

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, September 8, 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, John Ungrodt - 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 John Ungrodt to approve the agenda as presented 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the August 11, 2022 Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the August 11, 2022 Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by David Lendved - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared and the Clerk presented the following report: General Fund as of August 31, 2022 - \$588,229.84; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$208,780.11; Park Fund \$2,727.00; Historical Society is \$6,246.09; 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 August.

Correspondence – The Clerk received an email from Alan Kjorlie wondering when Broadband will be in the area. The Town received a waiver request from Terry Shifflet and Patricia Unke for fencing. Columbia County Highway is having their Fall Local Municipalities meeting on October 6, 2022. The LAFD Fire Commission sent minutes from their June 8, 2022 meeting.

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 move \$1250.00 from 51600 Town Hall Main to 51604 Town Hall Cleaning and move \$552.94 from 53116 Highway Reconstruction to 53101 Engineer Roads, 2nd Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by John Ungrodt to approve to pay the bills as presented, 2nd David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported Columbia County Health and Human Services department received a settlement from an opioid lawsuit and can use the settlement for treatment, education, and prevention. The County has formed an ad-hoc committee for broadband.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported Engine 11 arrived July 29, 2022. They have asked the municipalities to review and approve the revised IGA. The Fire Department will hold an Open House on September 11, 2022.

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 requested waivers and modification for Steve Stokes' driveway. The Plan Commission also discussed a CSM for Jay Doescher but postponed action and discussed the changes to the Town's ordinances.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the construction dumpsters were filling up. Also, the Transfer Site was short staffed one weekend and could use help.

Park & Open Space Committee – David Lendved said they had a meeting on August 15, 2022. The playgrounds have been sprayed and playground bark has been ordered.

Broadband Committee – no report

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. The DNR said any fill that is put into the 100-year flood plain that amount needs to be taken out in another area of the 100-year flood plain. The DNR would like the Town to put in twenty-seven 24" culverts. Kevin Kessler thinks the DNR requests are exceeding their authority and unreasonable and suggested contacting someone higher up at the DNR. The Town Chair will write letters to the DNR and State Representatives about the Schoepp Road issue.

The Town contracted work on Unke Road during that project the apron for Chris Dunn's driveway was supposed to be paved but was missed. Chris Dunn is going to pave his driveway and asked that the amount of \$2100.00 which was the estimated cost for his apron, be paid to him when he gets his driveway paved. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to authorize payment of \$2100.00 to Chris Dunn for the completion of paving his apron as requested by Andy Zimmer in his email once an invoice is submitted, 2nd by David Lendved – yes 4, no 1 – motion carried.

The Town received a request from Salena Thistle to ask the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for a study of State Highway 188 for safety issues to reduce the speed limit. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler the Town Chair make request to the WDOT for a study to lower the speed limit on State Highway 188 from the Town Hall to East Harmon Road provided we are assured there will be no cost to the Town, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Steven Stokes, Parcel #11040-165.04, requested the following waivers and the reasons for the request at the September 1st Plan Commission meeting: 1. Waiver [12.20(A)] – allow (in lieu of no) slope of more than 20% shall be disturbed for the establishment, construction, improvement, modification or reworking of a Driveway of Shared Driveway. a. The unnecessary hardship is to provide access to the property while also minimizing disturbance to the site. In order, to provide access to the home site as the lot has been laid out the proposed driveway requires disturbing ~65% slope from STA 21+00 to 22+00 and ~20% slope at site entrance from STA 0+50 – 1+00 to better match into the existing topography of the site and provide safe access. 2. Modification [12.20(B)(2)]– allow 3:1 side slopes to the side of Driveway (in lieu of 4:1 side slopes) a. The unnecessary hardship is to provide

access to the property while also minimizing disturbance to the site. There are existing slopes of less than 3:1. In order, to provide access to the home site as the lot has been laid out the proposed driveway requires slightly steeper side slopes than the ordinance to better match into the existing topography of the site. 3. Waiver [7.09(G)(1)(g)] – Per 7.09(G)(3)(a) Install impervious driveway in portion of protective area to allow access to the properties (shared driveway portion). a. The intent is to provide a gravel driveway and with a concrete portion where extreme storm events may overtop driveway to limit erosion and protect driveway. This is the only access to the site and we are trying to minimize disturbance and impervious area added while also matching into the topography of the site based on the lot layout. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the requested waivers and modification as presented before to the Plan Commission, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. A driveway permit will still need to be applied for.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to modify the agenda by moving up “Sauk Prairie Recreational Department” from #14 to #12, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

John Lehan, Director of the Sauk Prairie Recreation Department, gave a presentation on what they do, how they are funded, and the benefits of a municipality being affiliated. If the Town of West Point is affiliated each resident who uses their programs would save \$20.00 per player per sport. Based on the formula the organization uses to calculate how a municipality can be affiliated the Town of West Point would have needed to budget \$6772.00 for 2022 for the Sauk Prairie Recreation Commission (SPRC). Many residents spoke on the amount of money it would save them if the Town was affiliated. John Lehan stated another municipality is not affiliated but reimburses their residents the \$20.00 difference when they submit a receipt of the payment for the sport. A motion was made by David Lendved to consider joining SPRC as part of the 2023 budget process, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Ellen Pulver Columbia County ATV / UTV Enthusiasts, gave a presentation to the Town last Fall, about opening roads for ATV / UTV routes. Since that time Columbia County has opened up most of the County Roads to ATV /UTV routes. Randy Robertson and other Town residents asked the Town Board to consider opening Town Roads to ATV's / UTV's because it could help promote local businesses. A motion was made by John Ungrodt to consider ATV / UTV access routes on Town Roads in West Point for recreation, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion

carried unanimously. John Ungrodt will find sample ordinances for the Town to review.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to authorize a public hearing for amendments to Chapters 3,6, 8, & 12 of West Point's Code of Ordinances at the next Town Board meeting, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adopt the General Records Schedule – Wisconsin Municipal and Related Records approved by the Public Records Board, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Lodi Fire IGA, Ordinance changes, reconsider Larson Culvert, budget meeting date, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Ungrodt to adjourn the September 8, 2022, Town Board meeting at 10:16pm, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

Taffy Buchanan

Town Clerk