by roll call vote, Motion Carried. 5:39pm.

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/ M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

6:24pm.

Motion to authorize Administrator Kuchta to work with Attorney Schoenborn to draft a Notice of Claim against Ashland County, M. Anderson/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:** Hire truck drivers.

**XIII. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/ J. Carlson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:27pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted with an added Clerk's note in item VIII. B. December 27, 2022. M. Montagne, Town Clerk