

## 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, January 13, 2022 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 6:40 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chairman, Kevin Kessler - 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, Scott Earnest - 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, Karmin Enge - 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor, and David Lendved - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 moving agenda #12 – Erosion Issues on Roger Lippett's Property, up to #9, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – Tom Lange, N2132 Shamrock Road was wondering is a "split" can be transferred to another parcel and if there is a minimum amount of acreage needed. The Town Chair directed him to look at Chapter 6 Land Division of the Town of West Point Code of Ordinances and he could bring a "hard" proposal to the Plan Commission.

Copies of the December 9, 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 December 9, 2021, Town Board Meeting minutes with minor corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest - yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had prepared and presented the following report: General Fund as of December 31, 2021 - \$3,012,966.23; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$104,251.97; Park Fund \$0.00; Historical Society is \$5,580.43; 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 December.

Correspondence – The Town received the minutes from the November 15, 2021 LAFD Fire Commission meeting and Lodi Fire Chief Report. Columbia County Supervisor Doug Richmond gave the Town a list of requests Columbia County has approved to use the ARPA funds for as of December 6, 2021. Wisconsin Department of Transportation final calculation for General Transportation Aids for West Point is \$109,411.61. Ashley Nedeau-Owen received an email from Bruce Henderson, WDNR, with an update on the timber theft; a citation was issued. Kevin Kessler spoke with Mike Bentley about issues with the “promenade”.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2022 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Earnest - motion carried unanimously.

Roger Lippett and his wife purchase the property at N2304 State Highway 188, Lodi at the end of May 2021. He hired a structural engineer and was advised to knock the house down and rebuild. There have been many challenges with the property; they have pulled tires and trash out of the bank area and are wanting to redo the shoreline. He has not been able to get a permit for the shoreline because he does not own that area, it is the “promenade”. He was granted an “emergency” permit just for repairs to stabilize the bank. The Town and Columbia County are going to be meeting to discuss “promenades” and what can be done with them in the Town. Kevin Kessler is urging Columbia County and the DNR to come up with an interim solution to allow owners with property abutting the “promenade” to proceed with shoreland improvements.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to move agenda #11 – Trees on Jensen Drive, up to the next item on the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Janet & John Evert, W14238 Jensen Drive, came before the Town Board to discuss the “trimming” the Town hired the County to do. They are devastated with the number of trees that were cut down and believe some of the trees were on their property. The County also made a large brush pile on their land which the County plans on burning in February; they do not want to have to smell the

smoke from the brush pile and would like it moved off their land. Ashley Nedeau-Owen said he was sorry that this happened and that Columbia County was tasked with improving the sight line on Jensen Drive. Kevin Kessler stated he does not know if the trees that were cut were on private property or the Town right-of-way, but consideration needs to be taken in how they are “trimmed” depending on if the tree is 10 feet off the road or 32 feet, and also how big the tree is; maybe a Town official can go out and mark the trees with the County in the future.

#### Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported Columbia County recognized 5 employees for their service. Bob Koch was nominated to the Emergency Management Coordinator position. The County and Town met to discuss the “promenade”.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they had a meeting December 15, 2021. There is no update on a site selection for the Fire Department. New officers were appointed to the LAFD and a deputy chief was appointed.

Sauk Fire District – The Sauk Fire District will meet next month.

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – Karmin Enge reported they did not have a meeting because there was not a Commission member from the City of Lodi.

Plan Commission – no report

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the Transfer Site had to close early on January 1<sup>st</sup>, because of filling up since it was not open the Saturday before. Taffy Buchanan said the bill for Columbia County Solid Waste has increased to about \$1,119.00 per month and we did not get a notice to be able to include that in the budget for 2022.

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

Broadband Committee – no report

Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District/Pumping – no report

Ellen Pulver, member of Columbia County ATV/UTV Enthusiasts, presented information about opening up roads for ATV / UTV use. She stated they are working with Columbia County on an ordinance to open letter roads to ATV / UTV travel. She gave the Town Board a handout the Wisconsin DNR has put together and an ordinance from another Wisconsin Town to use as guidance if the Town would like to proceed with opening Town roads also.

The Town Chair suggested that if we want to get bids back for double chip sealing Unke Road early in the season, we will want to task the Engineer to get them started. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to have Andy Zimmer, Town Engineer, draw up bid letting documents for double chip sealing Unke Road and the corner portion of Schoepp Road by Schoepp's Cottonwood Resort, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The “no parking” signs are done and need to get picked up and posted.

The Clerk presented the contracts up for renewal: Transfer Site Mowing by Curtis Ryan - \$30.00 per mowing, Ryan Park mowing by Curtis Ryan - \$80.00 per mowing, and Selwood Park mowing by Scott Ness - \$45.00 per mowing. The Clerk also presented the leases up for renewal: cropland East of the Town Hall with Hartmann Farms - \$1302.00 per year, and cropland / pasture by Transfer Site with Wargo Acres - \$280.00 per year. A motion was made by Karmin Enge to approve the contracts and leases as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

“Impact Fees” was tabled.

“Potential Revisions to Chapter 8 Building Code” was tabled.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, February 10, 2022, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, contract renewals, impact fees, Chapter 8 revisions, liquor license, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Karmin Enge to adjourn the January 13, 2022, Town Board meeting at 9:20pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
*Taffy Buchanan*  
Town Clerk