

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at the West Point Town Hall and via Zoom. The meeting was published in the Lodi Enterprise, the Sauk Prairie Star, posted in the three designated places in the Town and on the Town's website.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Ashley Nedeau-Owen -Town Chairman, at 7:18 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen -Town Chairman, Gordon Carncross - 2nd Supervisor, Karmin Enge - 3rd Supervisor, and David Lendved - 4th Supervisor. Also present were Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Lonna Zeman - Town Treasurer. Absent was Renee Nair - 1st Supervisor (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the July 9, 2020 Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to approve the July 9, 2020 Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – yes 3, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of July 31, 2020 - \$357,368.79; Park Fund \$2,822.14; Historical Society is \$4,078.37; and Savannah Tree is \$1,697.91 is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/21). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of July.

Correspondence – The Town Board and Plan Commission will have a site visit to Crystal Lake Park to go over the CUP proposal on September 17, 2020. The Town Chair received a letter from Donna Ackerman with concerns of the condition of Barta and Schoepp Road. The Town received a Capital Improvement Plan from the Lodi Area Fire Department.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2020 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to take \$6,588.70 from 53312 Snowplowing and move \$114.50 to 53313 Brushing, \$398.51 to 53311 Hwy. Maint/ Repair, \$1,050.93 to 53317 Hwy. Signing, and \$5,025.20 to 53101 Engineer Roads, additionally take \$552.65 from 51604 Town Hall Cleaning and move \$252.65 to 51441 Election Expense, \$300.00 to 51602 Return Rental Fee, and lastly take \$2,009.49 from 51932 Insurance and move to 51600 Town Hall Main / Utility, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to approve the bills as presented, 2nd Karmin Enge - motion carried unanimously.

The Town Chair reported the North / South section of Schoepp Road would need significant work, the roadbed is severely compromised and at present time would not be able to keep a culvert at grade level. The asphalt is breaking apart so the County will be putting in a type of hot patch to try keeping together.

Mark & Cheryl Manke, N1497 Lovering Road, Lodi, WI. 53555 - Tax Parcel # 11040-596.01 requested a CUP for a home occupation on the property. The Plan Commission recommended the Town Board recommend approval. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to recommend approval of the CUP to the County with the conditions indicated for consideration in the preapplication report, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Roger & Marian Thistle, N2142 Lake Drive, Lodi, WI 53555 – Tax Parcel #11040-22.01 requested to rezone parcel #11040-22.01 entirely to R-1 Single-Family Residential and create 4 single-family lots on the property. The Plan Commission recommended the Town Board recommend Columbia County approve the rezone from C-1 Light Commercial to R-1 Single Family and recommended the Town Board approve the CSM. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to recommend approval of the rezone to Columbia County and to approve the CSM as presented with the condition the Plan Commission approve the Site Plan for Lot 2 before a building permit is issued for it, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Tim Lanzendorf requested a Conditional Use Permit for non-metallic mineral extraction use at the Lanzendorf Quarry on County Road J for Parcel #11040-579.02. The agreement between Lanzendorf and the Town still needs to

be revised before the Town can give recommendations for the CUP to Columbia County. The Plan Commission has recommended the Town Board ask Columbia County for an extension. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to ask Columbia County for a 5-month extension to the Lanzendorf CUP, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

A large tree was cut down on Town property by a resident within the “Shoreline Vegetative Buffer Zone”. Columbia County informed the Town would need to replace the tree with at least 4 trees with a total diameter adding up to about 21 inches. The Town needs to come up with a plan for the replacement of the tree to be approved by the County. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to table this agenda item until the September meeting, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Jack Meffert was upset with the overpayment of taxes on his property off Unke Road for 2019. He stated he received his notice of his assessment for the properties, but he did not realize how that would affect his taxes because it was a new parcel that was created and he was busy with hay and could not make it to the Open Book in 2019. Jack Meffert stated he felt the Town Clerk or Town Attorney should have sent the paperwork to the assessor showing that it is designated ag land. The Town Clerk and Town Assessor felt the Mefferts or their attorney should have been responsible for giving the paperwork to the assessor when they received the assessment notice. The Board stated they felt bad for him, but he had the opportunity to come to Open Book and the Board of Review or even called within 5 days of the Board of Review, but he did not. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to offer 6% of the overage back to the Mefferts contingent upon them releasing us from a future lawsuit, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The Town has many public accesses throughout West Point which are overgrown and hard for citizens to utilize. Tim Bindl, Selwood subdivision resident, would like permission to clean up the public access in Selwood. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to allow Tim Bindl and volunteers to clean up the public access at their own expense and risk, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to table “Intergovernmental Agreement – Lodi EMS” until the September meeting, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

The Lodi EMS would like to use the budget overage to offer the employees, health insurance (WPS). A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to consider WRS Health Insurance Program as part of their normal budget, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

The attorney and engineer charges hourly rates will not commit to a “fee structure”. Kevin Kessler stressed the need for a policy of what we expect reimbursement for from an applicant.

Ashley Nedeau-Owen and Gordon Carncross will interview more attorneys and make a recommendation by the September meeting.

A motion was made by David Lendved to approve Kevin Kessler to the Lodi Fire Commission as the citizen member for West Point, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by David Lendved to recommend a resolution be drafted to approve the revisions dated 8/12/2020 to Chapter 3 of the Code of Ordinances, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to table “5G Permitting” until we have a new Town Attorney to advise the Town, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed COVID-19 and the use of the facilities. The Town will not be renting out the facilities until further notice.

It was suggested for the Town to put up signage stating the Transfer site will close early if the dumpsters are full and directing them to Columbia County Recycling & Waste.

“IT Support” was postponed.

Reports:

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported the meeting was postponed until August 19, 2020.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported the Plan Commission recommended approval of Thistle CSM and rezone and Manke CUP.

Sauk EMS Committee – The Town received “draft” minutes from the January 23, 2020 Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the Transfer Site has still been closing early.

Lodi EMS Committee – Karmin Enge reported Russ Shaefer was able to contact Jay Gawlikoski to talk with him about the LAEMS financial information.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond has been appointed to the Columbia County Board of Supervisors to represent the West Point area.

Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District/Pumping – no report

Broadband Committee – no report

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, Town Attorney, Chapter 3 Resolution, COVID-19 – facility use, Tree Removal, Construction Dumpster, IT Support, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to adjourn the August 13, 2020 Town Board meeting at 10:22pm, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk