

TOWN OF WEST POINT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
October 9, 2025

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 9, 2025, at the West Point Town Hall and via Zoom. The meeting was published in the Tribune Enterprise, the Independent 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 Chair, at 7:02 p.m. The Town Board members present at the Town Hall were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen - Town Chair, Kevin Kessler - 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, Scott Earnest - 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, John Ungrodt - 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor, and Brian Gasser - 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor. Also present was Taffy Buchanan - Town Clerk and Sharon Richmond - Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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

Citizen Input – none

Copies of the September 11, 2025 regular Town Board Meeting minutes and the September 23, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each Town Board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to approve the minutes for the September 11, 2025 regular Town Board Meeting as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Brian Gasser to approve the minutes for the September 23, 2025 Special Town Board Meeting as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried.

The Treasurer, Sharon Richmond, presented the following report: General Fund as of September 30, 2025 - \$454,145.33; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds with interest) - \$0.00; Park Funds Restricted - \$2,727.00; Park Funds Unrestricted - \$1,170.97; Historical Society is \$9,897.96; and Assessor's Plat Fund - \$0.00. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of September.

The Treasurer presented a “draft” newsletter to be inserted with the property tax bills. No one had any additions or corrections to the newsletter.

Correspondence – Guy Diske called about a tree branch down and on Jensen Drive. The Town Chair met with legislatures about the proposed new Fire / EMS Station in Harmony Grove. There will be an Open House at the Lodi City Hall on October 15, 2025 for Brenda Ayers. The Clerk put together a list of the 2025 Building Permits issued. The Lodi Fire Chief report dated 9/16/2025 and LAFD 2026 Budget information were received. The Sauk Fire District shared a draft of an agreement between them and the Ho-Chunk Nation that is being worked on. The Town received minutes from the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission dated July 24, 2025. Columbia County Board of Adjustments held a public hearing on October 8, 2025 for a variance for Richard & Suzanne Wipperfurth. Columbia County Planning & Zoning Committee held a public hearing on October 7, 2025 for a rezoning for Tim & Darci Pfeil.

The bills were reviewed by each Town Board member prior to the Town Board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, and budget for 2025 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve paying the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond stated County Board of Adjustments is looking for residents to serve on the Board. A tentative budget will be presented to the County Board to go through on November 12, 2025. The Solid Waste facilities are expected to be running by the end of next month.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to John Miller for his 20 years of service on the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission.

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Alan Treinen for his 30 years of service on the Lodi Area EMS Commission.

The Town Board also had Certificate of Recognition for Sean O’Connor for his 22 years of service on the Sauk Fire District Commission. He could not attend; the Clerk will mail his certificate to him.

At the October 2, 2025 Plan Commission meeting, Al Deming, representative for Crystal Lake Park (CLP), presented a draft agreement between CLP and the

Town, that he put together along with the “Crystal Lake Campground Rules” that are distributed to the campers. Steve Bodenschatz, owner of Crystal Lake Park, felt the agreement that was presented includes everything that needs to be covered and wants to be able to get started on the septic system and expansion. The Plan Commission approved a motion unanimously to recommend to the Town Board to approve and concur with the draft agreement presented by the applicant unless there are objections from the Town Attorney. The Town Attorney reviewed the agreement and gave his comments and then Kevin Kessler used the comments to revise and format the agreement, the Town Board received a copy of the original and updated agreement. Steve Bodenschatz stated he did not like the revision made to #11 of the agreement and stated he would plant at least 100 trees. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler that the Town Board approve the updated agreement, but with #11 going back to the original wording, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. The agreement was then signed by Steve Bodenschatz, Town Chair, and Town Clerk.

At the September Town Board meeting the Town Board discussed a variance for Dwight & Sherry Johnson, N2148 Blackhawk Drive, Lodi – Parcel #11040-762, and did not make any decision. They encouraged the applicant (who was not in attendance) to bring in more information for the Plan Commission meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup> or revise the plans with the County. The Plan Commission, at the October 2, 2025 meeting, made a motion to recommend to the Town Board they affirm the previous recommendation to recommend to deny the variance application as initially submitted and to advise the applicant to consider withdrawing the application with the County if he decides to revise the application, the motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler that the Town Board recommends to Columbia County to deny the variance as submitted and the Town Board advise the applicant, he should consider withdrawing the application with the County, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously. It was noted that the Plan Commission and Town Board suggested the applicant revise the variance request but the Town has not received any revisions.

The Board discussed ways to keep the brush pile contained better so the compost pile and other areas do not start on fire while burning. The Board discussed getting more cement blocks to contain it and talked about buying backpack sprayers for water. Brian Gasser and John Ungrodt will try to meet with Bill Kjolrie at the Transfer Site to figure out how many blocks would be needed.

The Town Engineer sent a memo stating the Selwood Drive Project is complete. The Town has retained 2% per the contract.

Other Road Issues: Pamela Russo called and stated that areas of Selwood Drive needed brushing because trees are hanging over the road; the Town Board did not think there was an issue. John Miller asked if anything is going to be done about Van Ness Road (West-end); the Town Engineer will be looking at getting quotes for fixing that next year. A culvert on Hanneman Road needs to be marked with orange cones; John Ungrodt said he will get some cones from the Transfer Site and put them over there.

The Town Chair drafted and presented a letter about “abandoning minor roads.” The Board discussed it and the Town Chair is going to revise the letter.

#### Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – Brian Gasser reported they met on September 17, 2025. The Commission discussed and approved the proposed 2026 budget for the LAFD.

Sauk Fire District – Ashley Neddeau-Owen reported they met on September 17, 2025; Les McBurney also attended the meeting. The Ho Chunk Nation agreed to make a payment to the Sauk Fire District.

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – John Ungrodt reported they had meeting on September 29, 2025. Chief Amy Brown expressed staffing concerns and stated there will need to be more overtime pay. It was Al Treinen’s last Commission meeting. Kevin Kessler will be taking over as Treasurer for the Commission.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported on the October 2, 2025 meeting. The Plan Commission gave recommendation to deny the variances for Dwight & Sherry Johnson. They also recommended approval of an agreement between the Town and Crystal Lake Park.

Park & Open Space Committee – Scott Earnest reported they met on September 18, 2025. The landscaping curbing was installed on September 23,

2025. Ken Ryan is working with Dan Schoepp to pour cement slabs for the benches by the front of the Town Hall.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to authorize the Town Chair to write a letter to the City of Lodi about the land purchase for a new Fire / EMS building encouraging the city to hire a real estate agent or attorney to brokerage a deal, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

The West Point Area Historical Commission requested a change to the ordinance covering the required Commission members and number of meetings needed per year. They would like the number of Commission members be changed to five and the number of required meetings to at least two. Kevin Kessler drafted an ordinance to amend it. There were some questions on what version to adopt, so the Clerk will get clarification from the Town Attorney before the next meeting. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to table “Resolution for Revision to Chapter 3 of the West Point Code of Ordinance”, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

The contract with MSA for the building inspections & driveway administration was updated to include “driveway administration” and presented for renewal. A motion was made by John Ungrodt to approve the renewal of the MSA service agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Brian Gasser to have a Special Town Board meeting on October 27, 2025 at 6:00pm to work on the budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Ungrodt to hold the Special Meeting of the Electors of the Town of West Point on November 13, 2025 at 6:30pm with the regular Town Board meeting to immediately follow, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular Town Board meeting will be on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: “Wood Burning Facility”/ water source for Transfer Site, Resolution for Revision to Chapter 3 of the West Point Code of Ordinance, abandoning of minor Town Roads, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Ungrodt to adjourn the October 9, 2025, Town Board meeting at 9:42pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
*Taffy Buchanan*, Town Clerk