

TOWN OF WEST POINT  
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 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, April 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 7:00 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 as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the March 14, 2024, 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 March 14, 2024, Town Board Meeting minutes with a correction to the Plan Commission report that the Clerk reported not Kevin Kessler, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved - motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer, Sharon Richmond presented the following report: General Fund as of March 31, 2024 - \$269,469.22; Coronavirus Recovery Acct (ARPA Funds) - \$208,290.42 and is in a 6-month CD (matures 7/18/24); Park Fund \$2,727.00; Historical Society is \$8,421.61; Assessor's Plat Fund - \$64,600.00; and Savannah Tree is \$1,170.97 and 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 March.

At a previous meeting the Town Board tasked the Treasurer into looking into what other banks are offering for interest rates and what would be needed to open an account. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to open a new bank account with Wisconsin River Bank using \$1,650.00 from our general account at Bank of Prairie du Sac, with authorized signers to be the Chairman, Clerk and Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – The Town received the LAFD Fire Chief Report dated March 20, 2024. Columbia County Planning & Zoning approved the CUP for James Park for a Tourist Rooming House for Parcel # 11040-807, with conditions. Donna Ackerman sent an email on April 9<sup>th</sup> concerning there not being any signs regarding the closure of Mussen Road and that Apple & Google maps do not show the closure either. On March 29, 2024 John Ungrodt filed a tree risk assessment with the Town Clerk showing the two oak trees on Parcel #11040-16.02 have “significant decay”. A “2% Fire Dues” audit of the LAFD will be conducted in the next month. The Sauk Fire District Commission sent an invitation to an informational webinar by Lexipol Public Safety Policy Management Company on April 17, 2024. The Town Chair sent an application to the WDNR regarding a Solid Waste Woodburning Facility Plan of Operation permit.

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 David Lendved to move \$4,549.72 from 51300 Legal to 51600 Town Hall Maintenance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to approve paying the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond stated Columbia County has seven new Board Supervisors and will be having an organizational meeting on Tuesday. He also said he has a copy of the Treasurer’s Report for 2023, if anyone is interested in looking at it. The Health & Human Services Department applied for and received a \$1,000,000.00 grant to start up a mental health clinic.

Bids for the Slack Road Project were closed on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 and 3 bids were received. The Town Engineer recommended the Town award the contract to Payne & Dolan, which was the apparent low bidder at \$238,804.20. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to award the contract for the Slack Road Project for the bid of \$238,804.20 to Payne & Dolan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

The Town received the paper work for the Columbia County Highway Aid and the Town needs to decide what to use it for. The Town can advance the County up to \$14,283.50 to do specific road work in the Town and the County will then reimburse the Town 50% of the work done the following February. The Town Board asked the Engineer to get a quote on the cost of having the County Highway fix East Harmon Road because of the edges are breaking off.

The snowplowing contract with Brian Schmidt Enterprises was up for renewal. A motion was made by David Lendved to renew the snowplowing contract with Brian Schmidt Enterprises for 3 years until April 30, 2027, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

#### Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – David Lendved reported they met on March 20, 2024. The Commission received an update from the Mayor of Lodi stating significant progress has been made on the boundary agreement. The existing fire station’s roof needs repair which will cost about \$30,000 to \$40,000. All 3 municipalities tabled the motion the Commission suggested to move the project forward by hiring a firm to begin a preliminary planning process for a Public Safety Facility.

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

A motion was made by John Ungrodt to approve the 2024 Columbia County Mobile Home Inventory Form for Farm Labor as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Chair gave an update on the tree cutting violation on Centennial Court and Ashley will resend the same letter that he sent before to the residents in that subdivision reminding them of the restriction on cutting the trees.

No action was taken on a proposed motion from LAFD Commission regarding Preliminary Planning of Public Safety Facility.

“Committee & Commission Appointments” - postponed

The Town needs to designate by the end of 2024 what to use the ARPA funds for. Some of the suggested uses were: roads, broadband, and building improvements. The Town Board set a goal of having specific roads or project ideas to choose from by the July meeting.

“Sauk Fire District – Inter-Governmental Agreement,” – No Update and will be taken off agenda until needed.

Kevin Kessler suggested that if the Lodi Area Fire Department Inter-Governmental Agreement is ready to be send out to the other municipalities, that it be sent out before May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

“Lodi Area EMS Inter-Governmental Agreement” – No Update and will be taken off agenda until needed.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: LAFD IGA, County Highway Aid, Commission / Committee Appointments, ARPA Funds, Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Scott Earnest to adjourn the April 11, 2024, Town Board meeting at 9:44pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Lendved – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
*Taffy Buchanan*, Town Clerk