

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, July 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.

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, John Ungrodt - 3rd Supervisor, and David Lendved - 4th Supervisor. Also present were Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer. Absent was Scott Earnest - 2nd Supervisor (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Citizen Input – Karen Anderson, W13515 Four Season Lane, Lodi, commented on the poor condition of Ryan's Park.

Copies of the June 9, 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 June 9, 2022 Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared and the Clerk presented the following report: General Fund as of June 30, 2022 - \$705,437.03; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$208,567.49; Park Fund \$2,727.00; Historical Society is \$5,700.09; and Savannah Tree is \$1,159.38 is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/23). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of June.

Correspondence – Marcus Bentley, Pleasant View Circle, pulled the variance request from the County. Town Advocacy Council is hosting a listening session about transportation, land use, PILT, and broadband on July 20, 2022.

The Town received minutes from the Lodi Fire Commission meeting on May 18, 2022. The Town Clerk received a certified letter from Richard Lahti dated July 11, 2022, about the culvert in the right-of-way by his neighbor's property. The Schoepp Family Farm is hosting "Conservation Night by the Lake – Community Event" on August 4, 2022 from 4-8pm.

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 Ashley Nedeau-Owen to move \$223.35 from 57200 Park Maintenance to 57205 Ferry Pier Project, move \$169.37 from 53311 Hwy. Maint. to 53317 Hwy. Signing, and move \$248.50 from 51403 Clerk Expense to 51512 Bank Chg., 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve to pay the bills as presented, 2nd John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Sil Maly presented the certified survey map for a lot-line adjustment; he is combining the 2 lots so he can rebuild his boathouse. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the CSM for a lot-line adjustment as presented, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Marcus Bentley, N2391 Pleasant View Circle, requested a waiver to have 2 driveway access points to a Town road. He said he feels this would help with safety; his property is on a very narrow road by a hill and corner and backing out would not be safe it would be better to pull through. Ashley Nedeau-Owen suggested possibly putting in a "y-turn" driveway instead. Dave Lendved stated he does not believe having two driveway access points are better than one. Kevin Kessler was persuaded by the safety issues that were presented but does not think it is appropriate to ask for a waiver with out a site plan. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to postpone action on the waiver request until Columbia County Board of Adjustments has acted on the variance request, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported Alliant Energy has postponed closing the power plant for 2 years.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported Engine 11 was supposed to be inspected by Pierce on June 29, 2022 and they will have an open house once it is put in service. The Commission is trying to set up a meeting with the City of Lodi to get an update on the new station site selection.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – no report

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported the Plan Commission recommended approval of the Maly CSM and discussed the Macdonald CSM but postponed action until more information is received.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported he needs to pick up spray for the wasps that are by the appliances at the Transfer Site. The Clerk received an email requesting the town consider opening the transfer site one weekday. The Transfer site used to be open on Wednesdays also a long time ago but it did not make sense financially.

Park & Open Space Committee – David Lendved said a meeting is scheduled for Monday July 18, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Broadband Committee – Ashley Nedeau-Owen stated they have not had a meeting they are waiting on the status of a grant application that Spectrum was submitting.

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

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. Fill for in the 100-year floodplain was not included in the plan; the current engineer will be working with the DNR on what might be needed. Depending on if it goes into the floodplain or not would determine what type of culvert we would be needed. The Town Board would like to get started on the road work this year before we get too much rain. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the advertising of bids, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Chair received a call about a tree on McCubbin Lane with branches hanging low. The Town has used most of the money budgeted for brushing already so the Town Chair and David Lendved will go out there on Sunday and try trimming it themselves.

The following operator license applications for Sunset Harbor Bar & Grill were presented to the Town Board for consideration: Lisa Kreuger, Dawn Dorr, and Susan Ballweg. All applicants presented have either held Operator Licenses in the Town of West Point before and / or attended Alcohol Awareness Classes. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to approve the Operator Licenses as presented, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The following operator license application was presented to the Town Board for consideration: Brandy Perales. The applicant has not attached their completion certificate for the Alcohol Awareness Class. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the Operator License for Brandy Perales contingent on the receipt of the completion certificate, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The Town hosted a meeting for the property owners that are part of the Pleasant View Park Plat and the Weast Park Plat explaining their rights regarding water access and the “Promenades.” Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chair, Kevin Kessler - Plan Commission Chair, John Miller - Town Attorney, Doug Richmond - County Board Supervisor 28, Jim Grothman - County Surveyor, Kurt Calkins – Planning & Zoning, and Dean Kaderabek - Land Information all attended the meeting and gave suggestion to the property owners on how to move forward.

The Town received an email from Melissa Burkhardt, Columbia County Zoning & Land Use Specialists, asking about a replanting plan for a tree that was removed between parcel #11040-711.01 & 11040-650.01. The Town Board believes the number of trees the County wants planted on the small area is an unreasonable request. The Town Chair will send an email to Melissa Burkhardt stating that.

The Town Chair received a call from a resident concerned about the wild parsnips in the road right of ways in the Town. The resident would like the Town to spray the wild parsnips. The Town Board discussed it but did not take any action because of budget limitations.

The Town Board tabled “Commission & Committee Appointments,” “Savannah Oak Fund,” and “Impact Fees,” until the next meeting.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, August 11, 2022, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, Commission & committee appointments, Savannah Oak fund, impact fees, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the July 14, 2022, Town Board meeting at 10:05pm, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk