

## 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, May 12, 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 - 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, Scott Earnest - 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, John Ungrodt - 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor, and David Lendved - 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor. Also present were Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the agenda moving agenda #23 "Motion to go into Closed Session" up to 7:15pm when the Town Attorney calls, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the April 14, 2022 Town Board Meeting minutes and April 27, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the April 14, 2022 Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the April 27, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting minutes with a correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared and presented the following report: General Fund as of April 30, 2022 - \$579,635.67; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$104,320.54; 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 April.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to authorize the opening of a money market account for the “financial surety” for the Shifflet development off of Unke Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The Savannah Tree Fund CD which was set up for the four lots on Four Season Lane is set to renew on May 24, 2022. The CD had \$1708.10 but the Town reimbursed Kevin Kessler \$553.00 for trees which he planted on his lot on Four Season Lane. The amount to be renewed is \$1,155.10. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve renewal of the CD, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to go into Closed Session for Potential for Litigation Regarding Current Easement for Stokes per Wis. Stat. 19.85 (1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved, and to include Darrell Lehman and the Town Clerk in the Closed Session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved. Roll call vote was taken: Kevin Kessler – yes, Scott Earnest – yes, John Ungrodt – yes, David Lendved – yes, and Ashley Nedeau-Owen – yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session was held.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to reconvene to open session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken regarding items discussed in closed session.

The Sauk Fire District purchased a new ladder truck with an anticipated delivery date of June 2022. The Town of West Point’s portion of the cost is \$164,287.38, which will be due when the delivery date is confirmed. The Sauk Fire District will send an invoice. A motion was made by David Lendved to authorize the borrowing of \$164,287.38 from the Bank of Prairie du Sac to pay for the Town of West Point’s portion of the ladder truck with the annual loan payment not to exceed \$30,700.00 per year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – Wisconsin DNR sent a letter requesting the Town fill out “Self-Inspection Form 8700-387” for the grant the Town received for the Ferry Landing Fishing Pier by May 26, 2022. The Town Clerk received an updated notice from Roberta Arnold about concerns she had about the Town of Lodi. Marcus

Bentley sent an email regarding the promenade and the meeting being held on June 23, 2022 at the Town Hall. An email was received by Richard Lahti asking when his neighbor would be taking out the culvert in the drainage ditch.

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 Kevin Kessler to approve to pay the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

A Certified Survey Map for property currently owned by Mary J Thompson Revocable Trust, Lydia L O'Brien Revocable Trust & Marjorie Quam was presented for review. There are 4 development rights associated with their parcels. The parcels being restricted from future development would be Parcels #11040-618, #11040-619.02, #11040-620.02, #11040-621, #11040-635.02, #11040-636.01, and #11040-637. The parcel where all 4 development rights are to be assigned is #11040-634, that includes the 1 development right for the existing residence. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the CSM with the deed covenants as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

There were not any “operator licenses” to approve.

#### Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported the County Board had a meeting for reorganization of the standing committees and to amend 5 standing rules. He also stated Health & Human Services reported Columbia County had 24 drug overdose deaths in 2021 and has already had 9 this year.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they had a meeting April 20, 2022 and they are anticipating delivery of Unit 11 on May 17, 2022. The LAFD plans to hold an “open house” after the truck is delivered.

Sauk Fire District – David Lendved stated they will hold a meeting on May 18, 2022 and will go over the “draft” IGA and by-laws which were distributed.

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – no report

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported they discussed the Thompson /O’Brien/ Quam CSM and recommended approval conditional upon receiving deed covenants approved by the Town Attorney before the Town Board meeting.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the construction dumpster was full by 9:30am at the Transfer Site.

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

Broadband Committee – no report

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

The Town Engineer spoke with Columbia County and they said they would be getting a sweeper and they would let the Town of West Point know when they would be at the Selwood subdivision to sweep. The Board said they would like to give the residents a notice so if they wanted to the residents could rake the gravel that is in their lawns into the road to be swept up. When the County informs the Town of West Point, the Clerk will put a notice on the Town website and send an email to the Selwood Property Owners Association.

Jeanne Hovey, W13168 Cecile Circle, said the drainage ditch that is on her property is caving in and needs to be fixed. According to the Declarations of Covenants that she has, the Town is responsible for fixing it. The Town Clerk found 3 different drainage easement agreements for that development, but could not figure out which drainage easement agreement is for the drainage ditch on her property. Two of the drainage easements state the Town is not responsible for maintenance and one says the Town is responsible. Before the next meeting the Town Clerk will check with the Register of Deeds about the agreements filed to see if parcel numbers are on those, so the Town Board will know what drainage easement agreement to follow. The Town Engineer will go look at the property and give the Board and land owner possible solutions to fix it.

On April 27, 2022 the Town Board and Town Engineer, Andy Zimmer, held a “Town Road Tour” where they looked at all the Town roads in West Point. The Town Engineer made notes about issues on each of the roads. Andy Zimmer will give a list of issues to Columbia County Highway to work on, like potholes and shouldering and other smaller maintenance issues. The Town Board asked Andy

Zimmer to put a list together prioritizing road projects for the Town from sealcoating to major pavement improvements.

Richard Lahti, W14231 Selwood Road, called and emailed the Town Board members asking for a date as to when his neighbor has to have the culvert removed. The Town Board did not set a date but they did ask the Town Chairman to contact Duane Larson, W14185 West Point Drive, by telephone to remind him that at the October 2021 meeting he agreed to remove the culvert by spring.

The Town has been looking into different engineering firms. Last month 3 engineering firms came to the meeting and gave presentations to the Town Board. MSA was not able to give a presentation last month, so they presented at this meeting. The Town Board did not take any action.

The Town Chair wrote a resolution thanking the Sauk Fire District for conducting the prescribed burn at Ryan Park.

“Commission Appointments – Plan Commission & Historical Commission” was postponed.

The Town Chair received a request from a group asking the Town to put a link to their website on our website. The Town does not add any links that are non-governmental.

In February 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to accept the rate increase for the cleaning cost, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

“Impact Fees” was postponed.

“Revisions to Chapter 8 Building Code” was postponed.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, June 9, 2022, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, Cecile Circle drainage easements, liquor/ beer / beverage / cigarette / and operator licenses, Commission & committee appointments, contract for engineering services, impact fees, Chapter 8 revisions, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the May 12, 2022, Town Board meeting at 10:38pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

*Taffy Buchanan*

Town Clerk