

TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 14, 2024

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at the West Point Town Hall and via Zoom. The meeting was published in the 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, 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. Absent was Kevin Kessler - 1st Supervisor (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the February 8, 2024, 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 February 8, 2024, Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Scott Earnest - motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer, Sharon Richmond presented the following report: General Fund as of February 29, 2024 - \$354,360.23; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$208,290.42 and is in a 6-month CD (matures 7/18/24); Park Fund \$2,727.00; Historical Society is \$7,802.69; and Savannah Tree is \$1,170.97 and is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/24 and will move to General Fund). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of February. The Treasurer reported that she talked with the Wisconsin River Bank about the terms of different accounts they had available for the Town and what items would be needed to open an account with them.

Correspondence – The Town received the LAFD Fire Chief Report dated February 21, 2024. The Wisconsin Towns Association is holding the Columbia County Unit Meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Columbus Town Hall. Columbia County Planning & Zoning sent a 2024 Mobile Home Inventory form for the Town to fill out for the “farm” mobile homes in West Point.

The final pay request for \$11,763.09 for Schoepp Road was received from S&L Underground and was recommended for payment by the Town Engineer. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the final payment request of \$11,763.09 to S&L Underground, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2024 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve paying the bills as presented, 2nd Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond stated that State Road 113 will be closed from the Ferry to Lodi from April 1st to Memorial Day to work on the road. The Planning & Zoning Committee is going to be working on changes to the non-metallic mining ordinance. He also reported that the Farmland Preservation Plan / Maps need to be recertified.

A rezoning, conditional use permit (CUP), and certified survey map (CSM), request was received from Crystal Lake Park LLC c/o Steve Bodenschatz, for N554 & N586 Schoepp Road (Schoepp’s Cottonwood Resort) - Tax Parcel #11040-502.A. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the CSM as submitted by Grothman & Associates for Crystal Lake Park LLC – Schoepp’s Resort, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to recommend to Columbia County to approve the rezoning as proposed, 2nd by David Lendved, motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to recommend to Columbia County to approve the CUP as proposed subject to the eleven conditions suggested for consideration in the County Summary Report, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Engineer put together a memorandum dated March 8, 2024, giving the Town Board recommendations on what the Town could do with the seven right of ways that are owned by the Town and access the Promenade. The Town has options to keep them, abandon them, sell them, or have drainage easements

through them. If the Town Board would want to sell them, authority to sell them would have to be given to the Board by the Electors at a meeting of the Electors of West Point. A motion was made by David Lendved to pass the memorandum onto the surveyor and make sure he is aware of the drainage easements – failed due to the lack of a 2nd. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to ask the surveyor to handle all parcels owned by the Town the same way as the privately owned parcels and to make sure those parcels that have drainage easements maintain a width of not narrower than 10 feet to the water, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Engineer put out the bids for the Slack Road Project and the bid opening will be April 4th, 2024. He is estimating the project will be under \$300,000.00.

The Town Engineer looked into the ARIP grant; he recommended that the Town does not apply for the funding because the ag use on any road in West Point does not seem to be great enough to qualify for the grant. The Town of Roxbury is looking into applying for the ARIP Grant for Mussen Road. A motion was made by David Lendved to have the Town Chair write a letter of support for Roxbury for the ARIP Grant for Mussen Road, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Chair received the County Highway Aid forms for 2024. The Board will consider options to use the County Aid for at the April meeting.

The Transfer Site Pasture / Cropland Lease with Wargo Acres was up for renewal. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the renewal of the Transfer Site Pasture / Cropland Lease as presented, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they met on February 21, 2024. The Commission received an update on the negotiations on a site of the new fire department from the Mayor of Lodi. The Commission would like to take steps to move the project forward by hiring a firm to begin a preliminary planning process for a Public Safety Facility.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – no report

Plan Commission – The Town Clerk reported on the February 15, 2024, Plan Commission meeting. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the rezone, CSM, and CUP for Crystal Lake Park (Schoepp’s Cottonwood Resort). They also had an informal presentation from Debra Bradish, Peter Bradish, and Heather Pulvermacher for a possible land division & rezoning on Parcel #11040-66 but did not take any action.

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – David Lendved reported they met on March 12, 2024. The Park & Open Space Committee discussed redoing the landscaping around the Town Hall and flag area. They also need to work on updating the Outdoor Open Space Area Plan.

“Discussion / Action on Proposed Motion from LAFD Commission Regarding Preliminary Planning of Public Safety Facility” was postponed.

“Update on Tree Cutting Violation on Centennial Court” was postponed.

A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau to nominate and appoint Jennifer Brooks to the Plan Commission, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

“Sauk Fire District – Inter-Governmental Agreement,” “Lodi Area Fire Department Inter-Governmental Agreement” and “Lodi Area EMS Inter-Governmental Agreement” were postponed.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: new bank account, SFD IGA, LAEMS IGA, LAFD IGA, Snowplowing contract renewal, CC Inventory form for mobile home for farm labor, tree cutting violation Centennial Court, County Highway Aid, Award Slack Road bid, public safety building for LAFD & LAEMS, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the March 14, 2024, Town Board meeting at 9:30pm, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk