

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, February 14, 2019 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.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Town Chair, at 7:03p.m. The Town Board members present were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen-Town Chairman, Renee Nair-1st Supervisor, Gordon Carncross-2nd Supervisor, and Karmin Enge-3rd Supervisor. Also present was Taffy Buchanan-Town Clerk. Absent were Matt Zeman-4th Supervisor(excused) and Lonna Zeman - Town Treasurer (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to approve the agenda as presented, 2nd by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the January 10, 2019 Caucus and Town Board Meeting minutes were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Renee Nair to approve the January 10, 2019 Caucus minutes as presented, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Renee Nair to approve the January 10, 2019 Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2nd by Gordon Carncross –motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of January 31, 2018 - \$2,391,226.02; Park Fund \$997.14; Historical Society is \$3,669.23; Ryan's Haven Escrow account is \$3,610.76, and Savannah Tree is \$1,638.85 is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/19). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of January.

Correspondence – The Town received approved minutes from the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Commission from the November 20, 2018 meeting. Columbia County Planning & Zoning sent proposed text amendments to their zoning ordinance. Laura Olaf emailed the articles “Army Reports on Residential Well Testing near Badger” and

“Wisconsin Takes First step to Shield Taxpayers from Toxic Cleanup Costs” to the Town. The Town received draft minutes from the Sauk Prairie Fire Commission from the January 16, 2019 meeting and financial reports. The Town received approved minutes from the Lodi Area EMS and LAEMS Director’s Report from the October 25, 2018 meeting and the December 6, 2018 meeting. A notice was sent to the Town informing us the Department of Revenue Bureau of Equalization staff appraisers will be working throughout the area as part of an assessment review.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2019 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Renee Nair to move \$18,746.25 from 53313 Brushing and put it in 53312 Snowplowing, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Renee Nair to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by Karmin Enge - motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Town Park Committee – no report

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – no report

Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported the Plan Commission made a motion to recommend to the Town Board to approve the CSM to combine the lots conditional on the review of a shared well and sanitary agreement by the Town Attorney. The Plan Commission also reviewed the revisions to Chapter 6 Land Division Ordinance and motion to accept the revisions and send it to the Town Board to review.

Sauk EMS Committee – no report

Transfer Site Report – no report

Lodi EMS Committee – no report

Open Space Committee – no report

Columbia County Report – Kevin Kessler reported the Planning & Zoning Department held an Open House to explain the changes taking place. The Planning & Zoning staff plan on meeting with the Town for a working session.

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

Broadband Committee – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the Broadband Committee ordered some of the materials for the test and they are in.

Andy Zimmer from MSA, the Town Engineer, updated the Town on the pavement/soil boring testing results from Nummelin Testing. MSA is going to put the 2019 Road Project out for bids and wants to be able to award the construction contract at the March Town Board meeting. The construction period for Van Ness Road would be June 1, 2019 thru September 15th, 2019.

Columbia County will be finishing up brushing Lake Drive and then will move on to Barta Road.

Steve & Lisa Britt, W12694 Pleasant View Park Road, presented a CSM for review on Parcel #11040-700.C. Columbia County Planning & Zoning issued them a zoning permit so they could build a house; after the zoning permit was issued, they were told they need to consolidate the 2 lots and vacated Ridgeway Terrace on Parcel #11040-700.C into one lot so they can build a house on it. The Plan Commission made a motion to recommend to the Town Board to approve the CSM to combine the lots conditional on the review of a shared well and sanitary agreement by the Town Attorney. Steve Britt explained the new shared well/septic is not being put in now they are hoping to do it with their neighbor in the future. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to approve the CSM for the consolidation of the 2 lots and vacated Ridgeway Terrace with the understanding the newly made lot is still substandard, 2nd by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

The Plan Commission has proposed revisions to Chapter 6 Land Division Ordinance. A motion was made by Renee Nair to send the proposed revised Chapter 6 Land Division Ordinance to the Town Attorney for his specific limited review with the Town Chair's guidance, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to renew the contract for Craig Ryan to mow Ryan Park for 1 year at the same rate as before, 2nd by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to renew the contract for Scott Ness to mow Selwood Park for 1 year at the same rate as before, 2nd by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board discussed what other options there is for the cropland East of the Town Hall, besides the regular crops being put in. The contract has been for 3 years in the past, but the Town is interested in coming up with different ideas for the land. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to renew the contract for 1 year with Hartmann Farms for the cropland East of the Town Hall at the same rate as before, 2nd by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

“Room Tax” for Tourist Rooming Houses was discussed and information handed out on how to implement it. If the Town did implement it, the Town would need to form or join a Tourist Commission and have an ordinance regulating the “room tax”. It could bring revenue to the Town, but it could also have enforcement issues.

The Transfer Site has been having issues with people not following the rules on what can be recycled and what is garbage. The Town Chair will talk with Greg Kaminski, Director of Columbia County Solid Waste, and ask about Public Education opportunities. He will also check with the Town’s Association Attorney about sample ordinances for violations of Transfer Site Rules. Some residents have been having trouble finding clear garbage bags. A motion was made by Renee Nair to purchase, mark-up, and bundle clear plastic bags for resale at the Transfer Site and Town Hall, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board signed the 2019 Columbia County Mobile Home Inventory form.

The Town Board discussed the use of the television at the Town Hall and determined it would just be used for Town government purposes.

The Town received a letter from Bill Welch about how the funds from Friends of Scenic Lodi Valley were distributed.

“Appoint Members for Open Space Committee” was tabled until next month.

Emergency Response Plan was postponed until next month.

A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen at 10:07pm to go into closed session per WSS 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session to discuss the Lodi Area EMS contract, 2nd by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Renee Nair at 10:40pm to return to open session, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, Emergency Response Plan, road abandonment, approving road bids, appoint Open Space Committee member, brushing, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Renee Nair to adjourn the February 14, 2019 Town Board meeting at 10:54pm, 2nd by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk