

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the Town Board of the Town of West Point held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the West Point Town Hall. The meeting was published in the Lodi Enterprise, the Sauk Prairie Star, posted in the three designated places in the town and on the town's web site.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Dean Schwarz, Town Chair, at 7:02 p.m. The town board members present were: Dean Schwarz-Town Chairman, John Miller-1st Supervisor, Gordon Carncross-2nd, Supervisor Ashley Nedeau-Owen -3rd Supervisor, and Matt Zeman -4th Supervisor. Also present was Taffy Buchanan-Town Clerk and Lonna Zeman-Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the agenda and move items around if needed, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the November 12th, 2015 Town Board minutes were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to approve the November 12, 2015 Town Board minutes, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of November 30, 2015 - \$449,940.13; Park Fund \$1286.57; Historical Society is \$3,461.47; Ferry Landing Pier Project - \$1000.08 and Savannah Tree is \$2,152.01 is in a 1 year CD (matures 5/24/16). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of November.

Correspondence – A notice from Columbia County Planning and Zoning Committee of a public hearing on December 1, 2015 for rezoning of Spring Creek Farms 401K Plan Trust and Justin Vils / Lucille R. Foster Trust. A public hearing on January 5, 2016 regarding a proposed amendment to the Columbia County Comprehensive Plan 2030. The Lodi and Lake Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce is holding a “lunch and learn” on December 15, 2015; County Board Supervisor Kevin Kessler will be speaking at it. The town received an article from Laura Olah, CSWAB, about potential contamination of the drinking wells near Badger

Ammunition Plant and the need for testing. The Town received a letter from Mark Gottlieb, thanking Dean Schwarz and Ashley Nedeau-Owen for the correspondence concerning the condition of WIS 188 and he stated they would continue to evaluate the road. The town received a request for State Road 188 repairs and upgrades signed by 121 people; we forwarded it on to the WDOT.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2015 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to move \$6272.60 from 53312 Snowplowing and put \$3818.63 in 53101 Engineer Roads, \$256.84 in 53313 Brushing, \$1818.13 in 53630 Solid Waste Tip Fee and \$379.00 in 53637 Recycling Expense, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to move \$38000.00 from 53312 Snowplowing and put it in 51955 Debt on Roads 2015 and to take \$5059.01 from 53316 Highway Reconstruction and take \$4940.99 from 53311 Hwy. Maint/ Repair and put \$10000.00 in 53313 Brushing for prepayment to the County, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by Gordon Carncross - motion carried unanimously. The Columbia County Silent Sports Trail Committee is having a meeting December 16, 2015 at 5:00pm at the MacKenzie Center.

Tywana German, Executive Director of the Sauk Prairie Area Chamber, gave a presentation about a room tax ordinance.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to change the agent to Kenneth Niesen for D7 B Sunset Harbor, Inc., 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to license Crystal Lake Campground & RV Park for 110 mobile homes, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to license Pine Vista for 67 mobile homes, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Miller to license Schoepp's Cottonwood Resort for 44 mobile homes, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Miller to grant a Mobile Home For Farm Labor license to Brian Gasser, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to grant a Mobile Home For Farm Labor license to Jeff Morter, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to appoint the Election Committee for 2016 and 2017 as presented by the clerk, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone any action on the “spite strip” on Fjord Road, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to hold the Town Caucus on Thursday January 14, 2016 at 6:30pm, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Ron Grasshoff, Chair of the Open Space Committee, gave a presentation evaluating the annual donation to Fish, Crystal, Mud Lake District. The Open Space Committee had these recommendations: the district informs and educates the people about the plan and purpose of the district; the district re-evaluates the revenue stream; develop a detailed lake management plan with public participation-bylaws require approval by members; keep the Town informed by providing us with notices and minutes for meetings. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to authorize the Open Space Committee to draft a letter to the lake district with the recommendations included and it must be approved by the Town Board before being sent, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

John Miller, Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission, asked the Town Board for permission to vote to change the bylaws so the Sauk Prairie Ambulance can borrow money themselves, just for one time. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz for John Miller to vote to change the bylaws of the Sauk Prairie Ambulance in order to be able to borrow money one-time, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

We will keep “Welcome to West Point” signs and AEA sign on the agenda. The Town Chair needs to check on state approval and prices.

There is a pole on Schoepp road that is leaning and Alliant Energy needs to be contacted about it.

Reports:

Town Park Committee –no report

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – no report

Plan Commission – no report

Sauk EMS Committee – no report

Transfer Site Report – Matt Zeman said thanks to the 4th Generation farms for taking the leaves out. The transfer site workers were asking about a wage increase, they still have not received one.

Lodi EMS Committee – no report

Open Space Committee – no report

Columbia County Report – Columbia County Planning & Zoning approved the 2 rezones, from Dick Ryan and Justin Vils.

Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District/Pumping – no report

Broadband Committee – no report

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, January 14, 2016 following the Town Caucus at 6:30 p.m. on the agenda is: AEA road signs, Town roads, Welcome to West Point signs, Spite Strip on Fjord Road, Town Caucus, mowing of Town roads, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the December 10, 2015 town board meeting at 9:08 pm, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk