

## TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015

1. **Pledge of Allegiance:** lead by Chairman Marx.
2. **Call to order & roll call:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Marx at 6:00 PM. Board members present: Tom Marx, James Brooks, James Bechen, and Robert Benson. Absent (excused): James Schommer. Also present: Rick Waugh (Transfer Site Lead Operator), Amie Neumaier, Carol Jeselski, Larry Regula, David Attoe, Audrey Attoe, Joe Ballard (Lodi Enterprise).

3. **Citizen Input:** Dave Attoe – will the current Town of Lodi Ordinance Section 8.12 "Excessive and Unreasonable Noise" still be in the Code of Ordinances that are currently being recodified? The noise season is almost over, I'm anxious for Labor Day to come and go. And we're being bombarded by the music from Lucky's and the neighbors constant parties, noise, etc...; isn't there some way Lucky's could be required to have their music indoors with that huge building they have? Marx – currently Lucky's is in compliance with all County and Town ordinances, so there is nothing that can be done to stop it. Brooks – one problem we still have is enforcement of our ordinances, we don't have any capability of writing citations for violations right now. I'm hoping with joining the Eastern Columbia County Joint Municipal Court (ECCJMC) and other things the board is working on that many of these problems will have a solution by Spring 2016. Marx – without a solid way to legally enforce our ordinances, I hate to say it, but our "hands are tied". Audrey Attoe – most neighbors have parties, but they are courteous and control the hours and noise, but there are those few that aren't so courteous.

Carol Jeselski – back in April I appeared before the board regarding warning sirens for the town. Goeske – I have been unable to get anyone from any of the companies that sell warning siren systems to return my calls. But back when Roger Wetzel was Town Chairman (2005-2009) we looked into the cost and it was around \$1 million at that time. Brooks – I talked to Dane County Emergency Management and they said just installing sirens is a waste of money, having only 1 kind of warning system is not good. You need more than one system. Goeske – also during the time Roger Wetzel was Town Chairman the Town entered into an agreement with the City of Lodi to sell weather radios to residents at a greatly reduced price (\$30). I purchased one at that time, and it works great - guarantee that even if you're sleeping you will most definitely wake up when that radio sounds off!. Jeselski – but not everyone has those. Rick Waugh – I live in the City of Lodi and if your windows are closed, TV on, etc... you can't even hear the siren where I live in the center of the City. Goeske - I also live in the City of Lodi, and since they moved the siren off of the LAFD building in the middle of the City I can no longer hear the siren, wherever it is. Benson – I think another program of weather radios preset correctly is a good option, with the price being such that people can afford them.

4. **Noa & Barbara Prieve 2nd driveway on newly combined Parcel 11022-1404.01 @ N2614 CTH V:** Goeske - the parcel that the Prieve home is on and the parcel the new Prieve shed is on used to be 2 separate parcels, with 2 separately approved county highway accesses for driveways. But when they Prieve's applied to build the new shed they were required by the county to combine the 2 parcels into just 1 parcel. It was then discovered that there was no way that Prieve could put in an extension to his house driveway over to the new shed because of the 20' wide Stormwater Drainage Easement (Agreement #557185 ROD recorded 07/03/1996) required by the Town which runs the entire length of the common lot line between these 2 formerly separate parcels, which doesn't allow anything be done to the easement that "...would obstruct or interfere with the flow of water in the easement...". Thus the 2nd driveway permit was allowed/approved by the town's building inspector. Benson – our building inspector needs to be reminded that this kind of issue needs to be brought

before the board for proper current and future records. Marx – point of note, there have been several situations lately that we’re trying to get a handle on outside staff being accountable to the board and following our ordinances.

**5. Resolution 2015-08 Trans 75 Waiver for Shamrock Road:** Marx – this has to do with waiving the requirement for sidewalk and bike path on future roadwork proposed by the County. There isn’t room to provide those without having water runoff into the railroad corridor, thus curb and gutter would have to be installed. Gov. Walker recently removed the requirement for sidewalk and bike paths, so this resolution is a moot point, but we’re asked to still take action on it in case that requirement gets changed again. Benson – so the County wants this resolution in order to do work on CTH V @ STH 113. Brooks – personally I’m against bicycles along roadways. Benson – this resolution has nothing to do with a bike path on STH 113. Brooks – I believe it indirectly does, and it states “as a portion of the larger County Highway V and State Highway 113 intersection project, Project ID 5843-00-70, in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)”.

*Benson/Bechen motion to approve Resolution 2015-08; MC 4-0.*

**6. Knox box @ Town Hall for emergency purposes only:** Brooks – it’s actually called a Lock Box, it’s not for emergency purposes only, and it’s only for the Sheriff Dept. to have access to the building after hours.

*Benson/Brooks motion to approve purchasing a Lock Box; MC 4-0.*

**7. Operator Licenses: Robert Canny III (KD's); Rebecca Butler (Lucky's):** *Bechen/Benson motion to approve; MC 4-0.*

**8. Roads:**

**(a) Snowplowing 2015-2016:** Benson – I still don’t know how we can do this, but we need to figure out if we’re getting a good value from the County on snowplowing (Snow & Ice Control). The Town of West Point IS still using a private contractor to do theirs, with no complaints from residents, school bus company, town board, etc... I’m not saying we should “throw the county out with the bathwater”, but if they can’t show us easily exactly what they’re charging us we don’t know if we’re getting a good value from them. Marx – we do have the # of hours the county plows and the \$ amount of that plowing to see what we’re paying. Benson – we need to figure out how we can have a private contractor do a comparable portion of the town to compare with what the county is charging us. We would get a bid/proposal of a specific area from private contractors and the county give us a bid/proposal on that same specific area. Marx – why not do it for the entire town. Benson – I’m afraid to do the entire town, we have a system that is working and I don’t want to harm that. Marx – but if we go out for a bid and compare it to what the county cost us already then we could make a decision; that would be apples to apples comparison. Bechen – based upon the information provided to us by Goeske we spent \$29,172.22 for 195 labor hours, which comes to \$149.60/hour. Benson – and we need to have a “fall back” in case we hire someone and they don’t do what is needed. Bechen – one thing I would entertain is a flat-rate contract, such as “I’ll charge you \$75,000 and do all your snowplowing” for a limit of X number of hours.

**(b) Rumble strip on Richards Road (Kohn Road end):** Amie Neumaier (present) brought this up to me. Neumaier - there’s been several accidents in this area where such things as transformer boxes have been damaged/destroyed, cars have ended up in our yard, and DUI’s have been issued. Bob Benson suggested a flashing stop sign (solar powered) and this option was discussed. Amie Neumaier liked that option.

*Brooks/Benson motion to install a flashing red (solar powered) light on top of the STOP sign at the intersection of Richards/Kohn; MC 4-0.*

Brooks – this didn't make it on to this agenda, but I had brought up the idea of a guardrail along Lindsay Road along where the large pine trees are and several severe and some fatal accidents have happened. The estimate for the guardrail from Columbia County Highway is \$4,576.38. Marx – this will be placed on a future agenda.

**9. Boat Launch - proposal for repair of W. Harmony boat launch:** Marx – we have a quote from Meister of \$1,800, this work is similar to what they did at the Park Street boat launch earlier this year.

*Benson/Bechen motion to approve quote from Meister; MC 4-0.*

**10. Transfer Site:**

**(a) Shed roof update:** Benson – a new roof has been put on the shed and shed altered slightly to fit the Bobcat. Concrete pads have been put in under several dumpsters so that we can more efficiently and safely fill them. The burn pit is also concreted sufficiently so as to withstand the heat.

**(b) Blacktop:** We have proposals from Tri County Paving, Inc. (DeForest, WI) of \$36,945.00 and United Paving Company (DeForest, WI) of \$42,943.00. Benson – these are comparable bids. With blacktopping we should be able to clean the snow ourselves easier, and the sun will keep the Transfer Site surface much safer and efficient. Bechen – are they going to do the 4" in 2 layers or 1? Waugh – 2 layers.

*Benson/Marx to approve blacktopping at no more than the \$36,945 proposal received Tri County (we have 2 more proposals coming in); MC 4-0. Note: charge to Street Repair & Maintenance budget*

“Free Compost” for Town residents sign to be placed out in front of Transfer Site.

**(c) New employee:** Aaron Pfeffer (Assistant Transfer Site Operator) has given notice that he will be leaving employment with the Town of Lodi as of September 30, 2015. So we have hired Ted Nyffenegger, who has already begun training.

**11. Chairman Reports (Marx):**

Airport Road drainage project should be done next week.

N. Lakepoint drainage project should be done within the next 3 weeks (vane grate is still in production).

Ryan Road drainage project was done last week. Benson – Ryan Road field access to field on corner of Ryan/CTH V was moved and to a bad location last year. Goeske – county was to come back and fix that. Marx – we will follow up on that.

Marx – surveying is ongoing on town-owned parcel on Bay Drive, Wildenberg Park and Kalscheur Park. There is obvious encroachment by adjacent neighbor(s) onto the Bay Drive property.

The speed study on CTH V/Harmony Grove came up with an average of 35.6 mph coming into Harmony Grove and an average of 35.2 mph coming out of Harmony Grove, and the county has decided to keep the speed limit at 35 mph.

Talking with the county regarding the parking issues along CTH V from Fitz's to Shamrock/Old Sauk Road area. I will be meeting with Chris Hardy to develop a plan for the area.

Met with resident on High Point Road who has issues regarding duck hunting in Okee Bay and regarding their safety concerns. Emphasized that the Town has no jurisdiction over the lake. That is a DNR responsibility.

Recently had a joint meeting of the Town of West Point Chairman/City of Lodi Mayor/Superintendent of Lodi School District and myself.

Talked with City of Lodi Mayor Paul Fisk regarding getting a streetlight at the intersection of Lindsay Road/STH 60; the City provides electricity in that area, so we will be working with their Public Works Director Kennan Buhr on this.

I am meeting with Kennan Buhr and possibly Paul Fisk at 10 AM on Friday regarding the Lodi Street drainage problem.

Riddle Road and Hillestad Road crack filling and chip sealing work has been completed also.

## 12. Clerk-Treasurer Reports:

(a) **Town Board meeting minutes of July 28, 2015:** *Benson/Bechen motion to approve; MC 4-0.*

(b) **Revenues vs. Expenditures as of August 21, 2015:**

Revenues:	\$651,747.74
Expenditures:	\$626,623.28
Net Income:	\$ 25,124.46

Benson – it costs us \$2,000/year to recycle lightbulbs, is there a more efficient way to recycle these?  
Bechen – we only pay out to recycle florescent lightbulbs, all others we could separate and get paid for them. Benson – so we need one container for florescent lightbulbs only and another for all other kinds.  
Bechen - yes.

Bechen – we need to look at what we're bringing in for building inspection costs vs expenditures. The expenditures should be more than they are. Goeske – the town's share is supposed to be 20% over the actual cost of permits, but I've long-complained that isn't what GEC is following.

*Bechen/Benson motion to approve Revenue vs Expenditures report; MC 4-0.*

(c) **Payment of Bills: Mortgage ACH #12 + Checks #20692 through #20725 totaling \$81,553.08:**  
*Bechen/Benson motion to approve; MC 4-0.*

(d) **Building Permits:** Bechen – WHY is there still no figures for the estimated cost on several building permits issued? Goeske – I keep asking GEC to provide those figures, but no success to-date.

(e) **Communications:** 07/30/15 Notice of Proceeding from PSC of application by WP&L for authority to adjust rates in accordance with its 2016 Fuel Cost Plan.

08/06/15 Notice of Proceeding from PSC of application by MG&E for authority to implement a fuel credit for its 2015 and 2016 Fuel Cost Plans.

08/10/15 WI DOA Preliminary Estimate of January 1, 2015 Population showing an increase of 34 since the 2010 Census County (3,274 in 2010, 3,307 in 2015).

### 13. **Commission/Committee/Dept. Reports:**

(a) **Plan Commission (Marx/Bechen):** did not meet

(b) **Park Commission (Benson):** Met August 19th (minutes on file). Marx – I attended that meeting, in Benson’s absence, and asked them to start working on their 2016 budget proposal.

(c) **Transfer Site (Benson):** see #10 above

(d) **Harmony Grove Sanitary District (Bechen):** I actually got minutes of their June meeting in my last meeting packet (on file). Also did get a copy of their 2014 audit, so if you have any questions let me know and I will follow-up on them. The district has made some adjustments in their water rates to get them out of the “red”. Marx – Schommer and I have both raised the question of where the Management Letter is with the audit.

(e) **Okee Sanitary District (Benson):** nothing to report

(f) **Harmony Grove Lake Protection District (Bechen):** Had their Annual Meeting here in the Town Hall on August 8<sup>th</sup> (minutes on file). There was only 1 resident present at that meeting (other than the HGLPD board members) and that resident was the wife of one of the board members. The cost for weed spraying is down this year, and their annual fee rate will remain at \$80 in 2016. They’re going to invest in some new buoys, and they’re going to do some work on the last lagoon regarding erosion problems.

(g) **Columbia County Sheriff Dept. (Brooks):** Goeske did a summary of the call log from 7/24/15 – 8/21/15, which includes 74 security checks. Also not sure what exactly the 29 “10-70” calls are, as 10-70 means fires.

(h) **Fire Commission (Brooks):** 25-year-old Lodi Area Fire Department firefighter Chris Lord was killed in a construction accident on August 17th. The Annual Joint LAFD, EMS, Town of Lodi Board, City of Lodi Common Council, Town of West Point Board meeting was held last evening, at which both the Town of Lodi and the Town of West Point boards approved the 2016 Budgets for both the LAFD and EMS.

(i) **EMS (Brooks):** Regarding #7 on their 8/20/15 minutes “Response Time Concerns/Solutions” – I have concerns because they’re discussing allowing EMS personnel to utilize red lights in privately owned vehicles and operated by department personnel while responding to emergency incidents. I would like to see how crystal clear their policy is on this, as this opens up the 3 municipalities that own the EMS to liability. Marx – having these lights is a common practice among many municipalities. Benson – this discussion has to be held with both LAFD and EMS before any decisions are made. Marx – we’re

dealing with a situation where there'll always be some liability. Brooks – the key is training. Goeske – also need to check with our insurer. Marx – we need to find what legal input the 3 municipalities into decisions like this.

**14. Upcoming meeting date(s):** August 26th - Okee Sanitary District + Joint Sanitary District; September 8th - Harmony Grove Sanitary District; September 9th - Fire Commission; September 16th - Park Commission; September 17th - EMS Commission; September 29th - Town Board

**15. Future agenda item(s):** weather radios, appointing a new member of the town to the LAFD commission, building inspection/permitting services, Lindsay Road guardrail, appointment to the ECCJMC Board of a town member, ordinance enforcement services (have the CC Sheriff Dept. present), presentation of possible contracts for snowplowing 2015-2016

**16. Adjourn:** *Benson/Brooks motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM; MC 4-0.*

*April D. Goeske*  
Clerk-Treasurer