

## 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 12, 2018 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 7:00 p.m. The Town Board members present were: Ashley Nedeau-Owen -Town Chairman, Renee Nair-1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, and Matt Zeman-4th Supervisor. Also present were Taffy Buchanan-Town Clerk and Lonna Zeman - Town Treasurer. Absent were Gordon Carncross-2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor and Karmin Enge-3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor (excused).

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the agenda with moving agenda items as needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the June 14, 2018 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 June 14, 2018 Town Board Meeting minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of June 30, 2018 - \$381,621.37; Park Fund \$672.14; Historical Society is \$5,247.40; Ryan's Haven Escrow account is \$90,384.59, and Savannah Tree is \$2,190.98 is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/19). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of June.

Correspondence –The Town received a notice of a public hearing being held on August 8, 2018 at 10:30am, from the Office of the Commissioner of Railroads. The Town received letter from Fire Chief Bobby Annen in response to the anonymous letter that was sent out last month. The Town Chair sent a letter to the companies that damaged Van Ness and Chrisler Road letting them know they are liable for the damage to the roads.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2018 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to pay the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair - motion carried unanimously.

A request was received for a variance for road setbacks for MWD Income Trust, Mark DeClute, N2380 Trails End Road, Lodi. The Plan Commission held a public hearing on June 21, 2018 and has recommended to the Town Board to recommend to the County to deny the variance. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to recommend to the County to deny the variance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

The Friends of Scenic Lodi Valley (FSLV) is dissolving and FSLV West Point account has \$702.00 in it to be turned over to the Town. The Open Space Committee met on July 11, 2018 and would like to give the Board suggestions on what to use the money for.

West Point's website has not been updated and is not "mobile friendly". The Town Treasurer informed the Board of a couple options that Town has: to stay with the IT person we have used and ask him to help us update the website, or go through the Wisconsin Town's Association's recommended business to build a new website. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to keep West Point's website on the agenda and revisit next month, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Chair put together Resolution No. 07-12-2018 directing the railroads operating within the Town to maintain the portion of roadway within 5 feet of the outermost edge of each rail. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve Resolution No. 07-12-2018, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously. Resolution No. 07-12-2018 is attached to the minutes.

There is still an opening on the Open Space Committee, the Town Chair has reached out to two people to see if either one is interested.

The Town Chair has contacted the UW about a Town Planner and has until August 10 to submit for the UW Capstone Project. The Town Clerk will distribute an electronic version of the rough draft of the Capstone Project application to the Town Board and Plan Commission so they can look it over.

Jim Grothman, the County Surveyor, is still working on identifying all of the Town's access points for the Town and has not gotten back to the Town yet.

The Sauk Fire District would like West Point to incorporate into the Building Code ordinance, a requirement for a lockbox to be installed on all new commercial buildings so the Fire Department can access the building during an emergency.

The Transfer Site has had a lot of use during the time of the construction dumpster in May and the dumpster are getting filled fast. There have also been some close calls for accidents of people turning into the Transfer Site. Some people are wondering if all the people who are bringing things to put in the construction dumpsters are residents of West Point. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to put "Proof of Residency" tags in with the tax bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have the Town Chair to contact the County to have them put up a "blind driveway" sign by the Transfer Site, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Engineer sent out a memo for the 2018 Town Road Improvement Project dated July 12, 2018 showing D.L Gasser as the low bidder with a price of \$93,322.90 and the breakdown of the bid. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to award the bid to D.L. Gasser, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

The Town was awarded funds from TRID for 2018-2019 for Van Ness Road. The Town is waiting until 2019 to do the project, but the Town Engineer would like to start the engineering of the project so the Town could get early bids. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to give MSA permission to start the engineering aspect of Van Ness Road to be able to get early bids, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

Some brushing needs to be done on Old Sauk Road, Reynolds Road, Morter Road, and Hillcrest Drive.

The Town is going to look into sponsoring a roadside clean-up in the spring.

Reports:

Town Park Committee – no report

Lodi Fire Commission – The Town received a response from Fire Chief Bobby Annen about an anonymous letter about concerns of how he is doing his job.

Sauk Fire District – no report

Plan Commission – Renee Nair reported the Plan Commission held a public hearing for a variance for DeClute on Trails End, discussed a development rights for a parcel owned by Frank Pustaver, and worked on revisions to Chapter 6.

Sauk EMS Committee – no report

Transfer Site Report – no report

Lodi EMS Committee – Al Treinen reported the Lodi Area EMS will be having their Corn Boil at KD's Bar & Grill.

Open Space Committee – Renee Nair reported they had a meeting on July 11, 2018 and appointed Todd Olson as the Chair.

Columbia County Report – Kevin Kessler reported all the County building projects are done and the County will be holding an Open House on August 18, 2018. Columbia County has hired a new Planning and Zoning Director and it will be announce on July 13.

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

Broadband Committee – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported Charter will be going down Unke Road to Ryan's Haven and will be connecting residence on the way.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, August 9, 2018 at 7:00pm on the agenda is: Town roads, surveying Town properties, Town planner, appoint Open Space Committee member, lock box ordinance for Fire Department, web site, damage to VanNess and Chrisler Roads, brushing, driveway

on County V, road name changes, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Renee Nair to adjourn the July 12, 2018 Town Board meeting at 9:12pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

*Taffy Buchanan*

Town Clerk

RESOLUTION No. 07-12-2018

RESOLUTION directing railroads operating within the town of West Point to maintain that portion of roadway lying within five feet of the outermost edge of each rail at all town road crossings,

WHEREAS it is the town of West Point is responsible for the care and supervision of all highways within the town's jurisdiction and,


WHEREAS the town has no superintendent of highways to supervise the maintenance of the highways under the town's jurisdiction it is the duty of the town board to perform all superintendent duties including keeping highways passable at all times and,

WHEREAS both McCubbins Lane and Old Sauk Road, two of the Town of West Points roads, need maintenance at the rail crossings and,

WHEREAS at some future time a new or improved rail line may cross another town road and that crossing will also need maintenance and improvements and,

WHEREAS Wisconsin Statute 86.12(1) allows town boards to, by resolution, require any railroad company that operates tracks crossing a town road to pave, plank, repair, change or otherwise improve the surface of the crossings between the rails and extending four feet on either side of the outside rails and to maintain that crossing in good repair for all modes of highway travel,

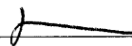
THEREFORE be it RESOLVED that the Town of West Point henceforth require any railroad owning or operating tracks within the Town of West Point maintain and improve all town road crossings such that the surface is in good condition for all modes of travel from points four feet away from the outside rails completely over the crossing as defined in Wisconsin statutes.

  
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Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Chair

  
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