

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 12, 2013 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 – Chairman at 7:03 p.m. The town board members present were: Dean Schwarz-Town Chairman, John Miller-1st Supervisor, Gordon Carncross-2nd Supervisor, Bill Niemi-3rd Supervisor and Matt Zeman-4th Supervisor. Also present were 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 Bill Niemi– motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the November 12, 2013 Special Town Board meeting and November 14, 2013 meeting were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by John Miller to approve the November 12, 2013 Special Town Board meeting and November 14, 2013 meeting, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of November 30, 2013 - \$224,163.28; Park Fund \$1,406.43; Historical Society is \$2,976.24 and Savannah Tree is \$2,134.90 is in a 1 year CD (matures 5/24/14). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of November.

Correspondence – Holiday cards from Lodi EMS and Scott Construction. John Bluemke, Columbia County Planning & Zoning sent a letter to the towns on November 26, 2013, asking for input about some proposed revisions to the Zoning Code. We received a letter informing us about a meeting at the Lodi High School on December 10, 2013 at 6:30pm for planned improvements for two segments of County Road V. Department of Revenue staff appraisers will be conducting field reviews of real estate sales and they sent a list of the employees

and stated they will have Department-issued photo ID with them. Columbia County Comprehensive Plan 2030 Title 17, Chapter 1 Ordinance P9-2013 & P8-2013 passes on November 12, 2013. Wisconsin Towns Association sent a letter requesting the Town to get a membership to Urban Towns Committee. A letter was sent to Secretary Mark Gottlieb of the WDOT about the Ferry Landing Park and needed improvements to it, signed by Representative Clark and Representative Ripp. On December 14, 2013 there will be some clearing done on the trail on Slack Road. Jim Hellenbrand is no longer on the Town of Lodi board. The brushing done by the county on County Road J looks really bad.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to move \$1889.90 from 59900 Reserve Contingencies and put \$3.50 in 51512 Bank Charge, \$45.00 in 51401 Clerk FICA, \$544.01 in 52201 2% Fire Dues, \$700.63 in 53630 Solid Waste Tip Fee, and \$596.76 in 57200 Park Maintenance; then take \$387.02 from 51604 Town Hall Cleaning and put \$138.84 in 51108 Telephone and \$248.18 in 51600 Town Hall Main/Util; and then take \$4014.26 from 53316 Highway Reconstruction, \$2590.21 from 53101 Engineering Roads, \$2950.00 from 53314 Mowing, and \$1307.03 from 53317 Highway Signing and put it in 53312 Snowplowing, 2nd by Bill Niemi—motion carried unanimously.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2013 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by Gordon Carncross - motion carried unanimously.

Fred Clark – State Representative 81st Assembly District came to the meeting and told the town about himself. He has signed a letter to the WDOT requesting the need for improvements to the Ferry Landing Park and stated he would help with the petition process for the Agricultural Enterprise Areas.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to approve the Mobile Home Park Licenses for Pine Vista, Crystal Lake RV Resort, Schoepp's Cottonwood Resort, and to approve the Mobile Home for Farm Labor License for Gasser Ventures, Inc. and Jeff and Pat Morter, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Brian Schmidt came to the meeting to give a report about the snowplowing.

The Town Board looked over the revised rules & fees for the pavilion. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to accept fee schedule in the revised

agreement, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by John Miller to leave part H in the agreement as it is, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the rules & fees agreement for the pavilion, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to modify the bill concerning the Tourist Rooming House issue that is supposed to be billed out to a resident, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Miller to approve payment of \$5000.00 to Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District to pump Crystal Lake, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman for the clerk to issue the check for \$5000.00 to Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to allow historical weapons to be on display in the Town Hall for historical events, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County is proposing to take over the Emergency Response Numbers placement and replacement. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to direct the Town Chair and County Supervisor Kevin Kessler to propose to Columbia County an amendment to talk to the Town Board before a town-wide replacement of signs, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to inform the residents in the tax bill if there will be a town-wide replacement, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to approve the Town Chair to sign the letter to the Columbia County Planning and Zoning expressing the towns' views on wind energy systems, tourist rooming houses,, conditional use permits, cell & radio towers, and private burials, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the Election Committee for 2014 and 2015 as presented by the clerk, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Miller to have the Town Caucus on Thursday, January 9, 2014 at 7:00pm and to have the Town Board Meeting immediately following the caucus, 2nd by Dean Schwarz – motion carried unanimously.

Dean Schwarz stated the town engineer applied for TRIP funds for Barta Road and has not heard anything more.

A motion was made by John Miller for D & T Mowing Service to do brushing up to \$2335.00 before the end of the month and for the clerk to issue a check for it, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Town Park Committee – no report

Fundraising Committee - Matt Zeman stated we need to work on selling the raffle ticket and we need to see if members of other committees can help sell them. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to add Raffle updates to the Agenda, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – Meeting in January

Plan Commission – no meeting

Sauk EMS Committee – John Miller said they talked about getting a new ambulance in 2014 and looking into expanding the station using land from the old hospital.

Transfer Site Report – Matt Zeman thanked 4th Generation Farms for clearing out the compost at the Transfer Site

Lodi EMS Committee – no report

Open Space Committee – Dean Schwarz stated they are working on getting support for the Ferry Landing project.

Columbia County Report – Kevin Kessler stated he will be up for reelection on April 1, 2014 for County Supervisor. The budget and tax levy passed for Columbia County.

Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District/Pumping – David Padley said they have the pump in, the easement, and the permit. They just need the control panel installed and it should be ready to be turned on. One of the conditions with the permit is they cannot pump May thru September, with doing this they are hoping to get the lake down to the “Ordinary High Water Mark” in about 3 years.

Broadband Committee – no report

AEA Workshop Report - John Miller and Gordon Carncross attended the Agricultural Enterprise Area workshop today in Madison. The deadline to petition to be part of AEA is March 31, 2014. The Town is going to ask Kurt Calkins to help coordinate this effort and get residents interested and informed.

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, January 9, 2014 following the Town Caucus which starts at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda is: brushing contract, mowing contract, Notice of Responsibility, raffle progress; and any other business that can legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the December 12, 2013 town board meeting at 9:45 p.m., 2nd by Bill Niemi– motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk