

TOWN OF WEST POINT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
November 9, 2023

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 9, 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 7:10 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, John Ungrodt - 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 Kevin Kessler to approve the agenda moving up agenda #18 "Approve Lodi Area Fire Department 2024 Budget" to #9 before "Bob Koch – Columbia County Emergency Management – Hazmat Contract", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the October 12, 2023, Town Board Meeting and the October 23, 2023 Special Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the October 12, 2023, Town Board Meeting minutes with a correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler - motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the October 23, 2023, Special Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Sharon Richmond had presented the following report: General Fund as of October 31, 2023 - \$524,412.75; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$208,290.42; Park Fund \$2,727.00; Historical Society is \$7,192.68; and Savannah Tree is \$1,170.97 is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/24 and will move to

General Fund). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of October.

Correspondence – Columbia County rescheduled a public hearing that was supposed to be held on November 7, 2023 on proposed text amendments to Chapter 12 – Subchapter 100 Zoning Ordinance to provide clarification for different size solar developments; it is now scheduled for December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 3:00pm. The WisDOT Bureau of Aeronautics is taking public comment until January 22, 2024 on High Structure Permit Number: 2023-WIBOA-22-21956-NP, it is for an antenna tower in the Rio area. Columbia County Planning & Zoning will be conducting a public hearing on November 7, 2023 for the David & Diana Padley rezone. A letter was received from Kurt Calkins, Director of Planning & Zoning, as a follow up to Kevin Kessler’s letter regarding variances and the Board of Adjustments. Guy Diske, W14288 Jensen, left a message stating Jensen Drive needs repair. The Town Chair received a letter from Peoples Community Bank with an offer of an interest rate higher than the Town receives at our current bank; the Board would like the Treasurer to review the offer and discuss it with the Bank of Prairie du Sac.

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 move \$21.57 from 56901 Plan Commission Salary to 56907 Variance Rezone Public Hearing; move \$901.13 from 51604 Townhall Cleaning and put \$584.01 in 51103 Publication, put \$153.00 in 51406 IT Support and put \$164.12 in 51441 Election Expense; move \$1589.08 from 53102 Lawyer Road and put \$1,567.98 in 53101 Engineering Rd., and \$21.10 in 53635 Transfer Site Lights, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously. The second pay request for \$336,808.81 for Schoepp Road was received from S&L Underground and was recommended for payment by the Town Engineer. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the second payment request of \$336,808.81 to S&L Underground, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve paying the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Nate Sievers, Chief of the Lodi Area Fire Department, presented the 2024 LAFD Budget and answered questions. A motion was made by David Lendved to approve the LAFD 2024 Final Budget as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Bob Koch, Columbia County Emergency Management Coordinator, introduced himself to the Board and explained the role of the Emergency Management Department and the services they provide.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond stated the public hearing for the 2024 budget will be held Tuesday November 14, 2023 and then County Board will meet to approve the 2024 budget. The County is still waiting on the insurance settlement for the Solid Waste facility so they can demo and rebuild the affected buildings from the fire.

Kris Lehman, Chairman of the West Point Area Historical Commission, and Mary Ann Johnson, President of the West Point Area Historical Society, gave the annual report of the Historical Commission / Society. There is one vacancy on the Historical Commission. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

The West Point Area Historical Society raises funds by selling calendars and with the money they have raised would like to purchase and AED for the West Point Town Hall. There will be a maintenance cost associated with the AED of about \$500.00 every 2 to 4 years. A motion was made by David Lendved to accept the gift of an AED unit from the WPAHS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the 2024 Budget Summary as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Daniel Breunig would like to create a 2-acre lot from Parcel #11040-460 to be zoned RR-1 Rural Residence, and the remaining 38 acres of Parcel #11040-460 would be rezoned to A-1 Agriculture with an A-4 Overlay. Access to both lots will be provided via an easement from Pulvermacher Road. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the CSM and recommend to Columbia County to approve the rezone for Daniel Breunig and approve the waiver of access to a town road, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Jim Grothman and Scott Hewitt, Grothman & Associates, presented a proposal for the Assessor's Plat for the shoreland parcels in the Pleasant View Park and Weast Park which would eliminate the "promenade." They explained what the process and timeline would be if the Town Board accepted their proposal. The Town Board postponed making a decision until the December Town Board meeting.

At that time, there will be a public hearing and they should have a resolution from the Town Attorney to approve to proceed with the Assessor's Plat.

At the October Town Board meeting David Padley told the Board there is a discrepancy with the name of the road he lives on. The sign has Padley Road but County website shows Padley Drive. The Clerk tried to investigate how to fix this and found more issues with other roads in the Town. The Clerk will put a list together of all the roads in West Point with name discrepancies.

#### Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they met on October 18, 2023. A resolution was adopted recommending that no changes be made on the IGA until comments and recommendations are given from the Fire Commission. The Fire Commission adopted the 2024 budget and the paperwork for the 501c3 status has been completed and filed. The "Initial Response Vehicle" has a final quote for \$353,578.00 which was good for 30 days and they adopted a motion to recommend approval of contract to purchase. The Chief is to contact the supplier and get a contract proposal to give to the municipalities allowing them 90 days to get approval.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – John Ungrodt reported on the November 9, 2023 meeting. The LAEMS plan on participating in the Holiday Light Parade and the parade for the football team if they win the State Championship. They are also discussing getting new flooring in the building. He also reported their call volume has been higher this year.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported on the November 2, 2023, meeting. The Plan Commission discussed and made recommendations for rezone and CSM for Dan Breunig, N600 Pulvermacher Road. A CSM for a lot-line adjustment for Steve & Jane Manke was on the agenda but was postponed because all the needed paperwork and fees had not been received.

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

“Triangle” Meeting Report – The Chair for the Town of Lodi and Town of West Point and the Mayor of the City of Lodi and all three municipalities’ attorneys scheduled a meeting for October 24, 2023 to discuss the draft of the IGA for the LAFD from the Town of Lodi. Kevin Kessler reported he attended the meeting since the Chair could not attend. He stated a lot of notes were taken and the Attorney for the Town of Lodi planned on having a revision done in two weeks. Two weeks have past and there has not been a revision sent out.

“Lodi Area Fire Department Inter-Governmental Agreement” and “Lodi Area EMS Inter-Governmental Agreement” were postponed.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Resolution for Assessor’s Plat, Contract with Grothman & Associates for Assessor’s Plat, Appointment of Election Committee, Mobile Home Licenses, road name corrections, Northern Cross Arm – speed reduction, LAEMS IGA, LAFD IGA, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by David Lendved to adjourn the November 9, 2023, Town Board meeting at 10:28pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

*Taffy Buchanan*

Town Clerk



WEST POINT AREA HISTORICAL COMMISSION/SOCIETY  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF WEST POINT BOARD  
November 9, 2023

2023

Meetings: Commission – 5 meetings  
Society – 11 meetings including the Annual Meeting

Programming: None.

**Projects & News:**

Calendar: We have a few 2023 calendars left. The 2024 calendars are here and for sale. The prison at Portage, which has printed our calendars since we started this project, notified us that they are no longer in operation on the day we sent in our print order for 2024. We got bids from several different printers and ultimately went with Ad Press of Middleton. Their price was about the same as what we had been paying at the prison. Our rep is Jay Chrisler who is a member of the WPAHS. He delivered the calendars for us and got us this great rate. We are so thankful for this new partnership.

Scheknecht materials: This was an unexpected gift. We have over two pick-up truck loads of documents and materials to sort, organize, disperse or house. We want to thank the Lodi Valley Historical Society for helping us with this project, (Kathy Johnson and Kathy Steckleburg), as well as the Scheknecht family, Doug Richmond and assorted other volunteers. This project is ongoing.

Lodi Ag Fair & Old School House: For this year's open school house schedule, Mary Ann Johnson and Lori Ripp (representing the Fair Board.) decided to change the schedule. Lori is responsible for the school house. In the past the school house was open Friday from noon until eight, Saturday from noon until eight and Sunday from noon until four. This year we cut back on the times by 2 hours every day. We still had 386 visitors. Last year we had 487 visitors but the Lodi Valley Historical Society helped with staffing because they were promoting the City's Centennial.

Facebook page: The society has over 900 regular followers. Chris Ryan continues to post for us. If possible, she ties in her posts with our calendar page for that month. Our purpose is to get more history out to our readers and give West Point citizens a sense of community.

AED Unit: We hope to use our calendar sales funds to purchase an AED unit for town hall.

New Commissioner: We are looking for someone to replace a commissioner who resigned this year.

As always, we need ideas, stories, and pictures for the calendar.

*Thank you for your continued support!*