

TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2025

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 13, 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 6:48 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(7:03pm), 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 allowing the flexibility to adjust the order of the agenda to accommodate the Town Attorney, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – none

Copies of the October 9, 2025 regular Town Board Meeting minutes and the October 27, 2025 Special 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 October 9, 2025 regular Town Board Meeting as presented, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to approve the minutes for the October 27, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting as presented, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer, Sharon Richmond, presented the following report: General Fund as of October 31, 2025 - \$297,748.44; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$21,689.57; Park Funds Restricted - \$2,727.00; Park Funds Unrestricted - \$1,170.97; Historical Society is \$9,897.96; and Assessor's Plat Fund - \$0.00. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of

October. The Treasurer will start listing the Town's total debt on the monthly report.

Correspondence – The Town Chair received a call from Guy Diske called about a tree branch down on Jensen Drive and the condition of Jensen Drive. Columbia County Emergency Management is holding sessions for “pre-Disaster Mitigation Planning on November 17, 2025. The final estimate of the January 1, 2025 population for the Town of West Point is 2,108. Notice of Columbia County Board of Adjustment public hearing for a variance for Richard & Suzanne Wipperfurth. Draft minutes for the September 17, 2025 LAFD Fire Commission meeting, Lodi Fire Chief Report dated October 15, 2025, and the audit report from KerberRose were received.

In December of 2023, the Town Board directed Grothman & Associates to prepare Assessor's Plat No. 2 for the Weast Park area. The plat has been completed and all required notices were sent. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to adopt Resolution #2025-11-13, to adopt and record Assessor's Plat No. 2, 2nd by John Ungrodt – roll call vote taken – (Kessler – yes, Earnest – yes, Ungrodt – yes, Gasser – yes, Nedeau-Owen – yes) – motion carried unanimously. A copy of Resolution #2025-11-13 is attached to the minutes.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to adopt Ordinance #2025-11-13 Amending Sections 3.12 AND 3.15 of the Town's Code of Ordinances, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. A copy of Ordinance #2025-11-13 is attached to the minutes.

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 approve paying the bills as presented, 2nd Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond stated they passed the 2026 County Budget yesterday; the overall budget is 101 million. The equalized value went up in Columbia County and the mill rate is down to 3.059. Kevin Kessler was approved to be on the Columbia County Board of Adjustments.

Kris Lehman, Chairman of the West Point Area Historical Commission gave the annual report of the Historical Commission / Society. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

A motion was made by Brian Gasser to approve the 2026 Summary Budget, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

At the last meeting the Board discussed ways to keep the brush pile contained better so the compost pile and other areas do not start on fire while burning and decided to get a price on getting more cement blocks. Brian Gasser met with Joe Buchanan about buying, hauling, and setting 56 blocks at the Transfer Site. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to accept the estimate from Joe Buchanan to separate the brush and compost piles, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. The Town Chair will talk with John Miller about hauling away the compost pile.

The Town has not received an estimate yet for the replacement of the windows in the shed at the Transfer Site.

“Wood Burning Facility” postponed until next month.

The Town Engineer sent an email stating the Selwood Drive Project is complete. The Town has retained 2% per the contract. There is an area in the cul du sac area that needs to be fixed in the Spring of 2026.

A motion was made by Brian Gasser to hire Columbia County to spray Town right-of-ways with “growth inhibitor” in the Spring and follow-up spraying for wild parsnips where necessary, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Other Road Issues: The Dettman Road and West Harmon Road signs, and the curve sign on Van Ness Road are down and we need to contact the County Highway to put them back up.

The Town Chair is going to revise the letter about “abandoning minor roads” for next month.

Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – Brian Gasser reported they met on September 17, 2025. The audit has been completed by KerberRose and it was good. They received an update on the building site for the main station and satellite station. The Fire Department would like to hire a part-time employee for clerical help.

Lodi EMS Commission – John Ungrodt reported they had meeting on October 20, 2025. They approved the 2026 Budget. They discussed the reasons why there are no ambulances at the football games. They will be meeting next week on November 19, 2025 and encouraged everyone to attend.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Plan Commission – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to enter closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (Fire/EMS Station & Remote fire location), 2nd by John Ungrodt – roll call vote was taken – (Kessler – yes, Earnest – yes, Ungrodt – yes, Gasser – yes, Nedeau-Owen – yes) - motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to reconvene into open session, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously. No action was taken from closed session.

The Clerk received a quote from Sprinter to add four additional email address for the Town Supervisors. No action taken; postponed until next month.

The Clerk received a quote from Sprinter to update the, Treasurer's, Clerk's, and the Chair's computers because the computers are old and slow. The Board felt the quote from Sprinter was high and the Town could get more for less somewhere else. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to authorize the Clerk up to \$3,500.00 to purchase three computers, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: "Wood Burning Facility"/ water source for Transfer Site, Assessor's Plat No. 3, mobile home licensing, Election Committee appointment, Town email addresses, abandoning of minor Town Roads, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Brian Gasser to adjourn the November 13, 2025, Town Board meeting at 9:45pm, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION 2025-11-13

ASSESSOR'S PLAT NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, by Resolution adopted on the 14th date of December, 2023, directed that Assessor's Plat No. 2 be prepared.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, by this Resolution adopted by majority of the Town Board on a roll call vote, with a quorum present in voting, and the proper notice have been given resolves and declares as follows:

Resolved that the plat of Town of West Point Assessor's Plat, No. 2 in the Town of West Point, having been ordered by the Town Board and all notices required by Provisions of Chapter 70.27 of the Wisconsin State Statutes having been sent and on file in the office of the Town Clerk for a period of 30 days and no suit having been commenced to have such plat corrected, Town of West Point Assessor's Plat, No. 2 is hereby approved by the Town Board of the Town of West Point.

Adopted by the Town Board of the Town of West Point, Wisconsin, on this 13 day of November, 2025 on a roll call vote of 5 ayes and 0 nays.

By: 

Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Town Chair

Attest:


Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk

Ordinance #2025-11-13

TOWN OF WEST POINT ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 3.12 AND 3.15 OF THE TOWN
CODE OF ORDINANCES

The Town Board of the Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, does hereby
ordain as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of West Point has exercised its authority under s. 66.0103, Wis. Stats.,
to adopt a code of ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted Chapter 3 of its Code of Ordinances entitled "Boards and
Committees"; and

WHEREAS Sections 3.10 – 3.17 of the Code of Ordinances creates and assigns duties to
the West Point Area Historical Commission; and

WHEREAS the Town of West Point Town Board has concluded that the required number of
members and the meeting frequency of the West Point Area Historical Commission should
be amended;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Sections 3.12 and 3.15 of the Town of West Point
Code of Ordinances are hereby amended to provide as follows:


Section 3.12 Commission Membership

The Commission shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the Town
Chairperson and approved by the Board. One of the Commission members may also be a
member of the Board. The members of the Commission shall be individuals who have an
interest in preserving the history of the Town. At least three (3) of the Commission members
shall be residents of the Town.

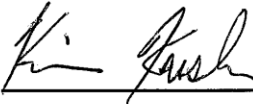
Section 3.15 Commission Meetings

The Commission shall meet at least semi-annually and the chairperson shall report the
Commission's activities to the Board on a regular basis. All Commission meetings shall be
held in a manner consistent with the ordinances of the Town and all other applicable laws,
including open meeting laws.

Adopted this 13th day of November, 2025, TOWN OF WEST POINT, Town Board



Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Town Board Chair




Kevin Kessler, Town Board Supervisor



Scott Earnest, Town Board Supervisor



John Ungrodt, Town Board Supervisor



Brian Gasser, Town Board Supervisor

Attest: 

Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk

History Note: Adopted 11/13/25



**WEST POINT AREA HISTORICAL COMMISSION/SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF WEST POINT BOARD
November, 13 2025**

2025

Meetings: Commission – 5 meetings
Society – 7 meetings plus the Annual Meeting

Programming: “The Black Hawk War” presented by Professor John Hall of UW-Madison History Department. The program was held on September 16th at town hall. It was very well received and we had many positive comments about the evening. The UW helped us promote the event and provided the per diem for the speaker. We had 79 attendees from as far away as Lone Rock. As a graduate and former instructor at West Point Academy, our presenter was delighted when presented with this Town of West Point hat as seen in this photo.



Projects & News:

Calendar: The calendar was again printed by Ad-Press of Middleton. Jay Chrisler (West Point native) is our contact at Ad-Press. 2026 calendars are now available. Cost is \$10/each.

Update Ordinance: The ordinance covering the number of members and number of meetings per year that the Commission needs has been updated after consulting with the Town Chair. Thank you to Kevin Kessler for his assistance in updating the ordinance.

Hats: We have only a handful left and the cost is \$20.

Lodi Ag Fair & Old School House: We hosted 244 visitors. The Fair did reduce our open hours again this year.

Facebook page: The society has over 994 regular followers as of the end of October. Chris Ryan continues to post for us.

Members: Benches in memory of some of our founding members who have passed have been selected and ready to be installed very soon. We want to thank the Parks and Open Space Committee for taking on this project. We supplied the funds through our sales of calendars and they completed the vision. Thank you!

We encourage folks to contact us if they have ideas, pictures, items, or stories they think we should preserve or use in the calendars.

Thank you for your continued support!