

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, March 12, 2015 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 Chair, at 7:00 p.m. The town board members present were: Dean Schwarz-Town Chairman, John Miller-1st Supervisor, Gordon Carncross-2nd Supervisor, Ashley Nedeau-Owen -3rd Supervisor, and Matt Zeman -4th Supervisor. Also present was 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 John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input –None

Copies of the February 12, 2015 Town Board minutes were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to approve the February 12, 2015 Town Board minutes, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of February 28, 2015 - \$440,658.18; Park Fund \$7446.16; Historical Society is \$3,501.34 and Savannah Tree is \$2,143.44 is in a 1 year CD (matures 5/24/15). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of February.

Correspondence – The 2015 Board of Review Training will be by video on DVD format with printed material. Citizens for Safe Water Around Badger (CSWAB) response to new groundwater data. Dr. James Malmberg is running for the Sauk Prairie School District Board of Education. The Sauk Prairie School is having a luncheon in North Freedom. Gordon Carncross attended the Agricultural Community Engagement (ACE) Seminar in the Wisconsin Dells on Tuesday February 24, 2015 and reported on it.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2015 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

A Conditional Use Permit and Rezoning request has been received from James Meister & Craig Meister, W11924 County Highway V, Lodi, WI. 53555 - Tax Parcel # 541.02 & 541.C in Sec. 7, T10N, LT 2, Town of West Point. The Conditional Use Permit and Rezoning request is to rezone a portion of the parcels from A-1 Agriculture to A-3 Agriculture Business with a Conditional Use Permit to operate a contractor's yard on this lot. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to approve the Findings of Facts are satisfied, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to recommend to Columbia County Planning & Zoning to approve the CUP with the conditions suggested by the Planning & Zoning Department; that processing be limited to the crushing of concrete, screening of black dirt, and fire wood processing; there be a condition regarding the volume of material stored on site for recycling; and there is visual screening of the area, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to approve the rezoning from A-1 to A-3, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board discussed the permitting process for Implements of Husbandry. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to make approval of the permits subject to the conditions that they use State and County roads to the extent possible and the owner and/or operator is liable for any damage done by excessive weight to Town of West Point roads, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have contracts for Ron Ryan for the “soccer field”; Scott Ness, for mowing Selwood Park; Craig Ryan, mowing for the Transfer Site and Town Hall until December 31, 2015, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously. Put the transfer site pasture lease out for bid for 3 years.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to not have a contract with anyone for electrical work, 2nd by Dean Schwarz – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve Resolution #3-12-15, A Resolution Opposing Proposed County Assessment, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve Resolution #3-12-15A , Resolution Opposing Elimination of Local Government Property Insurance Fund, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the Town Chair to ask Alliant Energy for \$5000.00 bonding for the work they are doing, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Town Park Committee –no report

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – no report

Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported on the March 5, 2015 Plan Commission meeting. The Plan Commission had a public hearing for Craig Meister’s CUP and Rezoning request at W11924 County Highway V.

Sauk EMS Committee – John Miller reported they ordered a new ambulance.

Transfer Site Report – A motion was made by Matt Zeman to put pay raises for transfer site employees on the April agenda, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Lodi EMS Committee – no report

Open Space Committee – no report

Columbia County Report – Kevin Kessler reported there will be a Highway meeting on March 24, 2015 and the new Highway Commissioner will be introduced.

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

Broadband Committee – no report

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda is: Shelter raffle, AEA road signs on state highways, appoint committee members to the Plan Commission and Historical Commission, Town roads, transfer site pay raise, resolution for State Land Trust, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the March 12, 2015 town board meeting at 9:17 pm, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

Taffy Buchanan

Town Clerk