

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, March 10, 2022 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 Scott Earnest to approve the agenda and move up agenda item #14 Town Roads when the Town Engineer arrives, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the February 10, 2022, 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 February 10, 2022, Town Board Meeting minutes, 2nd by Kevin Kessler - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared and presented the following report: General Fund as of February 28, 2022 - \$797,015.65; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$104,285.68; Park Fund \$0.00; Historical Society is \$5,627.35; 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 February.

Correspondence – The Town received a letter about a complaint about work being done at the Crystal Lake Bar; the Clerk gave a copy of the letter to the building inspector. A Columbia County Unit Meeting will be held March 17, 2022, at 7:00pm at the Columbus Town Hall. Nicole Muller sent an email asking the

Town Board to discuss supporting the Sauk Prairie Rec Department. The Clerk received a letter from Leave It To Me Cleaning Service stating the rates for cleaning the Town Hall will be raised starting March 1st, 2022. Alliant Energy sent a letter about the project it is doing in West Point converting the overhead lines to underground in some areas; they are experiencing a severe shortage of transformers which will delay finishing the project.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2022 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve Resolution #03-10-2022, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the minutes. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the bills as presented, 2nd Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Judy & Dave Bartnick submitted a 2-lot Certified Survey Map for Parcel #11040-546. On March 3rd, 2022 the Plan Commission made a motion to recommend approval of the CSM contingent on the building envelope is shown as an exhibit to the CSM and confirmation from the Town Attorney that the shared driveway agreement was acceptable. The Town Clerk received confirmation that the agreement was acceptable and the building envelope was shown as an exhibit to the CSM. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the CSM as presented, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Ron Grasshoff presented the Town with a proposal to have a prescribed burn done on the Ryan Park Prairie. Ron stated there are two options for the Town: 1. Ask the Sauk Fire District to conduct the burn for training for the fire department. Ron spoke with Mike Wipperfurth, member of the Sauk Fire Department about coordinating it. 2. Contract with an ecological/land stewardship firm to conduct the burn, he received a quote of \$1087.00 to complete the burn. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to authorize to spend \$1087.00 in the event the Sauk Fire Department cannot get it done, 2nd by David Lendved – motion failed unanimously. A motion was made by David Lendved to authorize the Sauk Fire Department to conduct the prescribed burn on the Ryan Park Prairie this year, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Andy Zimmer, the Town Engineer arrived and talked about the timeline for Unke & Schoepp Road. The request for bids will be advertised the week of March 24th with bids due in 3 weeks. Ben Carlson, N1961 Unke Road, asked when the

project would be finished. The Town Engineer stated he estimated the deadline to have the project finished to be by June 15th 2022. The Town Engineer will give the Board a recommendation at the April 14th meeting.

Last summer the Town Board hired Columbia County to chip-seal Crestview, Reichman, and West Point Drive. A large number of the Selwood subdivision came to the Town Hall to voice their complaints on the work that was done. Mary Pistano sent an email about the concerns with the work that was done. Jason Stephens also sent an email stating his frustration with the process of the work. Frank Cook, W14132 West Point Drive, commented that the County did not sweep up the excess and it is not stable enough to bike on and asked the Town to “finish the job”. Steve Beglinger, W14158 Crestview Drive, stated there was an excessive amount of rocks put down and now he has to sweep his driveway and he has scratches on his floor because of it. Tim Bindl, W14184 Crestview Drive, questioned “what did we pay for” and “what did we get”. Nate Roloff, W14129 Crestview Drive, stated the County came back in the fall and tried to clean up but didn’t do a good job. Steve Henderson, W14066 West Point Drive, said he believes they put the tar on too thin and then put the rocks down and they didn’t stick like they were supposed to. Francis Young, W14146 Crestview Drive, said thanks for picking up the extra stuff they did and asked if it gets inspected to make sure it is done correctly. Justin Jorgenson, W14172 Crestview Drive, told the Board to think about the job that was done by the County when they think about fixing Selwood Drive. Shay Sartorius, W14115 Crestview Drive, questioned what the Town paid for the job, if it is acceptable work, and when can it be repaired. Mike Guentherman, W14085 Selwood Road, asked when Selwood Drive would be addressed. Ashley Nedeau-Owen stated the Town hires the County for crack filling and chip sealing on many roads in the Town and the County treats all roads the same and sweeping is not included when contracting with them. Kevin Kessler said this is a learning experience for the Board and the type of neighborhood for chip sealing makes a difference for this type of work and the work done by the County was inadequate. The Town Chair will draft a letter to the County Highway about how unsatisfied we are with the work done in Selwood.

Ashley Nedeau-Owen talked with Columbia County Highway about the brushing they completed on Jensen Road and they will move the pile of wood instead of burning it on site. Kevin Kessler drafted guidance for cutting and brushing so the Board can discuss it and have something to refer to. The Board will review it more next month and give suggestions.

Gene Unger, 9445 Old Highway, was concerned about damage done to the side of the road from snowplowing and is requesting “hot patch” to help save the road from further deteriorating.

The Town Board requested the Town Engineer set up a date for a “town road tour” to examine the condition of the roads between April 19 and May 19.

Ken Niesen is in the process of selling property where D & B Sunset Harbor Inc is located to Eric Borata who will be running J & D Sunset Bar LLC dba Sunset Harbor Bar & Grill there. An application for a Cigarette license from J & D Sunset Bar LLC was presented to the Town Board for their consideration. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to grant a Cigarette License to J & D Sunset Bar LLC, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The following operator license applications for were presented to the Town Board for consideration: Brianna Rufer, Corrie Johnson, and Chad Anderson. All applicants presented have attended Alcohol Awareness Classes A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the 3 Operator Licenses as presented, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported the County Board does not meet in February. He also stated Health & Human Services reported a record number of drug overdoses last year in Columbia County.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they had a meeting February 16, 2022 and there was not any site update and will get a report from the mayor next week.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – no report

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported they discussed the Bartnick CSM and recommended approval with contingencies.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the person who picked up all the appliances that contained coolant would like to bring them back because he found out he would need to pay to get rid of them.

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

Broadband Committee – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported he met with a representative from Charter, Town of Lodi, and Town of Dekorra about plans for Charter wanting to expand their service. Charter would like to have the 3 municipalities to use their ARPA funds to help Charter with matching portion of the grant they applied for.

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

Ashley Nedeau-Owen sent a letter to MSA about the work the Town Engineer is doing and the Town Board's dissatisfaction with it. He has also talked with other engineering firms to get rates and details on what each offer.

At the January Town Board meeting the Board approved the Ryan Park mowing contract to Curtis Ryan for \$80.00 per mowing. Curtis Ryan is asking for the price to increase to \$100.00 per mowing because of the rising costs of gas. He was not able to come to the meeting, so David Lendved will talk with him about the price and discuss about options.

“Information about New Ambulance (2023) – Lodi Area EMS” was tabled.

“Impact Fees” was tabled.

“Revisions to Chapter 8 Building Code” was tabled.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, Crestview & West Point Drive, cutting & brushing, Unke Road bid, Contract for mowing Ryan Park, Town Hall cleaning, Commission appointments, contract for engineering services, impact fees, Chapter 8 revisions, LAEMS new ambulance, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the March 10, 2022, Town Board meeting at 10:12pm, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk



TOWN OF WEST POINT
RESOLUTION #03-10-2022

WHEREAS, the Town Board of West Point adopted its 2022 Operating Budget on November 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Wis Statutes 65.90(5)(a), the West Point Town Board is to approve budget amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Town borrowed money to pay for a town road project in 2021; and,

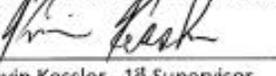
WHEREAS, the Town is paying the loan off with the interest; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of West Point does hereby approve the following transfer of \$253.70 from 59900 Reserve Contingencies to 51959 Debt 2021 Road Projects.

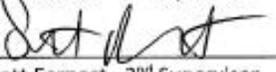
Dated this 10th day of March, 2022



Ashley Medeau-Owen - Chairman



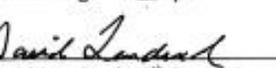
Kevin Kessler - 1st Supervisor



Scott Earnest - 2nd Supervisor



Karmin Enge - 3rd Supervisor



David Lendved - 4th Supervisor

Attest: 
Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk