

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 October 14, 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 7:01 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 as presented, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – none

Copies of the September 9, 2021, Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the September 9, 2021, Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Kevin Kessler - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared and presented the following report: General Fund as of September 30, 2021 - \$669,651.54; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$104,199.43; Park Fund \$0.00; Historical Society is \$5,385.09; 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 September.

Correspondence – The January 1, 2021 final population estimate for the Town of West Point is 2,035. Columbia County Highway Committee will hold a meeting to go over the Local Road Improvement Program. The Town received draft minutes from Sauk Fire District Commission meeting dated September 15,

2021. The Sauk Fire District Commission approved the 2022 operating budget and the capital purchase of the ladder truck. The Town received the minutes from the August 18, 2021 LAFD Fire Commission meeting. The Sauk Prairie Ambulance budget was approved by the Ambulance Commission at their September 23rd, 2021 meeting. Kevin Kessler spoke with Mark Bentley about the “promenade” in Pleasant View Park and will be having a meeting with him, Ashley Nedeau-Owen and Doug Richmond next week to discuss it. Ashley talked with the WDNR about cattails and grasses in the water being cleared by a property on Smith Park Road.

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 by David Lendved to take \$227.04 from 53102 Lawyer Road and move \$207.84 to 53316 Highway Reconstruction and \$19.20 to 53633 Transfer Site Expense, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the bills as presented, 2nd Kevin Kessler - motion carried unanimously.

Nate Sievers, Assistant Chief of Lodi Area Fire Department, gave a presentation about the 2022 proposed Budget. They are requesting a 1% increase in their operating budget from last year. The Town of West Point’s portion for 2022 will be \$20,858.00. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the 2022 LAFD Budget as presented, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported the ARDC is looking for drivers, mental health issues are on the rise, and he attended a seminar on cyber-crimes. Columbia County will hold a public hearing on November 2, 2021 at 6:00pm on the proposed redistricting map for Columbia County.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported the Fire Commission held a meeting on September 15, 2021, and discussed the IGA and would like to know if their concerns were taken into consideration. The Fire Commission also held an “open house” to show the municipalities the conditions and issues with the current fire station and discuss site selection for a new fire station.

Sauk Fire District – David Lendved reported they meet on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 and approved the 2022 operating budget and the capital

purchase of the ladder truck. The fire inspections which the fire department does are all caught up because of the new software they are using. The Fire District passed a “no weapon” policy.

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – Karmin Enge reported there was not a City of Lodi representative there so they did not have a meeting.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported the Plan Commission discussed the Shifflet land division, but the initial application was not complete, so they did not take action on it.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported Columbia County Solid Waste will no longer transport appliance containing coolant or fluorescent light bulbs.

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

Broadband Committee – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported they had a meeting September 29, 2021 and received specs from Tower Technologies for building a 100-foot tower to broadcast a Wi-Fi hotspot.

Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District/Pumping – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported that they are not pumping.

The Town Engineer stated that Unke Road was substantially done by September 24, 2021. The Town Chair will ask Columbia County to post 25mph advisory speed limit signs on Unke Road.

Arbor Green is going to start working on installing the guardrail on the Barta Road / Schoepp Road on Friday. The guardrail is going to be extended from 175 ft to about 225 feet from the original proposal.

Clemen’s Excavating will extend their contracted prices from Unke Road to scrape off the asphalt, raise the road, and put in a new culvert at the corner of Schoepp Road by Cottonwood Resort to alleviate the water issue on that corner. It will remain gravel until spring and then it can be seal-coated it with Unke. A motion was made by David Lendved to borrow up to \$50,000.00 before the end

of the year to pay for authorized road projects and maintenance, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Engineer will submit Schoepp Road for TRID-S grant application again this year to see if the Town can get funding to fix it.

Road Right-of-Way Parking – Signage for No Overnight Parking” was tabled.

The Town received many emails from residents of the Selwood subdivision about the excess pea gravel on the roads. The Town Engineer has already contacted Columbia County to sweep the excess pea gravel. There are some other Town Road issues that also need to be taken care of. There is brushing on Jensen Road that still needs to be done. There is a pothole on Greimel Road and one on Selwood Road that needs to be filled in. There are also gullies on the shoulders on both sides of Reynolds Road by W11855 that need gravel put in.

Duane Larson, W14185 West Point Drive, asked for a waiver for a permit for a second driveway on his property to reach his storage shed. There was an existing field access with a pvc culvert at this location that was never taken out when the subdivision was built and he would like that to be his 2nd driveway. Richard Lahti, W14231 Selwood Road, spoke against the 2nd driveway because he said this used to be a field access and should have been removed when the subdivision was built. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler the requested waiver for the 2nd driveway be denied, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously. The pvc culvert that was the old field access must be removed by Spring 2022 and returned to a ditch area and reseeded.

“Contract Renewals for Building Inspections” was tabled.

“Impact Fees” was tabled.

As part of the 2021 Wisconsin redistricting process the Town of West Point had to identify wards in the Town. No changes were made to the existing wards. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to adopt Resolution #10-14-2021 Establishing Wards and Combining Census Blocks for All Elections, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously. A copy of the signed resolution is attached to the minutes.

The Town Board will have a special meeting to work on the 2022 Budget on Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at 6:30pm.

The Public Hearing for the 2022 Budget and a Special Town Meeting of the Electors will be held on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 6:30pm with the regular Town Board meeting starting immediately following.

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. If the Town wants 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. Kevin suggested that residents work with the supplier of their new appliance for disposal of the old appliance or the resident can take the appliance directly to Columbia County Solid Waste in Pardeeville themselves. Doug Richmond, County Board Supervisor, volunteered to transport the fluorescent light bulbs to the Columbia County Solid Waste facility for the Town. A motion was made by David Lendved to double the current light bulb prices, effective January 1, 2022, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by David Lendved to no longer accept appliances with refrigerant effective January 1, 2022, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously. The Town Treasurer will put a notice in the Tax Newsletter about the changes.

The Town Clerk stated a couple of Town Hall rentals had been cancelled because of Covid by the people renting and asked if their rental fees should be returned. A motion was made by David Lendved to authorize the Clerk to send refunds of their rental fee, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, November 11, 2021, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, contract renewals, impact fees, signage for no parking, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to adjourn the October 14, 2021, Town Board meeting at 10:14pm, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

Taffy Buchanan

Town Clerk

**Town of West Point
Resolution #10-14-2021
Establishing Wards and Combining Census Blocks for All Elections**

WHEREAS, it is necessary for every city, village and town in Columbia County, Wisconsin to identify wards as part of the 2021 redistricting process, and

WHEREAS, wards are required to be established in accordance with Section 5.15 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of West Point Board does hereby create three (3) wards as follows:

Ward One (1) – which shall be everything East of Schoepp Road, O'Connor Road and East Harmon Road and which shall be a portion of Supervisory District # 28 (twenty-eight).

Ward Two (2) – which shall be everything North of Selwood Drive; West and North of State Highway 188; North of County J; West of East Harmon Road and which shall be a portion of Supervisory District # 28 (twenty-eight).

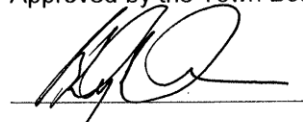
Ward Three (3) – which shall be everything South of Selwood Drive; South and East of State Highway 188; South of County J, West of O'Connor Road, South of State Highway 60 and West of Schoepp Road which shall be a portion of Supervisory District # 28 (twenty-eight).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above ward boundaries are outlined and identified on the attached map (Attachment A), which is incorporated and made a part hereof, and that the map is generated using WISE-LR software in order to incorporate the underlying census block numbers within each ward.

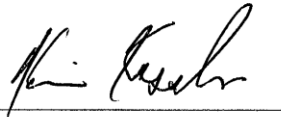
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for all voting purposes, the above ward(s) will be combined to facilitate the use of one common polling place, which will be West Point Town Hall, N2114 Rausch Road, Lodi, WI 53555.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the municipal clerk send a copy of the adopted resolution and ward plan to the County Clerk within 5 days after adoption and no later than October 18, 2021.

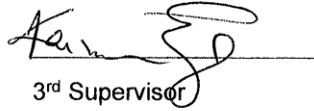
Approved by the Town Board of the Town of West Point this 14 day of October, 2021.



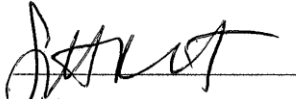
Town Chairperson



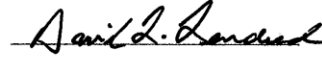
1st Supervisor



3rd Supervisor

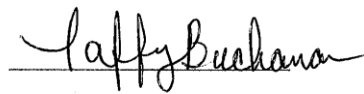


2nd Supervisor



4th Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of a Resolution passed by the Town Board of the Town of West Point on the 14 day of October, 2021.



Town Clerk