

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Pursuant to WI State Statues 60.12 the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of West Point was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at the West Point Town Hall. The meeting was posted in three places and on the web site. There were 10 electors present at the meeting and 1 non-electors.

Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Town Chair, chaired the meeting and called the Annual Town Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

A motion was made by John Miller to vote by show of hands, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

The Financial Report for 2025 was presented to the people for their consideration. Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Town Chair, asked if there were any questions about the Financial Report which was prepared by Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk. Dave Cole asked what the interest rate that we receive on the Town funds, what is the bank we keep them in, and are we able to move the funds to get higher interest rates. The Clerk answered that the interest rate fluctuates depending on the balance of the account: the Town's accounts are in the Bank of Prairie du Sac right now, and we had some funds in an account in the Wisconsin River Bank because at the time it offered a higher interest rate. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to accept the 2025 Financial Statement as presented, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – yes 9, no 1 - motion carried.

The minutes were presented for the April 15, 2025 Annual Town Meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the minutes as presented, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Chair asked if there was any other business that the Town electors would like to discuss.

Dave Cole brought up that their farm land that abuts the Selwood subdivision is not public property and wanted the Town to notify Selwood residents to stop trespassing and dumping their lawn clippings on their cropland. He also said his son and daughter-in-law have been harassed by

Selwood residents. Dave Cole would like the Town to hire a Constable. The Town Chair stated that a Constable only enforces Town Ordinances. Kevin Kessler said a Constable does not have police powers and suggested he post “No Trespassing” signs. Tim Feyereisen suggested he put up trail cameras to see who is trespassing and dumping things. Jun Ungrodt said maybe Borad members could visit the area to see what is happening; if his son and daughter-in-law are being harassed, they should put it in writing with the Sheriff so there is a record of it. A motion was made by Dave Cole to have the Town consider hiring a Constable for the Town of West Point, 2nd by Doug Richmond – yes 2, no 8 – motion failed.

Dave Cole there is a mini-watershed that runs through the Cole Farm in Section 20 via an intermittent waterway that enters Lake Wisconsin via Cole’s Slough on Lake Wisconsin. On a humid summer day, he can smell sewage and the Selwood subdivision sewage is collected in a drainage field. He wonders: 1. Where does the water from the drainage field goes? 2. Is it possible that it recharges the ground water? 3. Could the Selwood sewage be contaminating his well? Kevin Kessler stated the Wisconsin DNR would be who he would want to contact about the working condition of the Selwood drainage field. Brian Gasser suggested he first get his well tested, to see if there even is any contamination and he gave Dave Cole a number of a water testing company. Dave Cole feels a mini-survey of wells should be done and tested for nitrates, pesticides, and bacteria associated with manure and human waste. Dave Cole also felt it would be wise to determine “recharge areas” that likely recharge groundwater.

Roger Lippet, property owner of N2403 State Highway 188, explained he has owned the property for about 6 years and had to get an emergency permit to save the shoreland from eroding and taking his house with it. He has been using the Town’s Outlot 3 in the Town of West Point Assessor’s Plan No 2, as his driveway access because there is currently not another access. He would like to buy the Town’s Outlot 3 for his driveway, so he can maintain it. Doug Richmond said Roger Lippet has spent a lot trying to repair the property. Kevin Kessler thinks the Town Board should talk to the Town Attorney to find out what options the Town has for the property. A

motion was made by Doug Richmond to grant the Town Board the power to dispose of Outlot 3 in Town of West Point Assessor's Plat No. 2, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Doug Richmond to grant the Town Board the power to dispose of any other of the Town owned Outlots, 2nd by Brian Gasser – yes 0, no 10 – motion failed unanimously. The Electors felt this motion was concerning because it was too broad.

John Miller asked about clarification of the Van Ness Road Project. The Town Chair explained the project and told John Miller the Clerk will let him know when the “preconstruction meeting” is scheduled if he wanted to attend.

Brian Gasser said the Town of Lodi, City of Lodi, and Town of West Point has been working on acquiring land for a site for a new fire department/emergency services building. The current fire department building is in the floodplain and when they order new vehicles some of them have to be specially made because of the size of the bays. Kevin Kessler said the municipalities have been working on this for many years and about 9 years ago even hired a consultant to assess the need. John Ungrodt asked if the municipalities are considering having the police in the building also. The Town Chair said right now that is not the issue, we first need to have the land. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to give the Town Board the authority to purchase a specific 9-acre parcel for a future Lodi Emergency Service building at the same proportionate cost for the Town of West Point as stated in the Inter-governmental Agreement, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – yes 10, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to grant the Town Board the authority to borrow money and exceed the levy limit to implement the 5-year road plan, 2nd Brian Gasser – yes 0, no 9, abstain 1 – motion failed.

Doug Richmond reported that he attends the Wisconsin Town's Association County Unit meeting and none of the Town Board members have attended and feels that it would be beneficial for someone to attend.

A motion was made by Doug Richmond to encourage a least one Town Board member to attend all Wisconsin Towns Association County Unit meeting and yearly meeting, 2nd by John Miller - yes 10, no 0, abstain 1 – motion carried.

The following town officers were elected at the April 1, 2025 Spring Election and have been sworn in:

3rd Supervisor – John Ungrodt

4th Supervisor – Brian Gasser

A motion was made by John Ungrodt to adjourn the Annual Town meeting at 8:33pm, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – yes 8, no 1, abstain 1 - motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By

Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk