

**TOWN OF LA POINTE**  
**REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 11th, 2025**  
**5:00PM at Town Hall**

Minutes

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

**Staff Present:** Town Administrator Max Imholte, Town Clerk Alex Smith, Public Works Director Pete Wiggins, Interim MRF Supervisor Evan Erickson, Officer Thom Rossberger and Officer Carl Williams (For Police Department Discussion)

**Public Present:** ~~John~~ John Carlson, Paul Brummer (5:02pm)

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

**I. Public Comment A\***

John Carlson suggested the possibility of adding a new microphone for better audio streaming. He also requested a correction to his public comment minutes from January 14<sup>th</sup>.

**II. Open Bids ---- Tree Removal at Winter Transportation Building:**

The Town received and opened 4 bids for the removal of 10 trees near the Winter Transportation Building. These were the companies and pricing; C.A Nelson and Son Dock Construction at \$4,400.00, Bruce's Tree Service at \$10,000.00, RPG Tree Service at \$11,772.00, Maple Ridge RD at \$12,400.00. No action was taken.

**III. Administrative Reports**

- A. Town Administrator's Report: Prepared by Max Imholte.
- B. Public Works Director's Report: Prepared by Pete Wiggins.
- C. MRF Supervisor's Report: Prepared by Evan Erickson.
- D. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Prepared by Paul Wilharm.
- E. Planning and Zoning Administrator's Report: Prepared by Ed Schaffer.
- F. Accounting Manager's Report: Prepared by Liz Brown.
- G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by Thom Rossberger.
- H. Fire Chief's Report: Prepared by Rick Reichkitzer.
- I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Sarah Schram.

**IV. Public Works**

- A. Roads, Dock and Harbor
  - 1. Approve RFB for 2025 Dust Abatement:  
Motion to approve the RFB for 2025 Dust Abatement, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
- B. Materials Recovery Facility
  - 1. Approve RFB for Trash Compactor Replacement:  
Motion to approve the RFB for Trash Compactor Replacement, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**V. Committees**

- A. Planning and Zoning

1. Recommendation from TPC to approve CSM for Parcel #014-00005-0212  
Motion to approve the CSM for Parcel 014-00005-0212, A. Baxter/M. Anderson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.
2. Recommendation from TPC to approve CSM for Parcel #014-00206-1600:  
Motion to approve the CSM for Parcel 014-00206-1600, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **VI. Town Hall Administration**

A. Update on Island Collaborative Committee:

The Town has received one committee application. It was suggested that the former Task Force, reach out in search of interested community members. The Clerk will be reposting to the website.

B. Treasurer's Report for January:

No report at this time.

C. Approve Purchase Order Terms and Conditions:

Motion to approve the purchase order terms and conditions, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Discussion of an Appointed Treasurer Position following 2025-2027 term:

The Town Board discussed the importance of the position and the process of turning the position into an appointed position following the next 2025-2027 term.

#### **VII. Vouchers**

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$75,003.57, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **VIII. Minutes**

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

B. Regular Town Board Meeting – January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Motion to approve the Town Board Meeting minutes from 1/14 and 1/28 with John Carlson's requested correction to Public Comment on 1/14, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to approve 'IX Emergency Services Letter A. Police Department items 1 & 2 to after Public Comment B, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### **X. Public Comment B\*\***

John Carlson commented on the Public Works Director's report regarding the constant maintenance of the furnace and other systems in the ESB. He also asked about the Dust Abatement RFB and about the town doing it ourselves.

Pete Wiggins clarified that the RFB for Dust Abatement is typically for the materials.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, Roll Call Vote: Mike Anderson yes, Sue Brenna yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Samantha Dobson yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried.

5:28pm

Officer Thom Rossberger and Officer Carl Williams were also present during the closed session.

## **IX. Emergency Services**

### **A. Police Department**

The Town Board may go into closed session during the meeting for the purpose of considering specific applications of probation, extended supervision or parole, or considering strategy for crime detection or prevention in which it is or is likely to become involved in accordance with to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 (1)(d). 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.

1. Crime Prevention Strategies: Discussed in closed session.
2. Possible Hiring of Part-Time Police Officer: Discussed in closed session

Motion to return to open session, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:51pm

Motion made in open session to hire Alan Lindquist as part-time police officer at \$26.03/hr, not to exceed 800 hours per year, M. Anderson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**XI. Liquor Licenses:** Nothing new to report at this time.

## **XII. 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 Ashland County Circuit Court case Regarding Ashland County Tax Levy
- B. Sargent Claim vs Town of La Pointe

No closed session was held for Lawsuit and Legal Issues. Nothing new to report.

## **XIII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Treasurer's Report

Public Comment Clarification on HAP Grant

**XIV. Adjourn:** Motion to adjourns. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:53pm

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

**Approved with name typo correction in public present. 2/25/25**