

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the town board of Town of West Point held a combined meeting with Town Board of Lodi, the City of Lodi, the Ambulance Commission and the Fire Commission on February 24, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Hall on Main Street City of Lodi, Wisconsin. Representing the Town Board was Chairperson Fred Thistle; Supervisor Alan Treinen; Clerk Edith Eberle. Also in attendance were many of the council members of the City of Lodi, Town Board members of Town of Lodi, members of the Lodi Fire Commission and Department, and the Lodi Ambulance Commission and Department. The Lodi Enterprise has been notified and the notice was posted in three designated places.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Don Schultz. One item was added to the City's Agenda for discussion only: The Lodi Fire Department and Rescue Mutual Aid concern. Representatives of the various government bodies introduced themselves to each other.

2. Discussion of the old EMS building: current use and what to do with the building. Frank Groves stated that the building was in good shape, that the fuel tanks had been removed in 1970. Some of the City Council members said to sell it, that there had been some inquiries to purchase it. Dan See stated that maybe the area could be used for parking. He also stated concern because of contamination caused by the old tanks. The Mayor stated the City has spent \$35,000 on testing of the ground where the library is currently located. Another City Council member said to let the Fire Department use the building for a while, to wait before making a decision. Brereton stated that if the ground is disturbed, a problem might arise. She suggested that Bob Robbins (he is a nationally known Environmental Engineer for the removal of underground tanks and ground contamination) be contacted to discuss the potential clean-up and liability issues. Fred Thistle (West Point) said to sell the building but was concerned over the liability issues. Zeimet and Hubbard stated that the Town did not want to own 2/5's of a parking lot. The Mayor suggested that we let the building sit and in the mean time contact Bob Robbins to get his input. Siller stated that if the opportunity comes to lease the building, we should consider it.

A motion was made by Zeimet, 2nd by Dolphin to form a committee comprised of Alan Treinen, Char Brereton, Jim Mitchell and Bob Robbins to research liability issues, options, objectives, obligations for the old EMS building and to present a report at the next joint meeting. Motion passed.

3. Discussion of the possible need for an Ambulance Director. A letter from Cathy Etter and a letter from Dr. Dale Faney concerning the need for an Ambulance Director were circulated. There are many concerns voiced by the volunteer EMS people: continued increases in State, County and OSHEA regulations, paper work, increased number of ambulance runs, liability and potential lawsuit issues. They suggested at least a part time Ambulance Director who would also be certified. Hubbard stated that a park time salary might be as high as \$15,000-\$20,000.

A motion was made by Char Brereton, Ness to form a committee of Joe Zeimet, Phil Baebler, Fred Thistle, Tom Bader and Cathy Etter to research objectives and job description for an Ambulance Director and to present a report at the next joint meeting. Motion passed.

4. Discussion of the new ambulance purchase. Most of the money is there for the purchase. Delivery date is April/May, 1994, cost is \$60,000.00. There was some discussion and concern over the procedure for the purchase, involving the need for a bid specifications and the letting out of bids (to allow local vendors to bid). The representative from the Ambulance crew defended his procedure and research performed regarding the purchase of the new ambulance and that local vendors were approached.

5. Discussion of the use of the new EMS building. The building is completed but not furnished yet: tables, chairs etc. There is a 34' X 26' room, and outside groups will want to use it. The Ambulance Commission and crew do not want the public use of the building: concerns over disturbance (sleep), conflicts with scheduling. The Ambulance Commission is to create a policy statement for the use of the building and to submit that statement at the next joint meeting.

6. Discussion of the charging for fire runs. Towns can charge for fire runs, the Town of Lodi does and the Town of West Point does not. Discussion of the reimbursement for hazardous materials spills. All three municipalities should have a Reimbursement for Hazardous Material Spills Ordinance, all three ordinance should be alike. The Town of Randolph has one on their books. Some of the monies received from the reimbursements should go to the fire fighters too.

7. Discussion of the Mutual Fire and Rescue Aid Agreement. The county won't dispatch Fire Trucks (battle between the County and State Statutes). The municipalities need to officially pass an agreement stating that the Fire Department will mutually aid the Rescue crew, then the County must cooperate. (see agreement). The Town of Lodi passed the Mutual Aid Agreement as their board was present.

A motion was made by Ness/Parks to adjourn, motion carried.

Edith Eberle - Town Clerk