

TOWN OF WEST POINT

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84, the town board of the Town of West Point held the regular monthly meeting on December 5, 1996 at the Town Hall at 7:30 p.m. The Town Board members present were: Fred Thistle-Chairperson, Alan Treinen-1st Supervisor, and A. Dave Cole-2nd Supervisor. Also present was Edith Eberle-Town Clerk, Harry Sawyer - Assessor, and Joan Bader - Treasurer.

The meeting was published in the Lodi Enterprise and the Sauk Prairie Star and posted in four places.

The minutes from the November 7, 1996 meeting had been given to the town board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the minutes, 2nd by Dave Cole - motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was given by the town clerk as follows: General fund is \$115,798.49 after December bills (Park Fund - \$52,671.69, Tree Fund - \$9,261.02, Before Bills - \$130,792.76). A motion was made by Dave Cole to approve the Treasurers Report as given, 2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

Lucille Weynand has gone to Columbia County to have one-half acre rezoned to residential. This was approved in 1989 (there had been a house there before). Correspondence from Jeff Clark on a 20 foot strip between lots 18 & 19 in Weast Park, if that strip had been vacated. The clerk to check minutes. A letter was received from the State of Wisconsin stating that there will no lottery credit this year.

A copy of the bills was given to each of the town board members for review. A motion was made by Dave Cole to pay the bills, 2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

A motion was made by Dave Cole to allow the Clerk to pay any more bills that come in before the end of December, 2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

Dick O'Connor gave the following report from the planning commission: discussion on Lochner rezoning, Badger Army Ammunition - Dave Fordam stated the environment impact done each time a new business comes, very careful on other issues done at Badger, Public Hearing for Brian Anderson Boathouse, and Utility District.

The Town Hall is tabled until January, 1997.

A motion was made by Alan Treinen to appoint the following people to the election committee for the next two years: Gloria Zeman, Diane Kazmierczak, Mary Ellen Ballweg, Margaret Wittwer, Polly Olson, Kathy Ballweg, Rudy Oest, Esther Thistle, Yvonne Zeman, Margaret Benish, Molly Ryan, Monica Cullen, Louise Benesh and Edith Klamer, 2nd by Dave Cole - motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Treinen to set January 21st, 1997 at 8:00 p.m. for the Town of West Point Town Causus, 2nd by Dave Cole - motion carried.

Allan Beerkircher came before the town board about snow plowing in the Town of West Point. He stated the quality of snow plowing was good, but the time the snow plowing is done is very bad. A copy of the Sauk School District bus route will be given to Columbia County.

HAZ-MAT agreement was tabled until January, 1997 meeting.

The Badger Army Ammunition Resolution is tabled until the January, 1997 meeting because the planning commission has not made a recommendation to the town board.

A application for a variance for a boat house was received from Brian Anderson. There was a public hearing held by the Planning Commission - with no objection. The Planning Commission had the following recommendation: #1 Old house be taken down and a reduction in height, and #2 the elevation of the slabe is 6' +/- above ordinary high water level. A motion was made Dave Cole to approve the variance request for a boathouse, 2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

Joan Reichman had a question on being double taxed on the outlot in Selwood. There are four other people that have an easement to the outlot. Assessor Harry Sawyer stated that the 4 other people were not being taxed on the outlot.

Chairman Fred Thistle brought before the town board the following roads that should be considered to be reconstructed in 1997. There are Reynolds Road from Chrisler Road to Hwy.60, O'Connor Road from Van Ness Road to Hwy. 60, Aleray Subdivision, Boehmer Road and Padley Road. After discussion a motion was made by Dave Cole to have the following road resurfaced in 1997 Aleray Subdivision approximate cost of \$48,200.00, Boehmer Road at approximate cost of \$3,200.00, and Padley Road at approximate cost of \$3,260.00 (the cost figures are estimates by the Joe Costanza - Town Engineer), 2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried. The Town Chairman Fred Thistle is to contact Jode Costanza and have him put the roads out on bid.

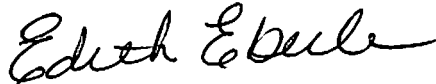
A petition was presented to the Town Board by Mark Manke with 226 signatures that were opposed to the cutting of the trees on County Highway J. Mark Manke stated that his Grandfather Albert Manke planted the trees in 1856 when there was no road just a horse and buggy trail. Neil Manke also gave his views on why the trees should not be cut down. Alan Treinen gave his opinion that it is a matter of public safety - not the trees. Dave Cole suggestion was to lower the speed limit. Chairman Fred Thistle read the first paragraph in the Crossroads magazine stating about accidents and the hitting of trees in the road right-a-ways. The Manke's stated that there are certain trees that are dying and needed to be removed. There was more discussion from people in the audience. The Manke's stated that they have another petition to make County Highway J a Rustic Road (5 miles in length). The trees that are in question are on a county road not a town road, so therefore the town doesn't have the decision on if the trees should be left or removed. The Town of West Point can only make a recommendation to Columbia County.

Trees on County J - cont.

A motion was made by Alan Treinen to recommend to Columbia County to look at all alternatives to cutting down the trees, save as many of the trees as possible (that they feel is safe) and to work with the Manke family, 2nd by Dave Cole - motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Treinen to change the January meeting to January 9, 1997, 2nd by Dave Cole - motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Treinen to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m., 2nd by Dave Cole - motion carried.



Edith Eberle
Town Clerk