

TOWN OF WEST POINT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
February 9, 2023

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 9, 2023 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 Scott Earnest to approve the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the January 12, 2023 Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the January 12, 2023 Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared and the Clerk presented the following report: General Fund as of January 31, 2023 - \$2,821,102.23; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$208,290.42; Park Fund \$2,727.00; Historical Society is \$6,522.71; 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 January. Scott Earnest asked the Treasurer to look into if there are any savings accounts that would yield a higher interest rate for the Town.

Correspondence – The Town Attorney sent a memo dated 1-27-2023 about the Blackhawk Ridge condos. The Town Chair received a letter from Clifford Wilkenson

about the trees in Pine Vista. Jeff Marquardt emailed his concerns about the fill that is still at Shifflet's property, asking that it is taken care of before he sells the property to Stokes. Jim Tooley sent an email about a concern an open invoice with the LAFD. The Town Clerk received emails from Roberta Arnold stating concerns she has with the Lodi Fire Department IGA and other issues

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2023 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve to pay the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

#### Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported the County heard concerns from about 27 upset citizens about solar farms. He also attended an informational meeting at Club 60 in Columbus about wind turbines.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they met on January 18th, and Kevin Kessler was nominated to be Secretary of the Fire Commission. On January 19<sup>th</sup> they had a special meeting and approved Nathaniel Siever as the new Fire Chief starting February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sauk Fire District – David Lendved reported they met on January 18<sup>th</sup> and discussed revisions for the IGA. The fire inspections for area businesses will remain “in house” they will not hire them out. They are forming a committee to put together a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – John Ungrodt reported they will be meeting next week. The LAEMS offers CPR classes and will come in to businesses. The Commission approved the IGA and it will need to be approved by the municipalities.

Plan Commission – no report

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

Broadband Committee – no report

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

The Roadside Mowing Contract that has been with D&T Mowing for many years came up for renewal. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the roadside mowing contract for 3 years with D&T Mowing, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

The yearly contracts for mowing Selwood Park with Scott Ness, Ryan Park and the Transfer Site with Curtis Ryan were up for renewal. The yearly Town Hall Cropland Lease with Hartmann Farms and the Transfer Site Pasture / Crop Lease with Wargo Acres were also up for renewal. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the renewal of the mowing contracts and the leases as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Engineer plans on getting the bid documents for the Schoepp Road Project out in March so the Town Board can award the contract at the April Town Board meeting.

The Town Chair will contact the Columbia County about the mud being left on the road by the trucks coming out of the Lanzendorf pit on County Road J.

Columbia County Highway Department held an informational meeting about the large re-surfacing project for-CTH V from CTH JV east to STH 113 on February 1, 2023 at the Town Hall. None of Town Board members attended the meeting but some were contacted by concerned residents about the lack of a pedestrian area included in the project. The Town Chair wrote a letter and Resolution #2023-02-09 concerning the need for “Pedestrian and Bicycle Paths for Public Safety”. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the letter, with a minor change, and the Resolution #2023-02-09 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously. The Clerk will send the letter and resolution to the Columbia County Highway Commissioner and copies to others listed in the letter. Resolution #2023-02-09 is attached to the minutes.

“WDOT Highway 113 Project – Temporary Easement Agreement” - postponed

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: ATV / UTV Routes, WDOT Highway 113 Project, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the February 9, 2023, Town Board meeting at 9:22pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
*Taffy Buchanan*  
Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST POINT  
COLUMBIA COUNTY WISCONSIN  
RESOLUTION 2023-02-09

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PATHS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point, Columbia County Wisconsin, is located in an area of extensive tourism due to Lake Wisconsin, the COLSAC (aka the Merrimac) ferry, the Ice Age Trail, and the Gibraltar Rock Natural Area, and

WHEREAS, there is substantial pedestrian and bicycle traffic on STH "113", STH "188", CTH "V", CTH "JV" and CTH "J" between these and other attraction points, and

WHEREAS, these state and county highways lack a paved shoulder or other path for pedestrian and bicycle traffic forcing pedestrians and bicyclists to utilize the paved lanes of these highways, and

WHEREAS, portions of these highways are designated a part of the Ice Age Trail and Columbia County bicycle routes, and

WHEREAS, federal and state laws including the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA), the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act), and Chapter 85, Wis. Stats., prescribe that provision be made for pedestrian and bicycle traffic when planning highways projects, and

WHEREAS, there is a clear and present danger to motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists from the present unsafe situation on these state and county highways,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of West Point Board of Supervisors that Columbia County Highway Department, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Ice Age Trail Alliance immediately begin planning with input from the Town of West Point, local residents and other user interest groups for construction and funding of walkways and bikeways within the rights of ways of the critical portions of the above named state and county highways where public safety is most endangered, and

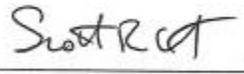
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of CTH "V" from CTH JV - a segment that includes access to two parking lots to the Ice Age Trail - and the portion of STH "113" from the

COLSAC ferry eastward at least to the Ice Age Trail be examined as a high priority to address current public safety dangers.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023 by the West Point Town Board.

  
Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Chair

  
Kevin Kessler, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor

  
Scott Earnest, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor

  
John Ungrodt, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor

  
David Lendved, 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor