

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**

**March 26th, 2024**

**5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL**

**Amended 3/25/24 at 1:00pm**

*Approved Minutes*

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

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Michael Kuchta, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Treasurer Carol Neubauer

**Public Present:** Paul Brummer, John Carlson, Alex Nelson (zoom), Molly O'Brien (zoom), Melissa Pusateri (via zoom)

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

**I. Public Comment A\***

Paul Brummer commented on the recent winter storm and his previous public comments about laying off road workers in staggering terms. He is hopeful the Town Board will consider his suggestion on saving the taxpayers money with future snowless winters.

**II. Open Bids – Dust Abatement**

The Town of La Pointe received one bid for Dust Abatement from Chemical Industries Inc. No action was taken at this time.

**II. Administrative Reports**

A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared and discussed by Michael Kuchta.

**III. Public Works**

A. Roads, Dock, Harbor: Nothing to report at this time.

B. Parks

1. Authorization to apply for a Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for the Big Bay Town Park Accessibility Project:

Motion to authorize the application for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant for the Big Bay Town Park Accessibility Project, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. Hire Campground Assistant

Motion to hire Fern Langenberger at \$15/hr. starting May 17<sup>th</sup> and ending October 14<sup>th</sup> not to exceed 600 hours, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**IV. Committees**

A. Planning and Zoning

1. Ordinance #2024-0326 A: Ordinance 223 Amending the Town's Comprehensive Plan:

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2024-0326 A for the Town's 2024 Comprehensive

Plan with the amendment to remove the recommendations with respect to the direct seller's ordinance, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

2. UDC contract with Alder Engineering (first reading):

The Town Board conducted the first reading of the contract agreement with Alder Engineering. They discussed the description of services. The Town Board will conduct their second reading in a future meeting.

3. Purchase order for Comp Plan printing:

Motion to approve the purchase order for Comp Plan printing, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Committee Minutes:

The Town Board clarified the Habitat for Humanity project for the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee. Placed on file by unanimous consent.

C. Harbor Commission

1. Ordinance #2024-0326 B: Providing for the Issuance, Sale, and Delivery of \$5,432,000 Ferry Line Service System Revenue Bonds, Series 2024B, of the Town of La Pointe, Wisconsin; Establishing the Terms and Conditions Therefor; Directing Their Execution and Delivery; Creating a Special Redemption Fund Therefor; and Awarding the sale Thereof:

Motion by Aimee Baxter to approve Ordinance #2024-0326 B for issuance, sale and delivery of \$5,432,000 Ferry Line Service System Revenue Bonds, seconded by Mike Anderson. Sue Brenna Aye, Mike Anderson Aye, Aimee Baxter Aye, Samantha Dobson Aye, Glenn Carlson Aye. 5 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

D. Community Awards:

Motion to approve the Island Closet for the annual Community Appreciation Award and Jerry Dunn for the Annual Hall of Fame, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

1. Appointment of Charlie Bertel as Town of La Pointe representative on board of directors of Chequamegon Bay United Impact Land Trust:

Motion to appoint Charlie Bertel as the La Pointe representative on the land trust's board of directors, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried/

F. Winter Transportation Committee

1. Purchase order for shrink wrap:

Motion to approve the purchase order for shrink wrap, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

G. Public Arts Committee

1. Approve resignation of Public Arts Committee member

Motion to approve Susan Sabre's resignation from the Public Arts Committee, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Budget Summary Report:

Motion to postpone, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Schedule initial 2024 Board of Review

The Town Board discussed the times and dates that accommodate with their schedules.

The Town Clerk will reach out and see if this works with Steve Nordquist.

C. Recommendation to appoint Treasurer:

Motion to appoint Melissa Pusateri as Town Treasurer starting April 1<sup>st</sup>, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **VI. Vouchers**

A. Town of La Pointe

Motion to approve the Town vouchers in the amount of \$73,441.05, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, S. Brenna abstained, Motion Carried.

B. Harbor Commission

Motion to approve the Harbor Commission voucher in the amount of \$136,856.46, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 4 Ayes, S. Brenna abstained, Motion Carried.

## **VII. Alternative Claims**

Motion to approve the alternative claims in the amount of \$2,424,346.62, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **VIII. Treasurer's Report**

Motion to approve the treasurer's report with a balance of \$4,420,472.27, A. Baxter/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **IX. Minutes**

1. Regular Town Board Meeting – March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Motion to approve the meeting minutes with two minor changes from Glenn Carlson, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **X. Emergency Services**

1. Ambulance

A. Purchase order for equipment repair

Motion to approve the purchase order for equipment repair, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Purchase order for EKG purchase

Motion to approve the purchase order for EKG purchase, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### 2. Fire Department

A. Purchase order for Brush Truck outfitting

Motion to approve the purchase order for Brush Truck outfitting, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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

John Carlson commented on the draft version of ~~Ordinance #2024-0326-A: Amending Comprehensive Plan~~ the UDC contract and mentioned it looks similar to a previous draft from the Town's history. He recommends that the Town Board wait for a rewritten draft from James Price.

Paul Brummer stated that back in the day the inspector, Dan ~~Corran~~ Curran, had a meet and greet for the UDC, he is unsure if it was a required.

**XII. Liquor & Operators' Licenses:** Nothing to report 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  
Nothing to report at this time.

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

Budget Summary Report

Board of Review initial scheduling

UDC contract with Alder Engineering

**XV. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:46pm

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

**Approved with 2 changes in Public Comment B, 4/9/24.**