

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, 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-Town Chairman at 7:00 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 Edith K. Eberle-Town Clerk, and Lonna Zeman-Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to move agenda items around for Kevin Kessler, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input: None.

Copies of the January 10, 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 January 10, 2013 minutes with a minor correction, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried.

Copies of the January 22, 2013 meeting were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the January 22, 2013 minutes, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of January 31, 2013 - \$2,225,115.50; Park Fund \$4,627.32 (\$1,430.28 in separate account in Quick Books and \$3,197.04 is in a six month CD Park Fund at the Bank of Prairie du Sac); Historical Society is \$2,837.47; and Savannah Tree is \$2,124.28 is in a 1 year CD. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk balanced the bank accounts for the month of January.

Correspondence – Email from Kevin Kessler on a future meeting on March 6, 2013 on broadband; Minutes from LEMS meeting on November 15, 2012; email from Kevin Kessler concerning Emergency Response Numbers; Newsletter from Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library; there will be Fireworks on July 20, 2013 on Lake Wisconsin; a letter from MATC on appointments to be made to Wisconsin Technical College District Board; Municipal Law Newsletter from Boardman & Clark; email from Tom Lorfeld from Columbia County Highway that there will be a spring meeting on March 27, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.; a letter from Columbia County Clerk (Susan Moll) on a request to cut timber and pulp for Tom Sawyer and Larry Sawyer; an email from Gardiner Appraisal regarding permits for cabin rentals and market values; and a letter from Neil Bishop from DNR to the Wildlife Federation giving them 180 days cancellation of contract with the McKenzie Center.

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 and the Board of Commissioners of Public Land which is due prior to the next Town Board meeting, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

Steven Ricks, a member of the Lodi Community Action Team, gave a presentation to the Town Board and residents present on Drug and Alcohol abuse and how it has been rising in recent years. They are forming a youth council committee of 10 students in the Lodi middle and high school to help stop the current trend.

Future use of 5.53 acres along the Wisconsin River at W14549 O'Brien Road was brought up to the Town Board for consideration. The owner of the property will work with the Town of West Point for ways to purchase the land. Dean Schwarz, Town Chairman stated he had made contact with organizations in Prairie du Sac and at the present time – no one has interest or money to purchase the land. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone action on the 5.53 acres along the Wisconsin River at W14549 O'Brien Road, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #2-14-2013 regarding Ryan Park Shelter Project was presented to the Town Board for their consideration. The proposed park shelter is a 40 x 60 pavilion for an estimated cost of \$50,000.00. Marcel Kjolrie will loan the Town of

West Point \$50,000.00 for 5 years with an interest free loan. Bill Niemi, 3rd Supervisor stated that Marcel Kjorlie and the park committee will do a fund raising dinner and he feels that 500 people will donate to the Park Pavilion. The Park Committee stated that the Town of West Point will purchase the materials and bid out the labor. There will be some volunteers to do the labor at no cost to the Town. There was discussion that in 2014 the Town of West Point will be retiring the Town Hall debt which will free up approximately \$49,000.00. After more discussion a motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve Resolution #2-14-2013 to borrow from Marcel Kjorlie not to exceed \$50,000.00 an interest free loan for five (5) years and that the Town Board review the final plans and location, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Promissory Note was presented to the Town Board for the Ryan Pavilion for their consideration. A motion was made by John Miller to approve the Promissory Note form, 2nd by Bill Niemi – the motion was amended that the principal amount to be approved by the Town Board prior to signing the Promissory Note, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

It was brought up to the Town Board that Town residents in Selwood Subdivision were pushing snow from their driveways into the Town Road. After discussion a motion was made by Dean Schwarz to have Brian Schmidt keep track of the fire number of the residents that are pushing snow into the Town road and give the list to the Town Chairman and a letter will be written to those residents, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone action on town roads as there are other road items on the agenda that will be discussed later in the meeting, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Brushing town roads was brought up to the Town Board for discussion. Matt Zeman 4th Supervisor presented the Town Board will the following list of town roads that need brushing done as follows:

- Van Ness Road – inside corner by Bob Buchanan (2-3 small areas between Steve Benish's and O'Connor Road)
- Chrisler Road – 1 tree on the East side of the transfer site (multiple trees along Jim Ballweg's farm)
- Reynolds Road – multiple trees along Jim Ballweg's farm
- Chrislaw Road – a couple limbs in the roadway, a tree hanging low
- Slack Road – Multiple trees in the roadway

- Hillcrest – Limbs in the roadway
- Barta Road – Limbs in the roadway

There was discussion on the tree's in the Town's right away in Pleasant View Park by Sean Cleary property that is a hazard. After discussion a motion was made by Dean Schwarz to remove the trees in the Town's right-a-way adjacent to the Cleary property and to have Matt Zeman go with Alan Treinen and Scott Davis to get a quote on the above list of trees/limbs that need to be removed not to exceed \$2,000.00, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Siting Standards for building a new house and who will sign on behalf of the Town of West Point was brought up to the Town Board for discussion. Columbia County now requires a representative from a Town to sign approval when a new house is built to make sure it complies with the Town's Comprehensive Plan. There was a question on who should sign on behave of the Town of West Point – Town Engineer, Town Board or Plan Commission. After discussion a motion was made by John Miller to have the Plan Commission make a list of criteria to be used for siting standards and until than the Town Engineer, Plan Commission and Town Board should review all sites, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

Quotes for refinishing the Town of West Point/Ryan Park Sign were brought up to the Town Board for consideration. The size of the sign is 10ft by 6ft high. The Town has received three quotes (2 for refinishing the sign and 1 for replacing the sign) and there was discussion on using up the remaining bricks from the Town hall construction. For the new sign to be made out of materials that does not need as much up keep. Matt Zeman stated that if we use the bricks and a new sign it would cost approximately \$2,000.00. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to postpone refinishing/replacing the Town of West Point/Ryan Park Sign to get a quote on using the bricks with a sign made of lasting materials, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

Making a \$5,000.00 annual payment to the Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District was brought up for discussion. The Town of West Point would like to know how long this payment to the Lake District is for or is it forever. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to ask the Lake District to attend a Town Board meeting to get more information on the \$5,000.00 payment, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

The Town of West Point has received 3 bids for renting the 5.6 acres of agricultural land from:

- Hartmann Farms – 3 year contract for \$1,302.00 per year and \$217.00 per acre
- Bill Sellner - \$726.50
- Fourth Generation Homestead LLC – for \$660.00

A motion was made by John Miller to accept Hartmann Farms and Hartmann Farm will bring the soil up to the 2012 standards and when the spraying the agricultural field to contact the chairman prior to spraying, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried. John Miller abstained.

Chairman Dean Schwarz presented the Town Board with quotes for replacing the outside lights with LED lights that will not be affected by the cold weather, at a cost of \$1685.00 with a \$600.00 rebate for 24 lights. The payback is 3 years on the energy savings. Also a quote for 2 LED lights by the flag would be \$588.00 A motion was made by John Miller to replace the 24 outside building light only for \$1,085.00 with a \$600.00 rebate, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean Schwarz presented the Town Board with quotes for adding new smaller “Dead End” and “no outlet” signs from Lange Enterprises Inc. The costs for the signs are \$26.30 each for a 30” x 9”; 36” x 9” sign at a cost of \$31.50 each; and 12” slot cross, adjustable, extruded for \$19.58 each. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to order 7 Dead End Signs for a cost \$321.16 and 3 No Outlet for a cost \$153.00 from Lange Enterprises, Inc.; 2nd by Gordon Carncross - motion carried unanimously.

Who will install Town signs was brought up to the Town Board for consideration. Chairman Dean Schwarz stated that Alan Treinen and Scott Davis would like to put up Town signs. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have Alan Treinen and Scott Davis put all Town signs until further notice, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean Schwarz will be on vacation starting February 25th for 3 weeks and will miss the March Town Board meeting. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to appoint Bill Niemi as acting Town Chairman in Dean Schwarz absence, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

Edith Eberle, Town Clerk and Lonna Zeman, Town Treasurer presented the Town Board with a draft copy of the Auditor report. They have reviewed the report and found it correct. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have the Auditor's come to the April 11, 2013 Town Board meeting to give their report, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean Schwarz presented Michelle Weidenthal name to be added to the Broadband Committee for the Town Board consideration. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to add Michelle Weidenthal name to the Broadband Committee, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

The West Point Plan Commission presented a letter on Tourist Rooming Houses to the Town Board for their consideration. The letter if approved will be sent to John Bluemke, Columbia County Planning and Zoning, Columbia County Chair of the Planning and Zoning Department, Columbia County Board Chair, Attorney Jeff Clark and other members. In the letter it states, that no Tourist Rooming House shall be allowed in Residential Zoned areas if renting is less than 30 days. The Town Board discussed the letter and a motion was made by Dean Schwarz to sign the proposed letter and send it to the appropriate individuals, but to remove the last sentence in the last paragraph (moratorium), 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Town Park Committee – Next meeting is February 20, 2013

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – met last month

Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported on the January 17, 2013 and February 7, 2013 meetings

Sauk EMS Committee – next meeting is next week

Transfer Site Report – Matt Zeman stated that the driveway to the south needs to be extended about 10 feet – possible need a seal coat for the gravel to help to stay in place and that a load of gravel is also need next to the concrete building floor; they would like to fix up the office with a gallon of paint and install a window/door facing the dumpster.

Lodi EMS Committee – no report

Outdoor Open Space Committee – next meeting on April 8, 2013

Columbia County Report – Kevin Kessler updated the Town Board as follows: Bill Casey from Columbia County Solid Waste has retired, County Surveyor was reappointed, and there will be a meeting on February 25th, 2013 with the Columbia County Wisconsin Towns Association on Fire Numbers in Portage at the Sheriff office at 6:30 p.m.

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

Broadband Committee – has not met

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, March 14, 2013 on the agenda is: Audit Report, Future use of the Wisconsin River 5.53 acres at W14549 on O'Brien Road; Town of West Point/Ryan Park Sign; Town payment to Crystal Lake District; Town Roads; Brushing Town Roads; Promissory Note; Pavilion for Ryan Park; and any other business that may legally brought before the Town Board.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the February 14, 2013 town board meeting at 10:00 p.m., 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Edith Kay Eberle
Town Clerk