

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, September 8, 2016 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 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 as needed, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input –None

Copies of the August 11, 2016 Town Board meeting 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 August 11, 2016 Town Board meeting minutes with some grammatical changes, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of August 31, 2016 - \$459,235.72; Park Fund \$3,711.57; Historical Society is \$4,317.62; Ferry Landing Pier Project - \$1001.25 and Savannah Tree is \$2,160.64 is in a 1 year CD (matures 5/24/17). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of August.

Correspondence – Friends of Mackenzie Fall Festival is October 22, 2016 at the Mackenzie Center in Poynette. The Local Government Center is having Fall Town & Village Workshops covering legislative updates, budgeting, and bidding. Columbia County is having a “Just Fix It” Turnout for Transportation meeting on September 29, 2016 at the Highway Shop.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2016 were given to each town

board member for their information. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to take \$1181.31 from 59900 Reserve Contingencies and put \$539.86 in 53313 Brushing and \$641.45 in 53317 Hwy Signing, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously. The Friends of Scenic Lodi Valley are going to pay the donations they have received directly to the pier vendor. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to take \$53,188.08 minus the amount FSLV pays from 53316 Highway Reconstruction and move it to 57205 Ferry Pier Project, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by John Miller to pay the bills as with possible changes to the amount of check #13847 ESP Products Inc. Port-A-Pier, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen - motion carried unanimously.

Two Transfer Site employees are retiring and the Town Board received applications from Tom Freidag to take over for Keith Rumisek and Bill Kjorlie to take over for Ray Crary. A motion was made to hire Tom Freidag and Bill Kjorlie on a 3-month trial period for the Transfer Site, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

There is a registered sex offender in the Town of West Point and many residents came to the meeting to voice their concerns. Scott King stated he has young kids and the sex offender is less than 2000 feet from his property and is less than 75 feet from a school bus stop. The bulletin which was handed out by Columbia County Sheriff's Office stated "...his criminal history places him in a classification level, which reflects the potential to re-offend." Jason Dahlby said he has young kids and now he will not let the kids ride their bikes down the street; and houses have been put up for sale because of the sex offender. He also believes property values will go down. Matthew Ballweg has 3 kids and lives 500 feet away, when the leaves are off the trees the sex offender could see into his property. He has written letters to his representatives and urges others to do the same. Todd Olson owns the property that shares a driveway with the property the sex offender is living at; he has had no contact with him and does not know him. Kevin Kessler, Columbia County Supervisor, gave out his number for people to call with concerns. Dean Schwarz advised the residents the Town does not have control of where registered sex offenders are placed, but he is looking into it to see if anything can be done. Dean Schwarz also suggested the neighborhood might want to organize a community watch group.

Jim Grothman, representing the Amalia W. Ryan Trust, appeared before the Board to explain the Initial Application for the Ryan's Haven subdivision, they are proposing off of Unke Road for a 12-lot subdivision. The sub-division would

include Parcels #11040-17 & #11040-160. The Plan Commission has approved the determination of the Town Engineer and Town Attorney that the Initial Application is complete. The Amalia Ryan Trust already has a buyer for Lot 1 of the proposed subdivision and would like sell it ahead of the subdivision being approved. On parcel #11040-160 they are proposing a 7 acre parcel division around the existing farm house & buildings as a single lot CSM and rezoning part from Single Family Residential R-1 to A-1. In addition, they are intending to place an A-4 overlay across the eastern 28 acres of parcel 11040-17. The Plan Commission has recommended approval of the proposed CSM and rezoning of Lot 1 and 28 acres subject to the following conditions: 1. Require Declaration of Covenants on the 28 acres consistent with the A-4 overlay; 2. The Declaration of Covenants drafted by the Town Attorney and approved by the Town Board would restrict the use of Lot 1 to the equivalent of Rural Residential Zoning; 3. The Declaration of Covenants would set a total square foot that could not be exceeded for building (the amount to be determined by the Town Board); 4. The proposed Lot 1 would be part of the Ryan's Haven subdivision Final Plat; 5. The existing legal access for the Hanson property is maintained until it is replaced with larger plat. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to recommend to Columbia County to approve the rezoning of the 7 acres from Single Family to A-1 and 28 acres from A-1 to A1 with an A-4 overlay, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the CSM and Declaration of Covenants presented conditioned upon the Trust executing and recording the Declarations with the building area square footage not to exceed 14,000 square feet, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

The cost for insuring the Ferry Landing Pier will be about \$140.00 per year.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have the Town Chair buy the materials for staining the Ryan Park Shelter and find volunteers to stain it, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to postpone the decision for the Roadside Mowing Contract, 2nd by Dean Schwarz – motion carried unanimously.

David Padley asked the Town Board to reinstate the \$5000.00 to FCM Lake District. He explained about the level of the water and the issues pertaining to the Lake District. The Town had sent a letter to FCM Lake District asking for a Management plan. David Padley thought the letter was too ambiguous on whether or not the Town would give the Lake District the money even if they had

a Management Plan. The Lake District might try and get funding from a grant to develop a Management Plan. A motion was made by John Miller to give Fish, Crystal, Mudd Lake District \$5000.00 in 2016 and 2017 and then stop, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

The Open Space Committee would like to be made a Standing Committee and combine with the Parks Committee. A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to encourage the Plan Commission to look at the combining the rolls of the Open Space with the Parks Committee, no second – motion is lost. A motion is made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to postpone until next month, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to continue to levy for the Lodi EMS and Lodi Fire operating expenses and capital expenses and to put the amount for the capital expenses in two interest bearing accounts held by the Town unless it is not permissible, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to work on the budget on October 18, 2016 at 7:00pm, 2nd by Dean Schwarz – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to set the Special Town Meeting to adopt the budget for November 10, 2016 at 6:30pm, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone the swimming pool ordinance, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board would like to have the Town Engineer look at Tom Schoepp's property at W12752 Pleasant View Park Road, because all the water from that area runs through his yard.

Reports:

Town Park Committee – no report

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – no report

Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported the Plan Commission worked on the Initial Application and it was deemed complete. They also recommended for approval the rezoning and CSM of Lot 1 and 28 acres of the Ryan’s Haven and set a public hearing for Tom Sawyer land division, CSM review, and rezone.

Sauk EMS Committee – John Miller reported the Sauk Prairie EMS is having a hard time keeping the ambulance staffed with volunteers and is looking into hiring part-time staff during the week.

Transfer Site Report – Matt Zeman reported that someone hit the ground wire along the building and it needs to be repaired.

Lodi EMS Committee – no report

Open Space Committee – Darrell Lehman reported on the Open Space Committee’s USBR30 presentation which he has given to our Board, Columbia County’s Executive Committee, and The Town of Lodi’s Board. A copy of the [Open Space Committee’s USBR30 presentation](#) is attached.

Columbia County Report – no report

Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District/Pumping – David Padley gave report during meeting.

Broadband Committee – no report

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda is: Town roads, Roadside Mowing contract- 3year renewal, Swimming pool ordinance, Open Space Committee, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the September 8, 2016 town board meeting at 11:04 pm, 2nd by Ashley Nedeau-Owen – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk