

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Pursuant to WI State Statues 60.12 the annual town meeting of the Town of West Point was held on Thursday, April 20, 2021 at the West Point Town Hall. The meeting was posted in three places and on the web site. There were 27 electors present at the Town Hall and 10 via Zoom for the meeting. The Town had some audio / video issues with the Zoom meeting and we tried to work with it.

Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Town Chairman, chaired the meeting and called the annual town meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

The financial report for 2020 was presented to the people for their consideration. The financial report was also available on the Town's website. The Town Clerk went over the financial report. Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Town Chairman asked if there were any questions about the financial report which was prepared by Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk. Kevin Kessler stated he was having a difficult time understanding the report. The Town Clerk explained that the financial statement includes everything the Town takes in and sends out; like the property taxes we receive, but then pay to the schools, county, and state. The balances on hand as of December 31, 2020 were as follows:

- Bank Balance – \$2,733,898.11
- Plus Deposits Made after Bank Statement – \$453,617.74
- Sub Total – \$3,187,515.85
- Less Outstanding Check – \$12,662.73
- Checking Ending Balance – \$3,174,853.12
- Ferry Landing Pier Project Ending Balance - \$0.00
- Historical Society Balance – \$4,627.28
- Savannah Tree Fund Ending Balance - \$1,697.91
- Total Ending Balance - \$3,181,178.31

A motion was made by David Lendved to accept the 2020 Financial Statement as presented, 2nd by Doug Richmond – yes 25, no 0 – motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to vote by show of hands, if attending by zoom they can either have their camera on and raise a hand or use the “raise hand” icon on zoom, 2nd by Emily Carncross – yes 26, no 0 - motion carried.

The minutes were read for the August 13, 2020 Annual Town Meeting by the Town Clerk, Taffy Buchanan. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the minutes as read, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – yes 28, no 0 – motion carried.

The following town officers were elected at the April 7, 2020 Spring Election:

Chairperson – Ashley Nedeau-Owen

1st Supervisor – Kevin Kessler

2nd Supervisor – Scott Earnest

Clerk – Taffy Buchanan

Treasurer – Sharon Richmond

A motion was made by Jayme Johnson that the majority of those present advise the Town Board not to sell the Town Property in Selwood known as the “public access” 2nd by Tim Bindl – yes 25, no 2 - motion carried. Some of the discussion before the vote was as follows: Ashley Nedeau-Owen explained the Town Board cannot sell any Town Real Property unless the electors grant the Town Board the authority to sell it. Jamie Johnson said at the March Town Board meeting the Town Chair brought up the idea about selling the property. Dar Pelzer wondered if State Statutes would allow the sale of this land because of the location and purpose of the property. David Lendved stated the Town Board can be granted authority to act of some things under Wis.Stat. 60.10(2) but the Town Board can decide not to do so, it is advisory. Tim Bindl is in favor of the motion not to sell. Doug Richmond stated the Town has disposed of property in the past with the electors granting authority, but he is

uncomfortable with the motion because the Town has not been given the power for this property. Jim Isaacson suggested the Town to get legal advice on the issue of selling. Curtis Johnson asked if the Town has sold a public access in the past. Ashley Nedeau-Owen did not think the Town has sold a public access. David Thiele thought the Klamer family bought half of a public access about 20 years ago.

A motion was made by Ben Carlson to advise the Town Board to change their decision for the repair of Unke Road to “option 3” and have the repair done within the calendar year, 2nd by Trish Kirner – yes 13, no 3 – motion carried. Some of the discussion before the vote was as follows: Karmin Enge asked for a reminder of the cost of Option 2 and Option 3. Ben Carlson replied Option 2 would be about \$137,000.00 with an estimated life of 5 years and Option 3 would be about \$201,000.00 with an estimated life of 10 years. David Thiele stated the cost of each option amortized out for the life of the options; Option 3 would be cheaper. Gordon Carncross felt it would be too late to be able to get option 3 done this year because of the engineering and surveying needed to be done, and sealcoating would limit the reconstruction for widening it in the future without losing what we put into it. Brooke Milde said the motion was intended so Unke Road would be brought up at another Town Board meeting. Ben Carlson stated the residents of Unke Road wanted to express their concern about Unke Road and let the Town Board know they are not happy with the Option 2 that the Board chose. David Lendved reminded everyone that the Board choice option 2 but they also asked the Town Engineer to start the engineering and surveying for widening the road. Mike Spahn would like to have a time frame set for Unke Road, because it is “not fair” they are paying taxes and have to drive on a road in the condition of Unke Road and would like a nice road. Ashley Nedeau-Owen explained the process and how Trip-D funding works.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the Annual Town meeting at 8:25 p.m., 2nd by Karmin Enge – yes 18 – no 0 – motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By

Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk

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