

TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2024

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, May 9, 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 7:01 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 Brian Gasser - 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 Brian Gasser to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the April 11, 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 April 11, 2024, Town Board Meeting minutes with a change from “he” to “Ashley” for clarity in the paragraph about tree cutting, 2nd by Brian Gasser - motion carried unanimously.

The Treasurer, Sharon Richmond presented the following report: General Fund as of April 30, 2024 - \$250,226.11; 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 \$6,365.13; 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 April.

Correspondence – The Town received the LAFD Fire Chief Report dated April 17, 2024 and the LAFD Fire Commission draft minutes from their March 20, 2024. Columbia County Planning & Zoning notified the Town of the public hearing set for May 7, 2024 for the CUP, rezoning and plan amendment for Crystal Lake Park LLC (Schoepp’s Cottonwood Resort). State Senator Joan Ballweg sent a letter introducing herself to the Town. The Clerk and Treasurer received nomination papers to obtain signatures for Sue Moll, County Clerk, Stacy Opalewski, County Treasurer, and Christine Clark, County Register of Deeds, if anyone is interested in signing them. The Vinery, Schoepp Road, inquired about beer & wine licenses. The Town Board received an email from Dean Anderson on April 30, 2024, asking the Board to consider requiring a “permit” for HVAC replacement because the Town currently does not require a permit for that.

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 Scott Earnest to approve paying the bills as presented, 2nd John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County Report – Doug Richmond stated they had their organizational meeting on April 16th and he is on the Executive Committee, Health & Human Services Committee, Planning & Zoning Committee, and the Finance Committee. Columbia County is looking for individuals to be on the Board of Adjustments, if anyone is interested to let him know. The Columbia County Corporation Counsel, Joseph Ruf has retired and they are now looking for counsel.

The Petition for County Highway Aid form and check is due to Columbia County by June 1, 2024, 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 2025 for 50% of the cost (up to \$7,141.75). The Town Engineer received two estimates from Columbia County to fix East Hamon Road. One was for a “full wedge” for \$53,700.00 and the second one was for a “half wedge” for \$37,300.00. A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to complete the “Petition for County Highway Aid” for the East Harmon project for the value of \$37,300.00, subject to ongoing evaluation, 2nd by John Ungrodt – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to authorize the check for \$14,283.50 to Columbia County Highway, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Engineer will have a pre-construction meeting with Payne & Dolan about the Slack Road Project on May 30, 2024

The Town Chair and Town Engineer spoke about the condition of Selwood Drive and suggested that repair project as a possible use for the ARPA funds. Other uses of the ARPA funds could be other road projects, broadband projects, and needed Town Hall maintenance projects.

Reports:

Lodi Fire Commission – Kevin Kessler reported they met on April 17, 2024. The Commission received an update of the status of the land looking to be purchased for a new public safety building; the site being looked at has switched. The existing fire station’s roof was leaking, but they put on temporary patches and is not leaking now.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Sauk Prairie Ambulance – no report

Lodi EMS Commission – John Ungrodt reported they met on April 25, 2024. They had the flooring replaced and it came in under budget. They were given an update on flex staffing.

Plan Commission – Kevin Kessler reported the Plan Commission met on April 18th, 2024 and had informal presentations for the Lake Wisconsin Country Club and for Lochner Dairy / Russ Fiene. No action was taken.

Transfer Site Report – no report

Park & Open Space Committee – no report

Since David Lendved is no longer on the Town Board, the Commissions and Committee he was on need to have someone appointed to them. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to appoint Brian Gasser to the Sauk Fire District Commission, 2nd by Scott Earnest – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 – motion carried. A motion was made by Scott Earnest to appoint Kevin Kessler as the Town Board member and David Lendved as the citizen member to the Lodi Area Fire Commission, 2nd by John Ungrodt – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 – motion carried. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to appoint Scott Earnest to the Parks & Open Space Committee, 2nd by Kevin Kessler – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 – motion carried. The Town

Chair needs to contact Ron Grasshoff, Emily Carncross, and Kris Lehman to see if they would like to be reappointed to the Plan Commission and West Point Area Historical Commission.

A motion was made by Kevin Kessler to approve the LAFD IGA revised version dated 4-29-24 subject to the addition of a designation of the term of 2 years to be added to paragraph 5.A, 2nd by Scott Earnest – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: County Highway Aid – East Harmon, Commission / Committee Appointments, ARPA Funds, Town roads, Liquor / Beer / Cigarette Licenses, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Ungrodt to adjourn the May 9, 2024, Town Board meeting at 8:57pm, 2nd by Brian Gasser – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan, Town Clerk