

## 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, October 11, 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, Gordon Carncross-2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, Karmin Enge-3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor, and Matt Zeman-4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor. Also present were 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – Linda Gardiner, Gardiner Appraisal, brought the renewal contract for being the Town’s Assessor. She also discussed the property assessment process and said West Point was out of compliance for 2018 recommended a full evaluation for 2020. The Town Board will act on the contract at a special meeting on October 19, 2018. Steve Bodenschatz, Crystal Lake Park, was wondering if they are being assessed properly.

Copies of the September 13, 2018 Town Board Meeting minutes & September 24, 2018 Special 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 September 13, 2018 Town Board Meeting minutes with spelling edit, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karmin Enge –motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Renee Nair to approve the September 24, 2018 Special Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karmin Enge – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of September 30, 2018 - \$499,592.89; Park Fund \$772.14; Historical Society is \$3,513.19; Ryan’s Haven Escrow account is \$3,606.61, 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 September.

Correspondence – The Town received approved minutes from the Lodi Area EMS and Director’s Report from the August 23, 2018 meeting. The Town received approved minutes from the Sauk Fire District from May 16, 2018.

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 move \$39.00 from 51403 Clerk Expenses and put it in 51932 Insurance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to pay the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair - motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Town Park Committee – no report

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – The Town received the Sauk Fire District’s 2019 Budget.

Plan Commission – no report

Sauk EMS Committee – The Town received the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Association’s 2019 Budget.

Transfer Site Report – no report

Lodi EMS Committee – no report

Open Space Committee – no report

Columbia County Report – Kevin Kessler reported there will be a Fall Municipal Meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at the County Highway building in Wycocena. Columbia County Land Information Department will be assisting the Town with mapping out “parent parcels” which will help determine development rights for property owners.

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

Broadband Committee – no report

Chuck Bongard, Town Engineer, reported Cecile Circle is almost complete, it still needs some shouldering, Chrysler Road repair is done and the culvert on Pulvermacher Road has not been done, but will be before the end of the year.

The County has not completed any brushing for the Town only for trees that have fallen during storms.

The Town Engineer stated a stormwater management plan is normally not required by the building inspector or for a driveway permit; it is up to the builder and home owner to make sure they have proper drainage. He also said in road projects they try not change the grade so it doesn't adversely affect property owners.

The Fish, Crystal, Mud Lake District requested \$5000.00 from the Town to help with the cost of pumping. Dave Padley said the now have a permit to pump more and have raised funds for the FCM Lake district but needed \$25,000.00 more to cover the cost. They have raised the property owners' assessments to raise \$13,000.00 and Dane County is contributing \$7000.00. Brent Varner, Crystal Lake Park resident, said the high water will have an effect on Schoepp Road. Dale Schoepp, Schoepps Cottonwood Resort, stated they have been sandbagging. Steve Bodenschatz, Crystal Lake Park, stated they had to raise the bathhouses up because of the high water and have had fund raisers for the FCM Lake district. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve \$5000.00 for the Fish, Crystal, Mud Lake District for our 2019 Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – yes 4, no 1 – motion carried.

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 Town has been taking this into consideration over many months. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to decline having an ordinance to require "lockboxes" on new commercial properties, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 – motion carried.

"Funds from FSLV" was tabled until next month.

Darrell Lehman presented the Board with The Broadband Mesh Test Proposal. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve \$2000.00 for the Broadband Mesh

Test Proposal for our 2019 Budget, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

The Wisconsin Town's Association has gone with JB Systems for their website and will be revealing it next week. The Town will discuss West Point's website next month after we can look at what JB Systems has done for the WTA.

Lonna Zeman is working on the Town tax newsletter and wanted input on things to be mentioned in it. Broadband information and Ag plastics were suggested.

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

The Town Chair met with Jim Grothman, County Surveyor, to find the Town owned properties in West Point. They found some places are “public” property and some are “Town” property.

At the Joint Fire / EMS Meeting which was September 24, 2018 the Town Chair presented a letter of intent to withdraw from the LAEMS Joint Agreement if the agreement is not amended to a per capita assessment. Another meeting is going to be held at the West Point Town Hall on November 12, 2018. The West Point Board will continue looking into the possibility of contracting with the Sauk Ambulance to take over the portion that the Lodi EMS serves in West Point if needed.

The Town will continue working or updating our Emergency Response Plan.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have a special meeting to work on the budget on October 19, 2018 at 6:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have a public hearing for the 2019 budget and Special Town Meeting of the Electors to approve the levy on November 8, 2018 at 7:00pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:00pm on the agenda is: Town roads, Emergency Response Plan, appoint Open Space Committee member, web site, brushing, FSLV- fund, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Renee Nair to adjourn the October 11, 2018 Town Board meeting at 10:38pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

*Taffy Buchanan*

Town Clerk