

## 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, 2019 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 website.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Ashley Nedeau-Owen-Town Chairman, at 7:00p.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(7:03pm), 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 Renee Nair to approve the agenda as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – Darrell Lehman, W13147 Cecile Circle, Lodi, asked for a couple of volunteers to sit at the One Room School House at the Lodi Ag Fair this weekend. Brent Varner, N550 Gannon Road, Lodi, stated the pumping of Crystal Lake is not solving the high water issues and feels a culvert on Schoepp Road would help. Al Deming, Chairman of the Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District Advisory Committee, would like to have someone on the Town Board come to the Advisory Committee meetings.

Copies of the June 13, 2019 Town Board Meeting and June 20, 2019 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 June 13, 2019 Town Board Meeting minutes as with a minor grammatical correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the June 20, 2019 Special Town Board Meeting minutes as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross – yes 4, no 0, abstain 1 - motion carried.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of June 30, 2019 - \$357,712.00; Park Fund \$1,422.14; Historical Society is

\$4,240.18; Ryan's Haven Escrow account is \$3,615.95, and Savannah Tree is \$1,667.81 is in a 1-year CD (matures 5/24/20). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of June.

Correspondence –The Town received approved minutes from the Lodi Area EMS and LAEMS Director's Report from the May 16, 2019 meeting. The Town received articles from Laura Olah, CSWAB, about "Citizens Key to New Groundwater Standards for PFOA and PFOS", and "Help make PFAS a priority in Wisconsin's water policies". Small Community Forums Regional Workshops will be held in August and September; there will be one in Pardeeville on August 28, 2019. The Town received an email from Kristin Simonis about the volleyball court in Selwood Park. The Town received a request from Nate Nehring to ask the WDOT for a School Bus sign or Blind Driveway sign be put on State Highway 188 by W13070, because he is concerned with the safety.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2019 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to take \$36.61 from 56900 Towns Advisory / Outdoor and put it in 56900A Broadband Committee and take \$515.11 from 53311 Hwy Maint/Repair and put it in 53101 Engineer Roads, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Renee Nair – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Renee Nair to pay the bills as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross - motion carried unanimously.

#### Reports:

Town Park Committee – Matt Zeman reported the Park Committee met on July 9, 2019 at Selwood Park and discussed a basketball court and the Town will look at budgeting for it in October for next year.

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – no report

Plan Commission – no report

Sauk EMS Committee – no report

Transfer Site Report – Matt Zeman reported it has been a seamless transition for the new worker at the Transfer Site.

Lodi EMS Committee – no report

Open Space Committee – no report

Columbia County Report – no report

Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District/Pumping – Brent Varner, Secretary for the Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District reported the annual meeting will be on August 24, 2019 and they are looking to increase the special assessments by 15% and want to find a central location for the District's documents.

Broadband Committee – Ashley Nedeau-Owen reported the committee is working on assembling parts.

There is water going across the North/South portion of Schoepp Road and it is close to going across the East/ West portion. The Town Engineer is in the process of getting prices for the Town for 3 different options for Schoepp Road: 1. Raise the height and resurface; 2. Make 2 cul de sacs; 3. Reduce to one lane and have signals lights on each side. Steve Bodenschatz, owner of Crystal Lake Park, did not know why a culvert couldn't be put in. Neil Schoepp, N585 Schoepp Road, stated all the water is going on his land. Dale Schoepp, owner of Schoepp's Cottonwood Resort, said if something is not done with the water and road it will put him out of business. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have the engineer get a price for a 4<sup>th</sup> option, to put a culvert in, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

The Town Engineer is going to meet with Don Nichols with Columbia County Highway and review roads for the crack filling work. The Town Board does not want any crack filling done on Unke or Hanneman Roads.

The Town received a call about trees hanging down on Jensen Road. The Town Chair looked at it and agreed it needs brushing and should be put on the list when we start the brushing.

The Town will need to take out a loan to cover the cost of the Van Ness Road Project that will be over budget and until we receive the Grant money from the State. A motion was made by Renee Nair to write a Resolution for loans for a

short term “bridge” loan of \$175,000.00 to cover the Grant money and be paid back before the end of 2019 and then a loan for \$19,000.00 to be paid in 2020, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Ron Grasshoff, Kevin Kessler, and Ashley Nedeau-Owen are working on a plaque for the Town to recognize Fred Madison’s contribution to the Town.

A motion was made by Ashley Nedeau-Owen to approve the signing of the Resolution Opposing the Incarceration of Children in the United States and the Immediate Closure of the Privately-Operated Prison in Homestead, Florida and to mail copies of the signed Resolution to Senator Baldwin, Senator Johnson, and Representative Grothman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously. (The Resolution is attached.)

The Town of Lodi, City of Lodi, and Town of West Point are in the process of revising the LAFD & LAEMS Intergovernmental Agreements. A motion was made by Renee Nair to reject the agreements as presented and request 3 edits to the documents: 1. To change “5” to “6” in number 2 of the LAFD agreement; 2. To change a quorum to 1 representative from each municipality; 3. Eliminate the Joint Municipal meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Combining Open Space Committee and Park Committee was postponed until next month. Darrell Lehman will find the language that was approved for making the Open Space Committee a standing committee.

The Town Chair is going to look into the authority he has for administrative duties like hiring and firing of employees of Town.

The new Town website is up and running. The Clerk has already received three emails from people with question that have used the “contact us” form on the website.

Emergency Response Plan was postponed until next month.

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 7:00pm, on the agenda is: Town roads, Schoepp Road, Emergency Response Plan, Parks / Open Space Committee, Transfer Site, Fred Madison Recognition, Lodi EMS and Fire contracts, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Renee Nair to adjourn the July 11, 2019 Town Board meeting at 10:01pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karmin Enge – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

*Taffy Buchanan*

Town Clerk

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE INCARCERATION OF CHILDREN IN  
THE UNITED STATES AND THE IMMEDIATE CLOSURE OF THE  
PRIVATELY-OPERATED PRISON IN HOMESTEAD FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Flores Agreement requires the United States to place children under the age of 18 in the "least restrictive setting appropriate the child's age," and,

WHEREAS, the Flores Agreement requires the United States to place children under the age of 18 in facilities that comply with all applicable state child welfare laws, and,

WHEREAS, the Flores Agreement requires the United States to make a prompt and continuous effort to reunite and release any child under the age of 18 with that child's family, and,

WHEREAS, the Flores Agreement requires that children under the age of 18 held in any facility that does not comply with the standards set forth in the Flores Agreement be released within 20 days of their detention, and,

WHEREAS, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and the Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2008 require that unaccompanied immigrant children be transferred to the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, and,

WHEREAS, no Office of Refugee Resettlement facilities are in Homestead, Florida, and,

WHEREAS, Comprehensive Health Services, a for-profit subsidiary of Caliburn International, currently operates a large detention facility in Homestead, Florida, on federal land under contract to U.S. Customs and Border Protection and not subject to Florida's child welfare laws, and,

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2019 approximately 2,300 children under the age of 18 were being held in this CHS facility some for more than 220 days and one 14-year-old girl for 119 days, and,

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2019, more than 13,000 children are being held in custody at facilities across the United States, and,

WHEREAS, the internationally recognized United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 37 emphasizes freedom from arbitrary arrest and detention as well as special protection to children seeking asylum under Article 22, and

WHEREAS, authors Linton, Griffin and Shapiro writing in the May, 2017 issue of Pediatrics from the American Academy of Pediatrics caution that the continued detention of children in the facility in Homestead, Florida as well as other facilities in the United States subjects these children to psychological trauma and long-term mental health risks, and,

WHEREAS, these same authors confirm that there is no evidence indicating that any time in detention is safe for children, and,

WHEREAS, every resident of West Point, Wisconsin can trace family lineage back to at least one immigrant, and,

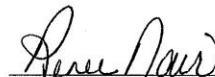
WHEREAS, the officers of the town of West Point have taken an oath to uphold the Constitution of the United States


BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Town of West Point demands the immediate closure of the child detention facility on 288<sup>th</sup> Street in Homestead Florida, and the subsequent release of all children into safe facilities under the auspices of the Office of Refugee Resettlement, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of West Point demands the immediate revocation of the contract between U.S. Border Protection and Caliburn International with all funds used to support the efforts of the Office of Refugee Resettlement.

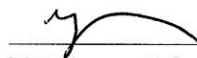
Signed this 11 day of July, 2019

  
Ashley Nedeau-Owen, Chair

  
Renee Nair, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor

  
Gordon Carncross, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor

  
Karmin Enge, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor

  
Matt Zeman, 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor