

TOWN OF LA POINTE
Board of Harbor Commissioners
THURSDAY March 14th, 2024
9:00 am at Town Hall and via Zoom
Approved Minutes

Commissioners Present: Michael Collins, Michael Childers, Carol Neubauer, Evan Erickson Jr., Zach Montagne, Pete Ross

Commissioners Absent: Mike Anderson

Staff Present: Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary, Michael Kuchta, Town Administrator

Public Present: Glenn Carlson, Charley Brummer

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 9:00am by M. Childers.
2. Roll Call: Members, staff, and public present as listed above.
3. Public Comment: C. Neubauer thanks Alex Smith, town clerk, for all the work and attention to detail she had in signing the bonds that were passed in the town board meeting on March 12th. She also thanked Mike Stark for hand delivering the documents to the bond attorney, Bob Toftey in Duluth, MN.
4. Minutes – 03/07/2024: Motion by M. Collins to approve minutes as presented, seconded by Z. Montagne, no discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Z. Montagne to move #7 up to next topic, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Consider Assignment & Assumption of Debt from Dock Construction: Motion by E. Erickson to approve the assignment and assumption of \$150,000 payments over three years (\$50,000/year), seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Z. Montagne to move #7 up to next topic, seconded by M. Collins, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Committees – Updates
 - a. President: M. Childers informed the commission that the Harbor Bayfield Wireless Network Colocation Lease Agreement was passed at the town board meeting.
 - b. Communications: There was positive feedback from the Otto Bremer Trust. The search continues for more funding and grant opportunities.
 - c. Other: The loans have secured their interest rates as follows: General obligation bonds and Note Anticipation Notes are at 6.85%, revenue bonds at 7.12%.

6. Update on Upcoming Operational Tasks – Glenn Carlson: Review of G. Carlson’s volunteer interim managing director’s report. Discussion of budget report, gratis policy, and tariff charges. Suggestion of workshops to review tariffs.
7. Consider Assignment & Assumption of Debt from Dock Construction: Moved to follow #4 public comments.
8. Review Harbor Bayfield Wireless Network Colocation Lease Agreement: Discussed in president’s updates.
9. Review Dockside Lease Agreement: The Harbor Commission is unable to enter into a lease agreement until the title is changed to ownership of the Town/Harbor Commission. In the meantime, there has been discussion of the monthly rate and longevity of a future lease that would cover the costs of the purchase of this property.
10. Approval of Bills: No bills.
11. Future Agenda Items: February invoices from Madeline Island Ferry Line for reimbursement.
12. Meeting Dates: Thursday, March 21st, 2024, at 9am.
13. Adjourn: Motion by M. Collins to adjourn, seconded by E. Erickson, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting is adjourned at 9:52am.

Respectfully submitted by Lauren Burtaux, Harbor Commission Secretary.
Minutes approved as presented on Thursday, March 28th, 2024, L. Burtaux.