

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

Minutes

Town Board Members Present: Chair Glenn Carlson, Supervisor Samantha Dobson, Supervisor Sue Brenna, Supervisor Mike Anderson, Supervisor Aimee Baxter

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

Public Present: John Carlson, Paul Brummer, Charley Brummer, Lois Carlson (@5:02pm)

I. Public Comment A*:

Paul Brummer suggested when discussing the purchase of property for public use to include the specific property, so the townspeople know what property is being discussed for possible purchase.

Motion to move item V. Letter F 'Discussion of Purchase and Financing of Road Equipment' to the current topic, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

F. Discussion of Purchase and Financing of Road Equipment:

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No closed session.

Tristian Chatterton from McCoy Construction Forestry was present to answer any Town Board questions. The Public Works Department is looking to finance a new John Deer Motor Grader, with concerns of the old grader breaking down in the near future. The current attachments the town has will fit this new grader.

Motion to approve the lease agreement between McCoy Construction Forestry for a 5-year lease, annual payment of \$86,707.53 per year with a 4.5% interest rate, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

II. 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 Rich Kula.

F. Accounting Manager's Report: Prepared by Liz Brown.

G. Police Chief's Report: Prepared by Thom Rossberger.

H. Fire Chief's Report: No report presented.

I. Ambulance Director's Report: Prepared by Sarah Schram.

All monthly reports placed on file by unanimous consent.

III. Public Works

A. Roads, Dock and Harbor

1. Approve Purchase Order for Total Energy Systems for Generator Maintenance Parts:

Motion to approve the purchase order for TES generator parts in the amount of \$660.73, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

IV. Committees

A. Zoning Board of Appeals

1. Appoint Member and Alternate to ZBOA:

Motion to appoint Jay Wiltz as a member and Michael Collins as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, G. Carlson/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

V. Town Hall Administration

A. Discuss Premier Resort Area Sales Tax:

Premier Resort Area Sales Tax has been talked about in the past; it is unclear if it was applied for in previous years or not but it is something to be looked into. In order to incorporate the sales tax, it would need legislative approval. Other towns in the area, for example Bayfield, have gone through this process. The Town Board agreed to pursue moving forward in the process.

B. Award Propane Bid/Approve Contract:

It has come to the attention of the Board that (lower bidder) La Pointe Gas and Septic's propane seller's license is currently expired.

Motion to award/approve contract with Midland Services at 2.34 per gallon, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Hire Public Works Laborer:

Motion to hire Trevor Krueger as Public Works Laborer starting at \$20/hr beginning 10/15/25 with an increase to \$22.50/hr starting 1/1/26, A. Baxter/S. Brenna, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

D. Approve 'Attachment C' to Compensation Resolution #2025-0106C:

Motion to approve Attachment C to the 2025 Compensation Resolution, M. Anderson/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Motion to move V. Letter E 'Consider Possible Negotiation and Purchase of Property for Public Use' to after Public Comment B, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

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E. Consider Possible Negotiation and Purchase of Property for Public Use:

Moved to after Public Comment B.

F. Discussion of Purchase and Financing of Road Equipment: Moved and discussed after Public Comment A.

VI. Vouchers

A. Town of La Pointe:

Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$29,534.85, M. Anderson/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VII. Minutes

A. Regular Town Board Meeting – September 23rd, 2025

B. Special Town Board Meeting – September 30th, 2025

Motion to approve the minutes from 9.23 and 9.30, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

VIII. Emergency Services: Nothing to report at this time.

IX. Public Comment B:**

Paul Brummer commented when it comes to Premier Resort Area Sales Tax, make sure you are considering island residents that own multiple homes, they will have to pay extra taxes on any secondary homes that aren't considered their primary dwelling.

John Carlson stated he believes the town did apply for the Resort Area tax in the past and were denied for some reason.

Motion to go into closed session, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, Roll Call Vote Mike Anderson yes, Sue Brenna yes, Aimee Baxter yes, Samantha Dobson yes, Glenn Carlson yes, Motion Carried. 5:30pm

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E. Consider Possible Negotiation and Purchase of Property for Public Use:

Discussed in closed session.

Motion to go into open session, S. Brenna/A. Baxter, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:34pm

X. Liquor Licenses: Nothing to discuss 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 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
Nothing new to report.

XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Fire Department Monthly Reports (July, August, September)

Premier Resort Area Sales Tax

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XIII. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn, S. Brenna/S. Dobson, 5 Ayes, Motion Carried. 5:36pm

Submitted by Town Clerk, Alex Smith.

Approved as submitted, 10/28/25.