

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, April 14, 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.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to appoint Scott Earnest as acting Chairman, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Scott Earnest, 2nd Supervisor, at 7:00 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: 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 (left at 8:05pm). Absent was Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chairman – excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the March 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 Karmin Enge to approve the March 10, 2022, Town Board Meeting minutes, 2nd by David Lendved - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared and presented the following report: General Fund as of March 31, 2022 - \$548,857.39; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$104,303.39; Park Fund \$0.00; Historical Society is \$5,686.70; 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 March.

Correspondence – The Town received a notice from Roberta Arnold with concerns about the Town of Lodi and the Okee and Harmony Grove Sanitary Districts. An email was received from Nicole Muller about funding for the Sauk

Prairie Rec Center. Gene Unger sent an email complimenting the Town Chair on the way he engages and talks with the audience of tax payers and Town Board at the meetings.

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 Karmin Enge to approve the bills as presented, 2nd Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

The following operator license applications for were presented to the Town Board for consideration: Logan Dahlke, Michael Higgins, and Susan Ballweg. All applicants presented have attended Alcohol Awareness Classes A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the all three Operator Licenses as presented, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Roger Lippett came before the Town Board at the January 10, 2022 meeting about his property at N2304 State Highway 188, Lodi. He wants to improve the shoreline. He has not been able to get a permit by himself for the shoreline because he does not own that area, it is the “promenade”. Columbia County would like the Town of West Point to sign the Shoreline Zoning permit application also since he is not the owner of the “promenade”. The Town Attorney looked over the application and added Addendum ‘A’ which is “Town does not claim ownership of the promenade but is signing only to confirm the Town’s approval of this Application. Accordingly, the Town does not agree to, or assume, any responsibility or liability for the project that is the subject of this Application.” A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to authorize the Town Clerk to sign the application with Addendum ‘A’ on behalf of the Town of West Point, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

Michael Zaucha presented a CSM for review combining Parcels #11040-550 & #11040-550.01 on Old Sauk Road, Lodi. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the CSM subject to the condition that the driveway from the boathouse not be extended further towards Old Sauk Road, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported the County Board amended Chapter 9 to allow opening up some County Highways to ATV / UTV. At the Spring Election, 13 new County Board Supervisors were elected to the Board.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they had a meeting March 16, 2022. Since County Road J, going to Harmony Grove, will be closed and getting work done on it, the LAFD will house one of the fire trucks in Harmony Grove to help with response times to the area.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – Karmin Enge reported since she will no longer be on the Town Board a Town Board representative will be needed on the EMS Commission. There will be a meeting on April 21, 2022.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported they discussed the Zaucha CSM, Thompson CSM, Blackhawk Ridge Condo Development, and changes to Chapter 6 & 12 of the West Point Code of Ordinances.

Transfer Site Report – The Town Clerk reported Tom Dettman said the Transfer Site is in dire need of gravel. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to ask the Town Chair to purchase gravel and have it installed if there are adequate funds in the budget, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

Broadband Committee – no report

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

Andy Zimmer, the Town Engineer presented the bids for Unke & Schoepp Road. The Town Engineer recommended to hire Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC, with a bid price of \$120,916.00. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the contract for Unke / Schoepp Road with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC as presented. MSA will have site visits and inspect the work being performed.

The Town Board hired Columbia County to chip-seal Crestview, Reichman, and West Point Drive. A large number of the Selwood residents were not satisfied with the work that was done. Frank Cook, W14132 West Point Drive, said that it is not safe, because rocks get thrown up and he doesn't want cars damaged. Steve Beglinger, W14158 Crestview Drive, stated there are piles of loose gravel. Tim Kraemer, W14105 Crestview Drive, sent an email with pictures of the excess aggregate that he raked up and put in the back of his truck; he also wondered if the Town had a place to dump it. The Town Board said he could take it to the Transfer site and put it down where the blacktop meets the gravel since we need gravel there. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to ask the Town Chair to work out a plan with the Columbia County Highway Commissioner to propose a remedy to be completed by June 15, 2022, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to encourage the Town Chair to send written communication to the Selwood POA providing a status report on this problem and the Town Clerk should also post it on the Town website for all residents, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The Town received a TRID grant for up to \$257,017.26 which is about 47% of the cost for the North / South section of Schoepp Road. The Town would have about 5 years to use the grant. A motion was made by David Lendved for the Town Chair to contact the Town of Roxbury about their future plans of Mussen Road at the North / South section of Schoepp Road, 2nd by Karmin Enge.

The Town has been looking into different engineering firms. Three engineering firms came to the meeting and gave presentations to the Town Board. The firms that gave presentations were: Snyder & Associates, Inc, Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc, and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. MSA was not able to present but sent a letter. The Town Board will review the material that they were given from the firms. They did not take any action.

A motion was made by David Lendved to approve and sign the Columbia County 2022 Mobile Home Inventory Form as presented, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

Curtis Ryan has been mowing Ryan Park in past years and has asked for the price to increase to \$100.00 per mowing because of the rising costs of gas. A motion was made by David Lendved to amend the proposed mowing contract from \$80.00 per mowing to \$100.00 per mowing, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to reappoint Darrell Lehman to the Plan Commission, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to postpone “Town Hall Cleaning”, “Impact Fees”, and “Revisions to Chapter 8 Building Code”, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, Crestview & West Point Drive, Town Hall cleaning, Commission appointments, contract for engineering services, impact fees, Chapter 8 revisions, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda. The Town Board will have a special Town Board meeting on April 27, 2022 at 5:00pm for a “Town Road Tour”.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the April 14, 2022, Town Board meeting at 10:15pm, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk