

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, July 11, 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 6:58 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 Bill Niemi to approve the agenda items, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input: Kevin Kessler inquired about the “No Weapons” signs not being on the doors. Dean Schwarz let him know we are in the process of finding vinyl signs to put up. Kevin Kessler also brought up the point of the Crystal Lake District information on the Town's website is very old. Richard Jones was wondering what was happening with the handicap pier at the ferry landing. Dean Schwarz stated the Town did not have money to fund it and was looking into possible Grants for it. Kevin Kessler stated the Columbia County Silent Sports Trail Committee is going to have it on their August or September agenda. William Roark was concerned that Smith Park Road and Trails End Road needs a “caution children” sign put up.

Copies of the June 13, 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 June 13, 2013 minutes , 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of June 30, 2013 - \$233,720.27; Park Fund \$55,062.08; Historical Society is \$2,950.31 and Savannah Tree is \$2,134.90 is in a 1 year CD. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of June.

Correspondence – Letter from Al Treinen concerning the mowing of the town roads; A letter from John Bluemke, Columbia County Planning & Zoning, to Stephen Haynes stating the Columbia County Board of Adjustment affirmed the Town Board’s decision to deny the application for a CUP; A letter from Michael Breunig, Sauk City Fire Department stating there are some trees on a couple private roads that are hanging down low and could delay their response in the event of an emergency and wondering if there is anything that can be done at the town level; The town received a letter about all of the timber cutting which is going to be done in West Point. John Miller was called about a tree which had fallen by the Roarks’ property, but by the time he arrived to clean it up Hank Loncki had already done it.

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 John Miller to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by Gordon Carncross - motion carried unanimously.

The following operator license applications for Schoepp’s Cottonwood Resort, Inc. were presented to the Town Board for consideration: David Hacker and Darlene Hacker. All applicants have either held Operator Licenses before and / or attended Alcohol Awareness Classes. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to grant the operator licenses to David Hacker, 2nd by John Miller– motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to grant the operator licenses to Darlene Hacker, 2nd by John Miller– motion carried unanimously.

Arlen Ostreng and Brandon Finley would like to acquire the excess right-of-way by their properties. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to authorize Dean Schwarz to sign an agreement stating the Ostrengs and Finley would pay all fees pertaining to the acquisition of the excess right-of-way, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously. Arlen Ostreng proposed to the Town to vacate the excess right-of –way for \$1.00 per square foot, which would be about \$2000.00 for Ostreng and about \$1100.00 for Finley. A motion was made by Matt Zeman for the Town to approve the proposal to discontinue and vacate portions of Trails End Road and Blackhawk Drive for \$1.00 per square foot, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz for the Town of West Point to begin the process of vacating portions of town right-of-way by the introduction of the proposed Resolution to that effect and by scheduling a

public hearing on the Resolution on the 12th day of September, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m., 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to postpone any action or discussion on Siting Criteria for new homes in rural areas, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to postpone action or discussion on Chapter 6 Land Division and Subdivision Ordinance, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion of the condition of Barta Road; the Town Engineer is going to look into what the cost would be if done when Van Ness Road is done.

There was discussion of what areas needed to be brushed and so Dean Schwarz and/or Matt Zeman will go around with DT Mowing Services to let them know the areas or mark the trees. They also discussed putting more in the budget for brushing next year.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to postpone appointing a Plan Commission member, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to postpone consideration of payment to Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District until the fall, 2nd by Matt Zeman – 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 last meeting was on June 20, 2013 and Kevin Kessler is Chair of the Plan Commission and Fred Madison is Vice-chair. Also the Plan Commission heard from Neil Schoepp and Jim Grothman about Schoepp's proposed land division.

Sauk EMS Committee – no report

Transfer Site Report – Matt Zeman reported 4th Generation Farms removed the compost from the transfer site.

Lodi EMS Committee – Alan Treinen said the new ambulance has been ordered and Linda Brimmer has retired.

Open Space Committee – Dean Schwarz reported he picked up the bike racks and Ron Schoepp cut the grass. He also stated they are trying to get Grant money for the pier.

Columbia County Report – Kevin Kessler reported the County is refinancing County Bonds, AD HOC is looking at the County Building needs, and “new hire” requests are coming into the County from the different departments.

Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District/Pumping – Dave Padley reported it would take about \$120,000.00 to take 4” off the lake and they will get some form of permit to pump.

Broadband Committee – Gordon Carncross reported they will meet on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 6:30pm.

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, August 8, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda is: Chapter 6 Land Division and Subdivision Ordinance; Citing Criteria for new homes in rural areas; Appointment of Plan Commission; and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to adjourn the July 11, 2013 town board meeting at 8:37 p.m., 2nd by John Miller– motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk