

TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 10, 2025

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the West Point Town Hall and via Zoom. The meeting was published in the Tribune Enterprise, the Independent 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 7:00 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chair, Kevin Kessler - 1st Supervisor, Scott Earnest - 2nd Supervisor, John Ungrodt - 3rd Supervisor, and Brian Gasser - 4th Supervisor. Also present was Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the June 12, 2025 regular 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 minutes for the June 12, 2025 regular Town Board Meeting with corrections, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The Clerk presented the following report for the Treasurer Sharon Richmond: General Fund as of June 30, 2025 - \$394,009.26; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds with interest) - \$140,790.94; Park Funds Restricted - \$2,727.00; Park Funds Unrestricted - \$1,170.97; Historical Society is \$9,588.98; and Assessor's Plat Fund - \$0.00. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of June.

Correspondence – Columbia County Deputy Sheriff relayed a complaint they received of someone parking overnight on Trails End, he said he could not enforce

the “no overnight parking” since it is a Town ordinance. Scott Davis asked that his name and phone number be taken off the contact list the County Dispatch has for if a tree is in the road. Lodi Fire Chief, Nate Sievers, sent an email responding to the driveway proposal for the expansion for Crystal Lake Campground, he laid out conditions needed for approval. Doug Johnson emailed stating the east entrance sign for Northern Cross Arm Road is severely damaged. John Ungrodt gave the Clerk a sample spreadsheet document to keep track of building permits. A survey was sent on June 30, 2025 for gathering information for updating the Columbia County Hazard Mitigation Plan, but it said it needed to be filled out no later than June 30, 2025.

The bills were reviewed by each Town Board member prior to the Town Board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2025 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to adopt Resolution #2025-07-10 to amend the budget, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. Resolution #2025-07-10 is attached to the minutes. A motion was made by John Ungrodt to approve paying the bills as presented, 2nd Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously. The Clerk will ask Grothman & Associates for invoices with more detail on the work for the Assessor’s Plats.

Kelly Kirch, Sauk Prairie Ambulance Director, and David White, Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission Treasurer, gave a presentation on the bringing the Sauk Prairie Ambulance to paramedic level. The Sauk Prairie Ambulance currently usually runs as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT) level service and they would like to bring it up to a Paramedic level service. This would need an increase to the Sauk Prairie Ambulance budget which would mean an increase to the assessment costs to all the municipalities. The Paramedic level service would require more training of the current staff or hiring of already certified paramedics, but with higher level of service they could treat more patients and with advanced care within the “golden hour.” This would need an increase to the Sauk Prairie Ambulance budget which would mean an increase to the assessment costs to all the municipalities. The change in the level of service is a process that will take time so the increase would be for the 2027 budget.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond stated they have hired a new Emergency Management Department Director and she will be starting August 4, 2025. The Ad hoc Facilities Committees has been meeting the last few months and have toured the Columbia County facilities and will be putting a plan together to better utilize the spaces they have for the departments. The departments will

be presenting their 2026 budgets to the oversight committees in the next month and then the next month they go to the Finance Committee to work on the 2026 Budget.

The Town Board is looking into options to have access to water up at the Transfer Site for when the Transfer Site employees burn brush. The Town Board has talked about different options: a well or a large tank. Nate Sievers suggested to talk to Brooke Hushagen from the WDNR about what would be required, before the Town spends any money. There are certain guidelines the Town needs to follow that are found in Chapter NR-502 of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The Clerk will contact Brooke Hushagen and find out what is required.

The Chapter 7 of the Town of West Point's Code of Ordinances refers to an application for a stormwater / erosion control permit, so the Town Engineer drafted an application. The Clerk presented the drafted application to the Board. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the application and authorize the Clerk to post the application online, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Engineer was unable to attend the meeting so the Clerk updated the Board about road projects. The Town received the LRIP reimbursement for the completed Slack Road Project. Juniper Drive and East Harmon projects have been finished. The Selwood Drive project should begin in August; there will be a preconstruction meeting with Tri-County Paving before the start of the project. Columbia County Highway said they would probably perform the chipsealing of Gastrow Road, Golf Road, Hegge Road, Padley Road, Miller Road, and Miller Court the last two weeks in July.

A motion was made by John Ungrodt to pay Northwestern Stone \$74,232.81 for the final payment for the completion of the Juniper Drive project using ARPA funds, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board decided to remove “proposal of lowering speed limit on Highway 188” from future agendas until we have new information.

At a previous meeting the Town Engineer put together a list of roads to discuss the possibility of “abandonment.” The list included: Price Drive, Greimel Drive, Boehmer Road, Davis Road, Wartner Road, and Hanneman Road. The Clerk put together a spreadsheet of the cost we have paid for snowplowing and mowing

of all the roads in West Point compared to the amount the Town has received in General Transportation Aids. The Town Board tasked the Town Chair to draft a “friendly” letter to be sent out to residents that live on these roads to see if they are interested in having their roads “discontinued / abandoned.” The Town Chair will have the letter drafted for comments or approval at the next meeting.

The Clerk received a call from Guy Diske about the potholes on Jensen Drive. Scott Earnest said there has been a washout of the shoulder of Corner Road. There is also an area on Van Ness where we had put in gravel as a temporary fix that is very bad.

Richard Meier representing Honey Creek ATV Club, said they would like to be able to connect ATV/ UTV routes from Sauk County to Columbia and Dane County by crossing the Highway 60 bridge. He came before the Board to ask if the Town would update our ordinance to authorize stating the Town would allow the use of ATV / UTVs on Highway 60 and Highway 188. Kevin Kessler asked how the Town could authorize the use on a State Road; he thought the Town could make a resolution in support of the use but not an ordinance allowing the use. Richard Meier stated the Wisconsin DOT would be making the decision and could still deny the use, but this is the first step in the process. Richard Meier will send the Clerk the sample Ordinance so the Board can look at it and check with the Town Attorney on any concerns or questions.

Ken Ryan talked with the Clerk about having a designated path on the Ryan Park property for ATV/ UTVs along the “prairie area” for a connection between West Lake Drive and Rausch Road, because someone has already been driving on the lawn, causing marks. The Board had concerns of having ATV/ UTV’s on the suggested path, because there are many walkers that use that area and adding ATV / UTVs could be hazardous. The Board suggested to ask the Columbia ATV /UTV Club to post signs saying “no ATV/ UTVs allowed.” Brian Gasser will talk to Randy Robertson about signage.

This year there was issues with the payments to the Lodi Area EMS for the purchase of the new ambulance. The City of Lodi sent a letter to the LAEMS Chief reminding him and the LAEMS Commission of the “procedure” for capital expenditures. Kevin Kessler liked the “procedure,” but did not think this “procedure” was in any written documents for the LAEMS or LAFD. The Town Board suggested the Chair should discuss the “procedure” with the Town of Lodi

Chair and City of Lodi Mayor at their next “Triangle Meeting” and make it an actual written policy between all the municipalities and the LAFD & LAEMS Commissions

Reports:

Triangle – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported on meetings he had with the Town of Lodi Chair and City of Lodi Mayor. There have been personnel issues with the LAEMS. The Mayor will be meeting with the land owner for the public safety building and is hoping to have a written plan of purchase after that meeting.

Lodi Fire Commission – Brian Gasser reported the meet on May 14, 2025. The LAFD Chief drafted a policy for personnel expectations and protocols during joint calls and have sent it to the LAEMS Chief, but they have not received a reply. The LAFD wants to expand the recruitment radius to a 10-mile radius., it will require a change to the department bylaws.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – John Ungrodt reported they had a meeting on June 9, 2025 and June 24, 2025. Steve Neander presented information about the new building and they asked him questions. There have been letters going back and forth between Chief Schaefer and the municipalities about the new ambulance and payments. The EMS staff has brought up issues that have been happening with County dispatch so County Board Supervisors attended to hear the concerns. The EMS Commission went into closed session to discuss personnel issues. John Ungrodt stated they will be having a meeting on July 14, 2025 at the West Point Town Hall.

Plan Commission – no report

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to reappoint Brooke Milde and Darrell Lehman to the Plan Commission, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously. The Town Chair will contact Sean O’Connor to see if he would like to

continue to be on the Sauk Fire Commission and we need to appoint someone to take Brian Gasser's spot. The Historical Commission still has two vacancies.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be on Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Commission / Committee Appointments, ATV / UTV routes, well / water source for Transfer Site, abandoning of minor Town Roads, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to adjourn the July 10, 2025, Town Board meeting at 10:48pm, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk



TOWN OF WEST POINT
RESOLUTION #2025-07-10

WHEREAS, the Town Board of West Point adopted its 2025 Operating Budget on November 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Wis Statutes 65.90(5)(a), the West Point Town Board is to approve budget amendments; and,

WHEREAS, the Town is ordered the Assessor's Plats for the Weast and Pleasant View Park areas; and,

WHEREAS, the costs and expenses for the making of the Assessor's plats shall be initially paid by the Town; and,

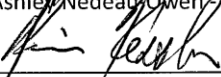
WHEREAS, the parcels included in the Assessor's Plats will be charged and shall be required to reimburse the Town for the costs and expenses for the making of the Assessor's plats; and


WHEREAS, the cost of the Assessor's Plat is higher than was budgeted; and,

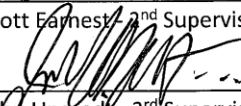
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of West Point does hereby agree to move \$49,000.00 from 11000 Unrestricted Funds to 55196 Assessors Plat PVP Weast

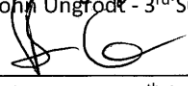
Dated this 10th day of July, 2025


Ashley Nedeau Owen - Chairman


Kevin Kessler - 1st Supervisor


Scott Earnest - 2nd Supervisor


John Ungrodt - 3rd Supervisor


Brian Gasser - 4th Supervisor

Attest:


Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk