

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at the West Point Town Hall and via Zoom. The meeting was published in the Lodi 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 Chairman, at 7:00 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chairman, Kevin Kessler - 1st Supervisor, Scott Earnest - 2nd Supervisor, Karmin Enge - 3rd Supervisor, and David Lendved - 4th Supervisor. Also present were Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the June 10, 2021, Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to approve the June 10, 2021, Town Board Meeting minutes with grammatical changes, 2nd by Scott Earnest - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared the following report: General Fund as of June 30, 2021 - \$565,111.20; ARPA Funds - \$104,145.21; Park Fund \$0.00; Historical Society is \$5,328.78; and Savannah Tree is \$1,708.10 is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/22). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of June.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to have the Treasurer open a money market account for the ARPA funds, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – The Town received Fire Chief Report and Fire Commission Minutes from the June 16, 2021, Lodi Area Fire District meeting. David Lendved was contacted by Rich Lahti about concerns of a tree hanging low on Selwood Drive.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2021 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to approve the bills as presented, 2nd Kevin Kessler - motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported about the Columbia County K-9 units and about the numbers of Covid cases in Columbia County. The County worked on revisions to the Zoning Ordinance.

Lodi Fire Commission – Kevin Kessler reported they had difficulty achieving a quorum, but was able to get a quorum by telephone, so they paid bills and adjourned.

Sauk Fire District – no meeting

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – Karmin Enge was not able to attend the EMS meeting, so there was not a report.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported the Plan Commission discussed the Shifflet land division proposal and McCann rezone proposal.

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – Tim Bindl emailed a report of items in the Open Space “Plan” that they need to update

Broadband Committee – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported they are trying to get bids on building 5 to 8 towers but are having trouble finding anyone to even willing to bid.

Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District/Pumping – Brent Varner reported the pump was shut off for 2 weeks.

Andy Zimmer the Town Engineer asked to have the Unke Road bid submittal deadline, because he did not get enough interest from contractors. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to extend the bid deadline until August 9, 2021, for Unke Road, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board received a “Petition to Reopen Schoepp North” signed by 139 people urging to reopen Schoepp North from Hwy 60 to Mussen using all necessary tools to insure it does not dam Crystal Lake. Tammy Kirch, N586 Schoepp Road, was concerned about the time it takes for emergency services to get there and the length of the bus route, also the Corner of Barta Road is scary. Chris Garber, 7924 Bowman Road, was concerned about the road embankment and that it must not impede water flow. Al Deming, N550 Gannon Road, suggested the Town should start a committee to look at putting in guard rails on the corner of Barta Road and / or opening the North / South section of Schoepp Road. Steve Bodenschatz said Schoepp Road wants in culverts put in Schoepp Road. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to delegate a representative to approach the Town of Roxbury to reenter into negotiations for an IGA between us to work on the lake level issues and drainage plan, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously. Ashley Nedau-Owen and Scott Earnest will be representatives for the Town. The Town Board asked the engineer to get an estimate for guardrails for the Barta Road corner.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to draft an ordinance to allow ATV/UTV on Town Roads for recreational use, 2nd by David Lendved – yes 0, no 4, abstain 1 – motion fails.

The Town Board changed the speed limit on a few Town Roads after the Town Engineer performed a road study. The Town Attorney’s office drafted an Ordinance #7-8-2-21 to amend Chapter 10 of the Town’s Code of Ordinances. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to adopt Ordinance #7-8-2021, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Ordinance #7-8-2021 is attached to the minutes.

Andy Zimmer gave the Town Board an updated “Petition for County Aid” for single chip sealing on some specified roads. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve and sign the updated petition and authorize a check to be made out for

\$10,283.50 to Columbia County Highway for the work, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Jim Grothman presented a proposal for Terry Shifflet for a land division of Parcel #11040-164.03 into four waterfront lots with a dedicated Town Road and a cul-de-sac. The Plan Commission recommended to the Town Board to waive requirement 6.02 Item 42 and allow the proposed land division to be treated as a Minor Land Division as in 6.02 Item 44 instead of a Major Land Division. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to accept the recommendation of the Plan Commission to treat this proposal as a minor land division instead of a major land division, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously. Before the Plan Commission and Shifflet proceed the Shifflets wanted to know the Town Board's standing on a Town Road dedication for this proposed land division. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to accept the concept of a Town Road dedication with a cul-de-sac exceeding the 1000ft maximum length contingent upon the subdivider providing a provision for future dedication of a Town Road along the eastern boarder of parcels should a development take place lying adjacent to the proposed subdivision with the obligation and improvements solely the responsibility of the future developers as presented in "Exhibit A", 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously. "Exhibit A" is attached to the minutes.

Two applications for Operator's Licenses were presented by Crystal Lake Park one for Jillian Newman and one for Nicole Rosas. Jillian Newman has completed the Alcohol Awareness Class and has submitted her certificate. The Town Clerk needs to receive Nicole Rosas' Alcohol Awareness Class certificate. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to grant the operator license for Jillian Newman and to grant the operator license for Nicole Rosas contingent on the Town Clerk receiving the certificate of completion of the Alcohol Awareness Class for Nicole Rosas, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Chair contacted Snyder & Associates regarding stormwater management and erosion control for the Town owned public land in Selwood. Snyder & Associates gave estimates for engineering costs for trail improvements for a walking path and erosion control for the land. No action was taken.

"Contract Renewals for Building Inspections" was tabled.

"Town Hall Cleaning" was tabled.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, Unke Road, Schoepp Road, Town Hall cleaning, building inspection contract, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the July 8, 2021, Town Board meeting at 11:00pm, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

Taffy Buchanan

Town Clerk

ORDINANCE # 7-8-2021

**ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 –
PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE TOWN OF WEST POINT CODE OF ORDINANCES**

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

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received a traffic study from its Town Engineer, recommending the reduction in the speed limit on certain Town Roads; and,

WHEREAS, based upon that traffic study, for public safety considerations, the Town Board believes that it is in the best interest of the Town to reduce the speed limit on certain Town Roads as provided below.

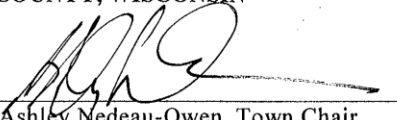
NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted to the Town under §349.11 Wis. Stats., the Town Board of the Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

1. Section 10.03 of the Town of West Point Code of Ordinances, is amended as follows:
 - a. Add “Chrislaw Road” to the roads subject to the 35 m.p.h. speed limit.
 - b. Delete “Hill Crest Drive, Slack Road, and Rausch Road,” from the list of roads subject to the 35 m.p.h. speed limit.
2. Section 10.04 of the Town of West Point Code of Ordinances, is amended to add “Hill Crest Drive, Slack Road, Valley Lane, Woodland Way and Rausch Road,” to the roads subject to the 25 m.p.h. speed limit
3. Section 10.05 of the Town of West Point Code of Ordinances, is amended to provide as follows: “Any person who violates Section 10.01 through Section 10.04, shall forfeit a sum equal to that provided in the Wisconsin Revised Uniform State Traffic Deposit Schedule, as amended from time to time.
4. Pursuant to Section 349.11(5), Wis. Stats., the Town Chair or the Chair’s designee, shall place appropriate traffic signs on the designated roads conforming to the rules of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and, upon such placement, enforcement of the new speed limits shall take effect.
5. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication as provided by law with enforcement to commence upon placement of appropriate signage.

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Dated this 8 day of July, 2021

**BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF WEST POINT, COLUMBIA
COUNTY, WISCONSIN**


Ashley Nedea-Owen, Town Chair

Attest:


Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk

