

## 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 12, 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 7:00 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chairman, Kevin Kessler - 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, Scott Earnest - 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, and David Lendved - 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor. Also present was Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk. Absent were: Karmin Enge - 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor (excused) and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the agenda moving agenda items #12 & #13 up to after item #5, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the July 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 David Lendved to approve the July 8, 2021, Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared the following report: General Fund as of July 31, 2021 - \$584,816.72; ARPA Funds - \$104,164.61; Park Fund \$0.00; Historical Society is \$5,328.78; and Savannah Tree is \$1,708.10 is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/22). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of July.

Correspondence – Columbia County Ad hoc Redistricting Committee sent out a letter to all Columbia County Municipal Clerks informing them of the timeline for redistricting. Columbia County Planning & Zoning Committee approved the CSM for Kirner Living Trust on Highway 188 with a waiver of road frontage requirements for Lot 1. The Town Board received a letter from Jayme

Johnson, W14242 Selwood Road, concerned about the Town property next to her property. The Town Board received an email from Beth Stellberg about the sand barricades on Schoepp Road. The Town Chair received a call from Don Nolden because he was concerned about the “borrow pit” at Crystal Lake Park. The Town Clerk received a call about a tree branch across Chrisler Road and contacted the County to move it.

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 David Lendved to take \$318.00 from 53102 Lawyer Road and move it to 53637 Recycling Expense, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Lendved - motion carried unanimously.

#### Reports:

Columbia County Report – The Board received a written report from Doug Richmond.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they met on July 21<sup>st</sup> and the Site Selection Committee expressed their frustration about the lack of action by the municipalities. The Fire Commission have invited the municipalities to come to the Lodi Fire Station on September 15, 2021, at 6:00pm for a meeting to discuss the site selection for a new fire station.

Sauk Fire District – no meeting

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the newest ambulance was in a collision in Madison and the LAEMS is using the Village of Marshall’s spare ambulance until Lodi’s is repaired.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported the Plan Commission discussed the Bartnick / Gasser development right transfer, the clarification of an available development right, and the McCann rezone proposal.

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – David Lendved reported they will meet on Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

Broadband Committee – no report

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

Andy Zimmer, the Town Engineer, presented the 3 bids for Unke Road Project that were received from Clemen’s Excavating, Lepke Trucking & Excavating, and Northwestern Stone, LLC. Clemen’s Excavating was the low bid at \$186,904.50 for the “base bid and additive bid alternates. Andy advised the Town they could reject all bids and delay until the Spring of 2022 if they choose to. Renee Carlson, N1961 Unke Road, spoke about the unsafe condition of Unke Road and the decrease of usability of it. A motion was made by David Lendved to accept the low bid from Clemen’s Excavating as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Tammy Kirch, N586 Schoepp Road, was concerned about the signage on Barta Road and asked for the curve warning signs be moved back beyond Bittner Road and a “blind driveway” sign be put up. Donna Ackerman, N586 Schoepp Road, questioned if the Board would be doing anything about the petition that was signed to open Schoepp Road. David Ackerman, N586 Schoepp Road, stated the corner of Schoepp and Mussen Road wasn’t draining before because the culvert was plugged but has been unplugged and now hasn’t been an issue. Al Deming, N550 Gannon Road, wanted an update on the possibility of guard rails. The Town Engineer received a quote from Arbor Green Inc for the installation of a guard rail on the Schoepp / Barta Road curve to be put in this fall before deep frost for \$14,875.50. A motion was made by David Lendved to accept the quote for guard rails as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Art & Ted Hill, N2288 Trails End Road, asked to pave a 9’ X 44’ area of the Town Road right-of-way to be used for parking on Trails End. They realize they will not own that area and cannot stop other people from parking there. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to delay action on this proposal until the next meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously. The Board brought up concerns about overnight parking and liability. Kevin Kessler will put together potential policies for Town Road ROW usage for parking for the next meeting.

An application for an Operator's License was presented by D & B Sunset Bar & Grill for Heather Woodruff. Heather Woodruff has completed the Alcohol Awareness Class and has submitted her certificate. A motion was made by David Lendved to grant the operator license for Heather Woodruff, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Jon & Carrie Ballweg would like to build another house on their land and Columbia County would like clarification from the Town that they have a “development right”. The Plan Commission made a motion to recommend to the Town Board to inform Columbia County that there is one remaining development right in the Ballweg parcels. Kevin Kessler drafted a letter stating they have one development right left. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to authorize the Town Chair to sign the letter to Columbia County clarifying the one development right available, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

A proposal was presented to rezone Parcel #11040-546 from A-1 Agriculture to RR-1 Rural Residential and A-1 Agriculture for Judith Bartnick and to rezone Parcel #11040-261 from A-1 Agriculture to A-1 Agriculture with A-4 Agricultural Overlay for Gasser Ventures Inc, c/o Brian Gasser. This will restrict Parcel #11040-261 from future building and Gasser Ventures Inc, c/o Brian Gasser would like to transfer a development right to Parcel #11040-546 for David Bartnick to build a house. The Plan Commission made a motion to recommend to the Town Board to approve the proposed development right transfer and recommend approving the rezone for the 2 parcels contingent on the submittal and approval of a CSM for the 5-acre Bartnick parcel and Town approval of deed covenants & restrictions for the Gasser and Bartnick properties. The Town Attorney explained the 3 Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions that he drafted and were needed. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the proposed development right transfer and to approve the rezone for the 2 parcels contingent on the submittal and approval of a CSM for the 5-acre Bartnick parcel and contingent upon the final approval of the Declaration of Covenants and restrictions by the Town Attorney, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board contracted with Johnson & Block to audit the Town's financial records. Johnson & Block has completed the audit and would like to schedule a “exit conference” next week. The audit is available at the Town Hall if anyone would like to exam it.

“Transfer Site – appliances” was tabled.

“Contract Renewals for Building Inspections” was tabled.

The Town Clerk met with Brittney Miller, Leave It to Me Cleaning, about cleaning the Town Hall and Brittney felt the cleaning could be done in about 3 hours. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve contracting with Brittney Miller to clean the Town Hall at the rate of \$30.00 per hour every 2 weeks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, Unke Road, Schoepp Road, Town Road ROW, building inspection contract, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the August 12, 2021, Town Board meeting at 9:37pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

*Taffy Buchanan*

Town Clerk