

TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2024

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 11, 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 Chair, at 7:06 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chair, Kevin Kessler - 1st Supervisor, John Ungrodt - 3rd Supervisor, and Brian Gasser - 4th Supervisor. Also present was Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk. Absent were Scott Earnest - 2nd Supervisor (excused) and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Citizen Input – Joe Borkowski, N1107 Ingles Drive, stated when it rains the corner of his lot fills up with water in the Town right-of-way. There is no culvert to let the water out and feels it is a hazard because the depth of the standing water and his well is near the area. The Town Engineer will do a site visit and give a recommendation to the Town Board.

Copies of the June 13, 2024, Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to approve the June 13, 2024, Town Board Meeting minutes with a grammatical correction to a sentence, 2nd by John Ungrodt - motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer, Sharon Richmond presented the following report: General Fund as of June 30, 2024 - \$173,096.85; 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 \$6,708.31; and Assessor's Plat Fund - \$64,600.00. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of June.

Kevin Kessler asked the report show the amount for the Savannah Tree Funds that are to be used for the parks. The Clerk will look at the resolution to see where the funds should be listed in.

Correspondence – The WDNR sent a notice of an application for a proposed lake shore erosion control from Nicole & Justin Fletchall. Columbia County Board of Adjustments had a public hearing for a variance for Chuck Stampfli on July 10, 2024. A Town Advocacy Council listening session will be held on July 17, 2024 at the Dodge County Administration Building. Lake Wisconsin Farmer Watershed Council is having “Conservation Night by the Lake” at Wargo Acres on July 20, 2024. The Town has been awarded LRIP funds of \$14,260.82 for work to be done on Chrysler Road; the “sunset date” of that project would be June 30, 2029.

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 John Ungrodt to approve paying the bills as presented, 2nd Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Report – no report

At the June meeting the Town Board asked the Engineer to get an estimate for a road traffic study for East & West Harmon roads. The Town Engineer presented a cost of not more than \$1800.00 for a road traffic study on East Harmon and West Harman roads. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to not proceed with the traffic study, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Highway gave the Town an estimate of \$11,000.00 to wedge various areas of the edge of East Harmon Road where it has broken away. A motion was made by John Ungrodt to accept the bid of \$11,000.00 for East Harmon Road, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

The Town has received complaints in different areas because of the storms we have been having with the heavy rains and wind. There is a culvert that is plugged on the corner of Lake and East Lake Drive with debris. The Town Chair will ask Curtis Ryan to see if he can clean it out. There was also a concern about the culvert on Morter Road and trees that need to be trimmed back; the Town Chair will take a look. The Town Engineer will look at the property on Ingles Drive that is have issues with the standing water. There are also concerns about trees that need to be brushed along Trails End by the Muir property. Leo Schueller (N2250 Ferry

View Circle) sent an email about the amount and force of rain water crossing over Ferry View Circle and into the lake. Dawn Precia contacted the Town Clerk about a tree that needs to be cleaned up at the boat landing on East Lake Drive.

The Town received an email from Stephanie Wolff about the need to fix Jensen Road. The Clerk has received calls from Guy Diske (W14288 Jensen Drive) asking for all the potholes on Jensen Road get fixed. The Town also received emails from Pamela Russo (W14037 Selwood Drive), Richard & Judy Ambrose (W14020 Selwood Drive), Henry & Mary Clark (W14028 Selwood Drive), and Tom Scheuerell & Laura Parman (W14019 Selwood Drive) about the condition of Selwood Drive and the need for it to be resurfaced.

The ARPA funds that the Town put in a CD at the Bank of Prairie du Sac will mature on July 18, 2024 and need to be moved to a Money Market account at the Wisconsin River Bank. A motion was made by John Ungrodt to authorize a check to move the ARPA funds to the Wisconsin River Bank, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

The Town decides to use the ARPA funds for have to be decided soon because the contracts need to be awarded and signed by December 31, 2024. Some projects that were suggested were: replacing Town Hall roof, putting a couple sides on the pavilion; replacing doors for and fixing up outside bathrooms; new posting boards; and road projects – East Harmon Road & Selwood Drive. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to authorize the Town Engineer to solicit bids for reroofing the Town Hall for asphalt with alternates for metal roof and bids to pulverizing & repaving East Harmon Road with shoulder work and bids for repaving part of Selwood Drive, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – Kevin Kessler reported they had a meeting on July 10, 2024, just to pay bills, because they could not have the meeting that was scheduled for June 16th because they did not have a quorum.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – John Ungrodt reported they met on June 27, 2024. There was a building study done in 2019 and it said they are deficient in space but the current building is still good for 15 to 20 more years. Ann Groves Lloyd and

Steve Neander stated would like to know what would be needed for the LAEMS, because they want to make sure they have the infrastructure to be able to include them in the future.

Plan Commission – no report

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to reappoint Emily Carncross and Kris Lehman to the West Point Area Historical Commission, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

The Sauk Fire District notified the Town that they will begin sending invoices to the municipalities for calls on state highways. The charges on the invoices will be limited to \$500.00 and the municipalities can seek reimbursement from the state but only after they try to get reimbursed from the insurance company or the person for whom the services were provided. The claims for reimbursement need to be submitted to the WDOT within 1 year of the incident. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to authorize the Sauk Fire District to bill the responsible party for the authorized billable amount on behalf of the Town, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board did not have any recommended changes to the “draft” Sauk Fire District IGA and it supports the Sauk City’s recommended change taking “no future” out.

On July 8th the Town Clerk emailed the Town of Lodi and the City of Lodi to see if they had taken action on the proposed revised IGA that the Town of West Point approved on May 9th, 2024; neither municipality had taken action on it. On July 9, 2024 the Town of Lodi made a motion to terminate the existing Fire IGA between the three communities. The Town Chair will be meeting with Steve Neander, Town of Lodi, and Ann Groves Lloyd to discuss what this means.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, August 8, 2024, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Commission / Committee Appointments, ARPA Funds, Town roads, Sauk Fire District IGA, Lodi Fire IGA, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Ungrodt to adjourn the July 11, 2024, Town Board meeting at 10:03pm, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk