

TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 2023

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023, 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, John Ungrodt - 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 Kevin Kessler to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – Steve Neander, Town Chair of the Town of Lodi, introduced himself to the Town Board.

Copies of the April 13, 2023, Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by John Ungrodt to approve the April 13, 2023, Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Kevin Kessler - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had presented the following report: General Fund as of April 30, 2023 - \$593,129.31; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$208,290.42; Park Fund \$2,727.00; Historical Society is \$6,554.92; and Savannah Tree is \$1,159.38 is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/23). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of April.

The Savannah Tree CD matures on 5/24/2023. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to renew the Savannah Tree CD for another year, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – Columbia County sent the Mobile Home Verification form for 2023. The Town Board received more correspondence from Clifford Wilkenson about the trees in Pine Vista. The Town received the Sauk Fire District financials and minutes from their January 18, 2023, meeting. Ken Engel the Trail Maintenance Coordinator for the Lodi Valley Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance sent a request for the Town to consider grading the parking lot at the Slack Road trailhead. The American Legion Post sent a thank you letter for the contribution to the fund for replacement of the flags. State Representative Dave Considine sent a letter about the Town’s resolution regarding the road construction. Chuck Wherrey was concerned about debris floating in the water and would like it removed; he tried calling the WDNR.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2023 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by David Lendved to take \$2,112.50 from 53116 Highway Reconstruction and move it to 53312 Snowplowing, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve to pay the bills as presented, 2nd Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond reported that work on Hwy 113 has been postponed until 2024. Also, they have had more discussion on solar projects.

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they met on April 19th, 2023. The fire department had training on silo rescues and farm issues. They will be working on getting the order written up in the next month for a new “brush/ initial response” vehicle for delivery in 2024.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – John Ungrodt reported they met and went over response times. They also discussed the lease with Lodi Shell.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported on the May 4, 2023, meeting. The Plan Commission recommended approval of the Steve Stokes minor land division and CSM. They also recommended the adopting of the Resolution for the Blackhawk Condos. The Town Engineer went over issues with the Golf Road detention ponds for the Blackhawk Subdivision.

Transfer Site Report – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the Town needs to hire another Transfer Site employee. Also, clear 16-gallon garbage bags are available at the Transfer Site and Town Hall for purchase (About 50 for \$5.00).

Park & Open Space Committee – David Lendved reported they did not have a meeting, but Ken Ryan and him met and discussed the landscaping by the Ryan Park sign.

Broadband Committee – no report

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

Steve Stokes proposed to split his parcel, located on Alebay Way, into 2 lots with a Certified Survey Map. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the CSM for the minor land division subject to the payment of a “park fee”, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Molli Babler and Matt Parnell, Willow Ridge Design Build LLC, have submitted a preliminary condominium plat for Blackhawk Estates Condominium for Tax Parcels #11040-413.001 and #11040-413.002. The proposal is for eight (8) dwelling units in four (4) dwellings, served from a driveway off Golf Road. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler for the Town Board to adopt Resolution #2023-05-11, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. A copy of Resolution #2023-05-11 is attached to the minutes. The Town Engineer is delegated to approve the Stormwater Management Plan for the condominiums; the State and County will also need to approve them.

Scott Anderson, Town Engineer, gave an update on the review of the needed Blackhawk Ridge area stormwater improvements of the detention ponds. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to authorize to pay the Town Engineer to do a topographical survey to further investigate and design a proposal to consider at next month’s meeting, not to exceed \$2,000.00, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Scott Anderson stated the “bid opening” for the Schoepp Road Project was May 3rd, 2023, at 10:00am online, there were two bidders. The low bid was S&L Underground for \$443,083.50. One addendum was added to the bid for an additional two culverts, the bid amount from S&L Underground for Addendum 1 was for \$15,680.00. A group of residents from the Crystal Lake area raised money and put it in the “Lake Sustainability Fund” and want to use it to pay for the additional culverts. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to award it to the apparent low bid to S&L Underground for the Schoepp Road Project with the 1 addendum, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve Addendum 1 on the condition of the receipt of the payment from the “Lake Sustainability Fund” for \$15,680.00, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The Petition for County Highway Aid form and check is due to Columbia County by June 1, 2023, if the Town would like to take advantage of the aid. Columbia County will do the specified work and the Town will be reimbursed by the County in February of 2024 for 50% of the cost. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to authorize the check for \$14,283.50 for crackfilling to be done by Columbia County Highway, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

John Ungrodt has been meeting with citizens and working on getting a plan and ordinance for ATV / UTV routes in West Point. Ellen Pulver, Columbia County ATV / UTV Enthusiasts, spoke about all the municipalities in Columbia County that have adopted ordinances and about the process. John Ungrodt will meet again with citizens that are interested in having ATV /UTV routes and work on drafting an ordinance.

Before the last meeting David Lendved had spoken with a resident that requested we reduce the speed limit of Golf Road from Highway 60 to Steckelberg Drive by the Lake Wisconsin Country Club from 35mph to 25mph. The Clerk found out that in order to reduce the speed the Town would need to conduct a speed study. A motion was made by David Lendved to pursue reducing the speed limit to 25 mph; the motion died due to the lack of a second.

The Town Engineer looked at the drainage easement the Town is responsible for maintenance of on Cecile Circle. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to authorize the Town Engineer to meet on site with a couple of local landscape contractors to get quotes, 2nd by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The Sauk Post Office requested the Town fix potholes on Bittner Road. The Town Chair will ask the County to fix the potholes there and on some other roads.

Doug Richmond, County Board Supervisor, drafted a letter for the Town to send to residents affected by the “Promenade” to get the funding of an Assessor’s Plat started. The Board discussed the letter and decided it needed to be clarified what was being asked of the residents. The Town Chair will work on revising it for the next meeting.

“Commission & Committee Appointments” was postponed.

At the Annual Town Meeting the Board was given authority to inquire into purchasing WP&L land that abuts Town land. The Town Chair contacted a WP&L representative to find out if they would be willing to sell it and how much it would cost. The representative wants the Town to come up with a fair assessment for the property and then he would tell us how much WP&L would sell it for.

“EMS Inter-governmental Agreement” – postponed.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: ATV / UTV routes, Blackhawk Ridge Stormwater, Liquor & Beer Licenses, Operator Licenses, Cigarette licenses, non-intoxicating beverages licenses, Commission & Committee appointments, LAEMS IGA, Assessors Plat for Pleasant View Park & Weast Park, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the May 11, 2023, Town Board meeting at 10:37pm, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

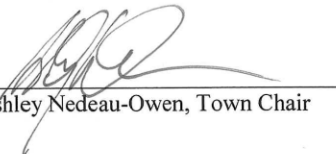
Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk

RESOLUTION NO.: 2023-05-11

**TOWN OF WEST POINT RESOLUTION REGARDING BLACKHAWK ESTATES
CONDOMINIUM PLAT**

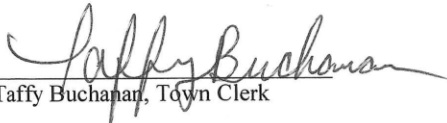
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Town Board of the Town of West Point that the Preliminary Plat and condominium instruments for Blackhawk Estates Condominium Plat in the Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, are hereby approved by the Town Board, including, but not limited to, the access for Lots 1 and 2, to and from Golf Road, as shown on the Preliminary Plat.

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By:  Dated this 11th day of May, 2023
Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Town Chair

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a copy of the Resolution adopted by the Town Board of the Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, this 11 day of May, 2023.

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By: 
Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk