

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, November 12, 2020 at the West Point Town Hall and via Zoom. The meeting was published in the Lodi Enterprise, the Star News, 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 7:15 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chairman, Renee Nair - 1st Supervisor, Gordon Carncross - 2nd Supervisor, Karmin Enge - 3rd Supervisor, and David Lendved - 4th Supervisor. Also present were Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk. Absent was Lonna Zeman - Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to approve the agenda moving "Public Access" to before "Reports" on the presented agenda, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the October 8, 2020 Town Board Meeting minutes and the October 16, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to approve the October 8, 2020 Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Renee Nair - motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Renee Nair to approve the October 16, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Karmin Enge - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of October 31, 2020 - \$392,639.34; Park Fund \$0.00; Historical Society is \$3,969.73; 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 October.

Correspondence – Doug Coerper called the Town Chair and thanked him for having his driveway fixed, there was an edge from where it met the Van Ness

Road after the Van Ness Road Project was finished. The Town Chair received correspondence from Karin Zerse encourage him to share the Watch Tower pamphlet. The Town received the Columbia County Covid-19 Weekly Update.

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 Renee Nair to approve Resolution #11-12-2020 to amend the budget, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously. A copy of Resolution #11-12-2020 is attached to the minutes. A motion was made by Renee Nair to approve the bills as presented, 2nd David Lendved - motion carried unanimously.

Darlene Pelzer, W14246 Selwood Drive, Prairie du Sac, and Jayme Johnson, W14242 Selwood Drive, Prairie du Sac, raised concerns over the work that was being done at the public access in Selwood and gave a little history of the public access. The Board discussed the work that had been done and what was being proposed. Gordon Carncross stated he felt this was a complicated issue. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to encourage all residents of West Point to cease all activities on the property identified as a public access in Selwood until the Town Board can ascertain ownership, access, and what needs to be done, 2nd by Ashley Neddeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Columbia County Report – no report

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported the Fire Commission will now meet the third Wednesday of each month and they are preparing to buy a replacement for Engine 12 and the down payment will be about \$117,000.00. West Points share will be about \$22,000.00.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – Karmin Enge stated that Tom Marx will be the Treasurer until an audit is done.

Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported the Plan Commission postponed a public hearing for a rezone for Larry Smith and they recommended approval of a revised building envelope for Buchholz, Lot 8 of Ryan’s Haven.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported he hired 3 new people for the Transfer Site, Randy Robertson, Justin Venne, and Justine Oswald. David Lendved made a sign for the Transfer Site showing the hours on Saturdays from 9am-4pm or until full.

Park & Open Space Committee – Renee Nair will try contacting residents who said they were interested in joining the Committee and schedule a meeting.

Broadband Committee – no report

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

A motion was made by Renee Nair to adopt the 2021 West Point Budget of \$880,507.26 as presented in the Summary Budget, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Chair asked the County to put a hot patch on Juniper Drive and on Unke Road where the road was tore up from all the big trucks traveling it for construction in the development.

Kris Lehman, Chairman of the Historical Commission gave the annual report of the Historical Commission / Society. In February, the Historical Commission had over 100 attendees at a presentation on arrowheads by Philippe Coquard. They also made \$500.00 donations to Reach Out Lodi and to Sauk Prairie 6:8. A copy of the Power Point presentation is attached.

Brittany & Wesley Buchholz, Lot # 8 Ryan’s Haven proposed a building envelope revision. The Plan Commission recommended approval with two conditions. A motion was made by Renee Nair to approve the revised building envelope subject to the following two conditions: 1. Before any building permit is issued, we have documentation of the revised building envelope being recorded, 2. No building is constructed within 50 feet of the 20% slope or within 75 feet of the 20% slope if the slope is more than 50 feet in length, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

An application for an Operator's License was presented by Sunset Harbor Bar & Grill for Hannah Wagner. Hannah Wagner has taken the Alcohol Awareness Classes. A motion was made by Renee Nair to grant the operator license for Hannah Wagner, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Andy Zimmer, Town Engineer, did a speed study on some residential areas in the Town and gave his recommendation in a letter dated November 12, 2020. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to accept his recommendation as amended and proceed with the process to lower the speed limit, 2nd by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by David Lendved to approve renewing the assessor contract for Gardiner Appraisal, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

In the Wisconsin State Journal, there was a picture of Gibraltar Rock State Natural Area. Gordon Carncross and Ron Grasshoff were concerned about the erosion problem and that the WDNR did not have a "Master Plan" for the area. The Town Chair will write a letter to the WDNR stating the concerns.

The Town Chair created a plan for Columbia County to replace a tree that was removed by a resident on Town property within the "Shoreline Vegetative Buffer Zone". A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the West Point plan the Town Chair created for the shoreline buffer, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

The Town received an invoice from former Town Attorney, Jeff Clark, Boardman & Clark from last spring and earlier. The Town Chair will speak with Jeff Clark about the invoice.

Special Assessments & Charges due to the Town will need to be entered on County's Ascent program so they can be collected with the taxes. A motion was made by Renee Nair to authorize the Town Chair to contact Mr. Bodenschatz and Mr. Cass regarding non-payment of their bills and informing them that the unpaid amounts could be added to their tax bill as a tax lien, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The Town is eligible to receive Routes to Recovery Grant money for COVID-19 related expenses. A motion was made by David Lendved to authorize the

Town Clerk to secure an installer to purchase and install a handicap accessible door opener for the door to the hall area if it is within the budget of the R2R Grant money, 2nd by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board did not have anything else to add to the Tax Newsletter.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, COVID-19 – facility use, set Town Caucus date, Construction Dumpster, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to adjourn the November 12, 2020 Town Board meeting at 10:00pm, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk



TOWN OF WEST POINT
RESOLUTION #11-12-2020

WHEREAS, the Town Board of West Point adopted its 2016 Operating Budget on November 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Wis Statutes 65.90(5)(a), the West Point Town Board is to approve budget amendments; and,

WHEREAS, we will receive funds from the Routes 2 Recovery Grant; and,

WHEREAS, we needed to upgrade our audio/video equipment to hold virtual meetings due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, we needed to have plexi-glass dividers made to keep election workers safe due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, we replaced the cloth chairs in the hall, conference room, and office with chairs which can be sanitized easier due to COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of West Point does hereby approve the following transfer of \$23.53 to 51404 Computer / Copier Equipment, \$375.00 to 51406 IT Support, \$1052.11 to 51441 Election Expense, \$183.07 to 51600 Town Hall Maintenance, \$10.00 to 54105 Humane Expense, and \$1645.20 to 53630 Solid Waste Tip Fee from 59900 Reserve Contingencies and to put \$21,480.78 from the Unrestricted Funds into 51601 Town Hall Equipment.

Dated this 12th day of November, 2020

Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Chairman

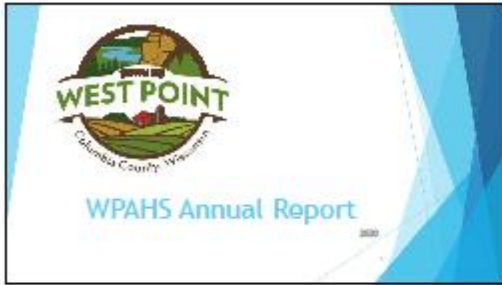
Renee Nair - 1st Supervisor

Gordon Carncross - 2nd Supervisor

Karmin Enge - 3rd Supervisor

Attest:

Taffy Buchanan – Town Clerk
David Lendved - 4th Supervisor



Calendar

- We need ideas
- We need pictures
- Any families who would like recognized
- Local business who have an important anniversary or history to relate
- We need help!

Membership

- Over 600 regular Facebook viewers.
- Fun Fact: Chris Ryan posted the tractor parade and we had 4,000 hits during the parade.



Giving back

- \$500 donation to Reach Out Loud
- \$500 donation to South Prairie AHS



Other business

- Collaborating with South Prairie Historical Society and the Lodi Valley Historical Society to share pictures and histories.
- Working on 2022 calendar
- Still short one commissioner
- Looking for someone to handle membership

