

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, May 13, 2021 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 7:04 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chairman, Kevin Kessler - 1st Supervisor, Scott Earnest - 2nd Supervisor, Karmin Enge - 3rd Supervisor, and David Lendved - 4th Supervisor. Also present were Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the agenda with moving #15 up to follow #10, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the April 8, 2021 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 April 8, 2021, Town Board Meeting minutes with a couple minor word adjustments, 2nd by Scott Earnest - yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared the following report: General Fund as of April 30, 2021 - \$586,013.07; Park Fund \$0.00; Historical Society is \$4,761.59; 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 April.

The Savannah Tree CD matures on May 24, 2021. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to renew the Savannah Tree CD for another year, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – Alliant Energy sent a letter explaining about their update on Lake Wisconsin reservoir shoreline management. The Town received “draft” Sauk Fire District meeting minutes from January 20, 2021. Columbia County Covid-19 Weekly update as of May 12, 2021. Tim Escher emailed to Town requesting a trail between the two parking lots of Gibraltar Rock be made if the County is going to repair that section of County Road V.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2021 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to approve the bills as presented, 2nd Kevin Kessler - motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported masks are no longer required in Columbia County buildings. It was announced that Alliant Energy plant will be closing by 2025 and that will cause a loss of about 1.7 million in revenue for Columbia County.

Lodi Fire Commission – Kevin Kessler and David Lendved reported they looked at the Site Selection Committee report. They also discussed the IGA edits and went over the Capital Improvement plan for the Fire Department.

Sauk Fire District – David Lendved said they will be meeting next Wednesday for final approval for the purchase of a ladder truck.

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – no report

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported the Plan Commission made recommendations for the Kirner CSM. Also, the Plan Commission discussed a transfer of a development right to Judy Bartnick, and a CSM for Shifflet, and updating Chapter 12.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen stated Columbia County did not have any construction dumpsters for us for the first weekend in May, so he hired Tim’s Trucking to bring two dumpsters. We are still looking to hire another person to help fill in at the Transfer Site. The Town needs to figure out what to do with the

ashes from the burn pile, and how to clean up the gravel and other maintenance issues that Matt Zeman voluntarily took care of.

Park & Open Space Committee – Tim Bindl stated they met on May 3, 2021 and discussed updating the Outdoor Open Space Committee Plan from 2008.

Broadband Committee – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported they will meet on May 26, 2021, and a representative from Tower Technologies will talk about small towers and the cost.

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

Dar Pelzer gave a presentation about the “public access” in Selwood and handed out a packet about the history of the land the Town owns and issues with the land. Tim Bindl brought in a petition signed by about 80 residents in Selwood, who would like the Town to continue working with Alliant Energy and get erosion control in place and have the public land be public access to the water. Jayme Johnson said an erosion problem has been created by what they did, and the process has not been transparent. Jim Isaacson said Selwood is a great neighborhood and proper permitting needs to take place. Dennis Shaw stated he was told when he bought his property there was a right-of-way to the lake. Fran Greenman said she was also told they have a shared lake access. Kevin Kessler feels the Town Board should take a position of either doing nothing or ultimately have a project and try applying for grants. He also hoped Selwood one and two could communicate better outside of the Town Board meeting. David Lendved asked if the Town Board wants to work with Alliant like the petition suggests. Ashley Nedeau-Owen is encouraged to keep as Town property and not sell it.

A motion was made by David Lendved to sign the County Aid Petition and authorize the issuance of a check to Columbia County Highway for \$4,000.00, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board would like to schedule a “road tour” with the Town Engineer.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to table the CSM review for Jim & Brett Kirner until June, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

“Land Division & CSM Review for Bender Vollbrecht Developers & Pamela Halverson Tax Parcel #11040-413.001 & #11040-413.002” was postponed until the applicants ask for it to be put back on the agenda.

Ken Niesen is concerned because Sunset Bay is filling up with sand and needs to be dredged. The Town Board must initiate the request for dredging. Ken will get the contact information to the Town Chair.

“Contract Renewals for Building Inspections” was tabled.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to appoint Ron Grasshoff, Ben Carlson, and Kevin Kessler (Town Board Representative) to the Plan Commission, 2nd by Scott Earnest – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 – motion carried.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to appoint Al Treinen to complete Terri Hancock’s term who resigned and to reappoint Emily Carncross and Kris Lehman to 3-year terms to the Historical Commission, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to approve and sign the Columbia County 2021 Mobile Home Inventory Form as presented, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler that the Town Board approves the proposed changes including the Fire Commission’s changes to the LAFD Inter-governmental Agreement, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to go into Closed Session Pursuant to Wis. Stat. Sec.19.85 (1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session (Discussion of potential LAFD sites), 2nd by Scott Earnest – roll call vote (Kevin Kessler – yes, Scott Earnest – yes, David Lendved – yes, Karmin Enge – yes, Ashley Nedeau-Owen – yes) -motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made Karmin Enge reconvene to open session, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken regarding items discussed in closed session.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to allow people to rent the indoors for gatherings of more than four people also as frequently as can be cleaned, please wear masks, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to authorize the Town Clerk to have an electrician fix the timers for the outside bathroom door locks, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to find an outside cleaning service and apply a cleaning fee as a surcharge to the rentals, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, COVID-19 – facility use, building inspection contract, LAFD & LAEMS IGA, liquor & beer licenses, Town’s position of the Selwood public land, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to adjourn the May 13, 2021 Town Board meeting at 11:18pm, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk