

TOWN OF WEST POINT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 9, 2026

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2026, 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 Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk, at 7:00p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Kevin Kessler - 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, Scott Earnest – 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, John Ungrodt - 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor. Also present were Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer. Absent was Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chair (excused) and Brian Gasser - 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor (excused).

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to nominate John Ungrodt to chair the Town Board meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – none

Copies of the March 12, 2026 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 March 12, 2026 regular Town Board Meeting as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The following report was presented by the Treasurer Sharon Richmond: General Fund as of March 31, 2026 - \$335,377.56; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$21,689.57; Park Funds Restricted - \$2,727.00; Historical Society is \$8,496.30; and Assessor's Plat Fund - \$0.00. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of March.

Correspondence – Kevin Kessler received correspondence from the Pine Vista Community Board; they are trying to set up a meeting with the management company of Pine Vista. Pine Vista still has not sent the Town the updated CSM for signatures. Open Book will be held by phone on March 11, 2026 from 10:00am – 4:00pm and the Board of Review will be held Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The Town received the Lodi Fire Chief Report dated March 18, 2026 and draft minutes from the February 18, 2026 Lodi Fire District Fire Commission Meeting. The Town received minutes from the Lodi Area EMS Commission meeting on February 11, 2026. David Duran submitted a complaint about a neighbor’s dogs being off leash and off their property. Scott Earnest received a call from Scott Ness about the possibly “piggy backing” on a Town Road project for chipsealing the road to the cemetery. The Town Clerk stated 842 electors voted at the April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Spring Election. Wisconsin Towns Association held a Columbia County Unit Meeting on March 26, 2026 at the Town of Leeds Town Hall. The Town Chair talked with Dave Sisback regarding gravel pushed into his yard by the snowplow; he looked the property and there was a small amount of gravel, but he would not authorize the town incurring any expense to remove the gravel. The Town Chair talked with Columbia County Humane Society about a feral cat issue at Crystal Lake Park. The Town Chair left a message with the County to cut up and remove a dead ash tree on the south side of Lake Drive at W13206, and to remove fallen tree from the ditch on Lake Drive at W13339.

The bills were reviewed by each Town Board member prior to the Town Board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2026 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve paying the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported that their Healthcare Center director is retiring in June, she has worked there for about 35 years, they have offered it to someone within. The Healthcare Center does not use any tax levy dollars to operate the facility. The County year-end closeout is not complete yet because they are short three accountants; they need to hire three more accountants. The Spring Election resulted in nine new County Board Supervisors throughout Columbia County.

Mike Etter, W12419 Northern Cross Arm Road, would like to build a storage shed on his property and he would like a driveway to access it. Due to the position of his house and current driveway he can’t split off of it and would like a waiver for a second driveway on his parcel. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve

the waiver for a second driveway subject to the conditions that the Architectural Committee approve the building and driveway prior to the commencement of construction and to apply the waiver requests provisions of 12.17 to this waiver request to 12.07 of the Code of Ordinances, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The opening for the bids for Van Ness Road Project was April 7, 2026. The Town Engineer received 4 bids and he recommended the Town accept the apparent low bid of \$379,973.00 from Lepke Trucking & Excavating. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to accept the low bid from Lepke Trucking & Excavating and award them the Van Ness Road Project, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Engineer asked Columbia County for an estimate for crackfilling of Ingles Drive, Fjord Road, Fjord Circle, Bannan Court, Centennial, Court, Woodland Way, Valley Lane, Cecile Circle, Corner Road, and Schoepp Road. The total estimate for those roads was \$17,175.00. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to accept the County's estimate for crackfilling and authorize the crackfilling of those roads using the County Highway Aid and to add Four Season Lane to the list to be crackfilled, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Other Road Issues: The Town Engineer spoke with the County about continuing the work that was authorized on East Harmon Road to finish using the ARPA funds. The Town received multiple email from Town of Roxbury residents that live on Schoepp Road about the condition of Barta Road; they state the edges are breaking up and feel it is a safety issued if another vehicle is coming from the opposite direction. The Town Engineer looked at Barta Road and agreed that there is breakage on the road edges but did not feel unsafe traveling on the road. It is on the 5-year Road Plan.

John Ungrodt and Tim Feyereisen will take a letter to and talk to property owners on the roads that the Town is thinking about abandoning to see if the property owners are agreeable to the idea.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to adopt the proposed Town Boards Resolution Supporting a Comprehensive and Sustainable Transportation Funding Solution, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously. The Clerk will send a copy to the Town's State Senator, State Representative, the Governor, and the

Wisconsin Town's Association. A copy of the signed resolution is attached to the minutes.

#### Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – There was a Lodi Fire Commission meeting on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Brian Gasser is the Town Representative so we did not have a report.

Lodi EMS Commission – Joh Ungrodt reported they had a meeting on March 18, 2026. Doug Richmond did a presentation on the pre-alerts. They are working on an EMS handbook, .gov emails, and the website. There were 17 applicants for EMS staff. Nancy Long will be leaving the EMS Commission her last meeting will be April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Sauk Fire District – Les McBurney submitted a report about the Sauk Fire District meeting which was held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Fire department membership is down slightly because of due to some resignation because of retirements and members moving out of the area. They are looking at area municipalities driveway ordinances to see specifications for driveways.

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – Kevin Kessler reported they met on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The new ambulance will be delivered in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. They are working on the EMS handbook and will be electing officers. All the municipalities have had the presentation on upgrading the EMS service.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported the Plan Commission met on April 2, 2026. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the waiver request for the 2<sup>nd</sup> driveway for Mike Etter subject to conditions. They also discussed amendments to Chapter 9, but did not take any action and discussed criteria for variances.

Park & Open Space Committee – no meeting

Triangle Meeting – City of Lodi Mayor Ann Groves Lloyd emailed a summary of the Triangle meeting held on April 8, 2026. They discussed the Lodi EMS IGA, Remote Fire Station Agreement, and Public Safety Building Steering Committee.

“Emails for Town Supervisors” and “Commission/ Committee Appointments” were postponed. Plan Commission members, Les McBurney and Nathan Sawyer

are up for term renewals. Historical Commission members, Mary Ann Johnson and Alan Treinen are up for term renewals.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Lodi Area EMS IGA, Remote Fire Station Agreement, Public Safety Building Steering Committee, clear garbage bags, Town email addresses, Commission / Committee appointments, 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 April 9, 2026, Town Board meeting at 9:02pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
*Taffy Buchanan*, Town Clerk



TOWN OF WEST POINT  
RESOLUTION #202-04-09

TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE  
TRANSPORTATION FUNDING SOLUTION

WHEREAS, local units of government in Wisconsin own and maintain approximately 90% of the public road miles in the state, including county highways, town roads, and city and village streets; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's economy—rooted in agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism—relies on a safe, reliable, and well-maintained transportation network; and,

WHEREAS, local governments greatly appreciate the one-time infusions of General Purpose Revenue, primary sales and income taxes, and other revenue provided in recent state budgets, which have enabled the initiation and continuation of the successful and popular Local Roads Improvement Program Supplemental (LRIP-S) and Agricultural Roads Improvement Program (ARIP); and

WHEREAS, despite modest increases from the state over the years, transportation aids to local governments remain insufficient to keep pace with inflation and rising construction costs, leaving many communities funded below 2000 levels in real dollars; and

WHEREAS, local governments throughout Wisconsin continue to struggle to perform even routine maintenance, pavement preservation, and safety improvements, resulting in deteriorating roads and bridges; and

WHEREAS, the inaugural inventory and assessment of small bridges between 6 to 20 feet found about 10% of the nearly 17,000 structures to be in poor or severe conditions; and

WHEREAS, levy limits and other fiscal constraints prevent local governments from independently filling the funding gap created by inadequate state transportation aids; and

WHEREAS, absent sustainable state funding, many communities have been forced to address their shortfalls by significantly increasing borrowing, deferring essential projects, or imposing local vehicle registration ("wheel") taxes; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin motorists currently pay among the lowest transportation user fees in the Midwest, while neighboring states and dozens of others nationwide have enacted long-term revenue measures to keep their transportation systems competitive; and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin is increasingly relying on General Purpose Revenues to make needed investments, potentially pitting transportation against other vital services, such as education; and

WHEREAS, continued lack of growing, dedicated, and predictable revenue places Wisconsin at a growing economic disadvantage by threatening the efficiency of freight movement, the safety of travelers, and the attractiveness of our state to businesses and residents; and

WHEREAS, both Wisconsin's aging Interstate highway system—largely constructed in the 1950s and 1960s—and our extensive network of state and local roads require predictable, adequate, and sustainable funding to meet current and future needs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the West Point Town Board strongly urges the Governor of Wisconsin and the State Legislature to enact a comprehensive, sustainable transportation funding solution that:

1. Provides adequate and reliable revenue growth for the efficient long-term planning and execution of state and local transportation programs;
2. Includes responsible and prudent use of General Purpose Revenue and bonding;
3. Adjusts any new and existing transportation user fees and other revenues mechanisms to sustain purchasing power in order to maintain and improve Wisconsin's transportation infrastructure; and
4. Ensures transportation continues to deliver for Wisconsin by adequately funding reconstruction, preservation, and safety investments on the state and local systems.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor's office, all member of the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly representing districts within the Town of West Point.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2026

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Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Chairman

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Kevin Kessler - 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor

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Scott Earnest - 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor

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John Ungrodt - 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor

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Brian Gasser - 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor

Attest:

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Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk