

TOWN OF WEST POINT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
January 11, 2024

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at the West Point Town Hall and via Zoom. The meeting was published in the 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 7:09 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, and John Ungrodt - 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor. David Lendved - 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor attended via Zoom. Also present were Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the December 14, 2023, 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 December 14, 2023 Town Board Meeting minutes with a change, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest - motion carried unanimously.

Bryan Bilse Lodi Community Action Team (LCAT) Program Coordinator, presented information on opioids and overdoses in the county. He also trained everyone on how to recognize signs of an opioid overdose and how to administer Narcan.

Nate Siever, LAFD Fire Chief, presented a proposal to purchase a “Skeeter Emergency Vehicle” from Reliant Fire Apparatus, Inc. The LAFD would like to replace the 1990 Squad 13. The new vehicle, “Engine 13”, would be considered an “initial attack vehicle” because it would have water & pump capabilities unlike Squad 13. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to have the Town Board authorize

the LAFD Fire Commission to enter into a contract with Reliant for the purchase of “Engine 13” not to exceed \$370,000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. The clerk will investigate whether the Town’s ARPA funds could be used for the purchase of the vehicle.

The Treasurer, Sharon Richmond presented the following report: General Fund as of December 31, 2023 - \$3,034,324.77; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$208,290.42; Park Fund \$2,727.00; Historical Society is \$7,758.41; 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 December.

In December, the Treasurer recommended the Town move the ARPA funds into a CD with an interest rate of 4.75% for six months at the Bank of Prairie du Sac and pointed out things to consider if the Board would like to change banks in the future. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to have the Treasurer move the ARPA funds into a 6-month CD at the Bank of Prairie du Sac and to have the Treasurer begin establishing a relationship with the Wisconsin River Bank, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – Columbia County Board approved the Rezone for Daniel Breunig on Pulvermacher Road. MSA emailed a spreadsheet of the building & driveway permits issued for the Town in 2024. Columbia County Board of Adjustments approved the variance request for Julia Thiele. The Town received the LAFD Fire Chief Report dated December 20, 2023 and the LAFD Fire Commission meeting minutes dated November 15, 2023. A letter was received from Sil Maly, N2455 State Highway 188, regarding the “Promenade” dated December 17, 2023.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2024 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by John Ungrodt to approve paying the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond stated that 5 current County Board Supervisors are retiring this year, 15 current County Board Supervisor seats will run uncontested and 8 current County Board Supervisor seats will face challengers.

The Town Board postponed action on how to allocate the cost to each lot, because they needed the Town Attorney to advise them on what discretion they have for the allocation method.

There was a discrepancy of the Padley Road so the Town Attorney drafted a Resolution #2024-11-1 to correct it. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve Resolution #2024-11-1, Resolution Regarding the Name of Padley Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – a roll call vote was taken – motion carried unanimously. A copy of Resolution #2024-11-1 has been attached to the minutes. Copies of the Resolution will be recorded with the Columbia County Register of Deeds, and sent to the County Highway and to the State.

The Town Engineer is looking into other grants to help with the funding of Slack Road.

#### Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – Kevin Kessler reported they met on December 20, 2023. An old IGA from 1948 which covered the establishment of the Fire Department was found at the Town Hall and “Protocols for the Fire Commission” from 2011 which no one new existed. A comparison of the most current draft of the proposed IGA compared to the existing IGA that is in effect was put together and comments are supposed to be discussed at the next meeting. The Town of West Point will volunteer to write the next draft. They received service agreement for the accounting services from the City of Lodi and will be on the Fire Commission agenda when they meet next week.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – no report

Plan Commission – no report

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

One of the three furnaces at the Town Hall had to be shut down because the heat exchange was rusted out and was unsafe. Hillestad's Heating gave a proposal of \$4300.00 to replace the furnace. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the proposal of \$4,300.00 from Hillestad's Heating, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Humane Society sent a service agreement to the Town for “providing humane care for impounded and stray dogs and cats.” A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve the Columbia County Humane Society service agreement for 2024, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

The Sauk Fire District is trying to revise their Inter-Governmental Agreement. The Board would like a stipulation in the agreement that a majority of the municipalities would need to approve the Fire District budget. The Board advised David Lendved to vote “no” on the IGA revision if it is not included.

“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, February 8, 2024, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town road names, Sauk IGA, LAEMS IGA, LAFD IGA, Assessor's Plat Special Assessment, CSM for Marcus Bentley, CUP for James Park, update on the clearing of trees on property on Centennial Court, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to adjourn the January 11, 2024, Town Board meeting at 9:45pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
*Taffy Buchanan*, Town Clerk

Resolution No. 2024-11-1

**TOWN OF WEST POINT  
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NAME OF PADLEY ROAD**

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Town of West Point  
Columbia County

The Town Board of the Town of West Point, Columbia County, Wisconsin, by this Resolution, adopted by a majority of the Town Board, on a roll call vote with a quorum present, and with proper notice having been given, resolves and declares as follows:


**WHEREAS**, it has been brought to the attention of the Town Board that the Town's records are not consistent in regard to the name given to one of its town roads located in Section 36, T10N, R7E of the Town of West Point, that road, on some Town records, having been designated as Padley Road and, on other Town records, having been designated as Padley Drive.


**AND, WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes the need to correct that inconsistency on its records and has confirmed that Padley Road is the correct name for that Town road.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Town's records be corrected and revised to designate Padley Road as the name of the aforementioned Town road and that notice of this Resolution be provided to the Columbia County Highway Department and the State of Wisconsin for their records and that a copy be recorded at the office of the Columbia County Register of Deeds.

Adopted this 11 day of January, 2024

**TOWN OF WEST POINT**

By:   
Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Chair

Attest:   
Taffy Buchanan, Clerk