

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, September 9, 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 - 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 Karmin Enge to approve the agenda moving agenda item #10 up to after item #8, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – Dar Pelzer W14246 Selwood Road, questioned the status of Selwood's public "access". Doug Richmond informed the Town of the issues of the "promenade" in the Pleasant View Park area.

Copies of the August 12, 2021, Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the August 12, 2021, Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Scott Earnest - yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared and presented the following report: General Fund as of August 31, 2021 - \$699,888.80; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$104,182.30; Park Fund \$0.00; Historical Society is \$5,357.81; 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 August.

Correspondence – The Town received LAFD Fire Chief Report dated August 18, 2021 and Fire Commission Minutes from the July 21, 2021, Lodi Area Fire District meeting. Alex Le Clair, Director of the Lodi Public Library, sent a

document illustrating the work that has been done at the library and future changes that will be happening. A letter was received from Roberta Arnold concerning the Town of Lodi's vacant clerk and treasurer position. Jay Thomas, W14103 West Point Drive, called would like someone to come out and look at his property because when it rains the culvert backs up and water sits on his property. Pamela Russo called and asked if the excess pea gravel in Selwood will be swept. Dennis Shaw wants something done about the pea gravel by the intersection of Selwood and Crestview. Ashley Nedeau-Owen contacted Dane County Executive Joe Parisi's office and made a request to be informed when an adhoc committee, that was formed to study Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lakes, meets.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and 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.

Russ Schafer, Chief of Lodi Area EMS, gave a presentation about the past year for the Lodi Area EMS and the 2022 proposed Budget. The call volume for West Point was up compared to previous years. The proposed budget would have an overall 3% increase from last year. The Town of West Point's portion for 2022 will be \$19,685.33. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the 2022 Lodi Area EMS Budget as presented, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously. The

Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported the Planning & Zoning approved a budget for 2022 that was about \$12,000.00 less than 2021. The Columbia County Board of Supervisors adopted their Tentative County Supervisory District Plan for redistricting; they did not change the supervisor district for the Town of West Point.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported the Fire Commission will meet at the Lodi Fire Station on September 15, 2021, to discuss the site selection for a new fire station the municipalities have been encouraged to attend.

Sauk Fire District – David Lendved reported they will meet on Wednesday, September 15, 2021.

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – Karmin Enge reported there are two new members on the Commission Rick Stone (Town of Lodi) and Tim Ripp (City of Lodi). GPS maps have been updated showing N/S Schoepp, Mussen, and Fish roads are closed.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported the Plan Commission discussed the Stampfli CSM to combine two parcels into one, impact fees, Chapter 12 revisions, and “planning districts”. Ron Grasshoff and Darrell Lehman asked if the Town Board would be interested in them pursuing “planning districts”.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the Transfer Site seems to be running smoothly.

Park & Open Space Committee – David Lendved reported Ken Ryan is going to dig a small trench to see if that helps the water run out of the Selwood Park playground area. David Lendved cut down a dead tree at the Ryan Park area.

Broadband Committee – no report

Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District/Pumping – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported that they are not pumping right now because the suspended solid levels are too high.

The Town Engineer held a preconstruction meeting for the Unke Road Improvements on Wednesday, September 8, 2021. Unke Road improvements should take about 3 or 4 weeks, there will be new culverts put in and the road will be wider.

The Town Chair stated the Town Engineer suggested scraping off the asphalt, raising the road, and putting in a new culvert at the corner of Schoepp Road by Cottonwood Resort to alleviate the water issue on that corner. Clemen’s Excavating gave an estimate of \$18,700.00 to do the work. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the work on Schoepp Road to be an addendum to be included in the work done by Clemen’s Excavating on Unke Road contingent upon consultation with the Town of Roxbury, additionally for funding to be figured out later, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Kessler explained the potential policies for Town Road ROW usage for parking that he put together. The Town Board had discussion on the presented

policies. There were concerns about safety issues, snowplowing issues, overnight parking, what could be parked there, and could the Town “reclaim” the areas. The Town has an ordinance that prohibits overnight parking on Town roads, but a lot of residents do not know about it. There was a suggestion on looking into putting up signs informing people of the “no overnight parking” ordinance, the Town Board will have it on next month’s agenda.

At the last Town Board meeting 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 action was postponed until this month. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the proposal by Hill to improve the road right-of-way, 2nd by Scott Earnest – yes 0, no 4, abstain 1 – motion failed. The Town Chair will write a letter to Hills encouraging them to restore the road right-of-way.

The Town Chair stated the Town Engineer suggested the Town needs a long-term capital improvement road plan, so the Town becomes proactive instead of reactive with road improvements. The Board would be interested in having a working meeting to get better educated on rating the roads and working with the Town Engineer in creating a plan.

Charles Stampfli, N2143 State Highway 188, presented his CSM for review it is a lot-line adjustment to combine Parcels #11040-57 & #11040-57.01 into one. At the September 2nd Plan Commission Meeting the Plan Commission made a motion to recommend to the Town Board to approve the CSM. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the CSM as presented, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

“Contract Renewals for Building Inspections” was tabled.

The Plan Commission was tasked into looking into “impact fees”. The Town could not assess impact fees unless it has an ordinance for impact fees. The Town Chair will draft a letter to the Wisconsin Towns Association and the UW-Stevens Point Center of Local Government asking for information and sample ordinances for impact fees.

Columbia County Solid Waste will no longer pick up appliances containing “coolant” like refrigerators and freezers. They will also not pick up fluorescent light bulbs. Kevin Kessler suggested if we still want to accept them at the Transfer Site, we would need to raise the prices to cover the cost to hire someone to pick

them up or do not accept them anymore. The Town Chair will talk to Vern's Appliance to see if he would be willing to haul the appliances for the Town and how much it would cost. The Town will keep the same policy it has on accepting the appliances and bulbs at the Transfer Site until it gets more information.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, October 14, 2021, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, set date for working on budget, redistricting, contract renewals, impact fees, transfer site appliances & bulbs, signage for no parking, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to adjourn the September 9, 2021, Town Board meeting at 10:22pm, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk