

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, May 4th, 2000 at 7:40 p.m. at the West Point town hall. The meeting was published in the Lodi Enterprise and the Sauk Prairie Star and posted in three places.

The town board members present were: Fred Thistle-Chairperson, Alan Treinen-1st Supervisor, Robert Davis-2nd Supervisor and Torrey Latham-4th Supervisor. Also present was Edith Eberle-Town Clerk and Joan Bader-Town Treasurer. Absent was John Benish-3rd Supervisor.

The minutes from the April 6th, 2000 meeting had been given to the town board members prior to the meeting. ~~1st~~ two typing mistakes were corrected. A motion was made by Robert Davis to approve the minutes with corrections, 2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$83,011.45 and Park Fund as \$74,833.05. The town treasurer and the town clerk balanced their March and April books with the bank statement. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to approve the treasurer report, 2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried.

Correspondence – Wisconsin Town Association has new insurance company; report from Columbia County stating that 97% of West Point is agricultural land, Letter to all Hwy. 60 residents due to the construction; Charter Communication will have a business network.

A copy of the bills had been given to each town board member. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to pay the bills presented, 2nd by Robert Davis – motion carried.

Harry Sawyer asked for an updated copy of the fire number list – clerk to update and give a copy to Harry for the Sauk Fire Department.

Planning Commission report was given by Alan Treinen as follows: has a copy of the Utility District from the Town of Merrimac, a copy was given to the town attorney for his opinion, David Mitchell needs a new public hearing reason being garage is not attached.

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Alan Treinen brought up whether the Town Clerk should be appointed rather than elected. This will be put on the June agenda to discuss.

Recycling center – house to house pick up was presented for the town board consideration. Green Valley had presented the town board with an estimate of \$8.10 per unit per month. This is based on 810 units in the Town of West Point a total of \$6,561.00 per month. Waste Management would also like a chance to bid on the door to door pickup in the Town of West Point. The town of West Point as a 3-year contract with Green Valley – dated 11/98. The Town of West Point could give 90 days notice to get out of the Green Valley contract. Fred Thistle – town chairman stated that it would have to be put out for bid. The Town of Roxbury has just gone with door-to-door pick up – a board member to contact Town of Roxbury for information. It was suggested to do a questionnaire to be given to all West Point residents. 2nd Supervisor Alan Treinen and Deputy Clerk Sharon Richmond are to work on the questionnaire and bring to the June town board meeting for the consideration.

Possible change in posting places was brought up for discussion. It was discussed getting a new bulletin board. It was decided to leave the posting places as follows: Crystal Lake Campground (after construction on Hwy. 60 is complete), Town Hall and Pine Vista. Not to post as Hickory Hill after the construction of highway 60 is completed.

The VFW (Ken Harris) came before the town board asking permission to shoot off fireworks on Saturday, July 1st, 2000. The VFW is responsible for crowd control, insurance etc. The VFW asked to have “NO PARKING” signs on Golf Road as was done last year as that helped with crowd control. They will put up a snow fence around the place where the fireworks will be shot off. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to grant the VFW permission to shoot of the fireworks on the West Point side of the Wisconsin River, 2nd by Robert Davis – motion carried.

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Chairman Fred Thistle brought up to the town board members for their consideration on a Resolution/Ordinance on having committee's. He was thinking of the following committees:

1. Planning Commission – 1 town board member
2. Highway and Safety – 2 town board members
3. Parks – 2 town board members
4. Legal (Ordinances) – 1 town board member, plus clerk
5. Waste and Recycling – 2 town board members
6. Finance – Clerk, Treasurer, Town Board
7. Utility District – 2 town board members
8. Emergency Government – 2 town board members

Each town board member was to look over the list and bring their suggestions to the June town board meeting.

Chairman Fred Thistle appointed Richard O'Connor and Joyce Sinkule to the Planning Commission for another 3 years. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to accept the appointment to the Planning Commission, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Tim Beerkircher from Lake Wisconsin Pyrotech came before the town board asking permission to shoot off fireworks at Lake Wisconsin Country Club (not a public show) for their 75th year of operation. Tim Beerkircher is working with the Columbia County Sheriff. The tentative date for the fireworks show will be on June 24th. The fireworks will be shot off at the men's tee location. It would be a 10 to 20 minute show. Tim Beerkircher will have the insurance and permits. A motion was made by Robert Davis to allow Tim Beerkircher to shoot of fireworks for the Lake Wisconsin County Club, 2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried.

Chairman Fred Thistle has been talking to the Sauk Prairie Ambulance Association about the bill the Town of West Point receive for a new ambulance which was not budget in the 2000 West Point budget. Since the Town of West Point is only ½ of the Ambulance district our share is \$3,742.50. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to pay the \$3,724.50 out of the reserve contingencies, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

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A resolution for the Uniform Dwelling Code (UDC) was presented for the town board consideration. The Town of West Point already issues UDC permits. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to adopt the Uniform Dwelling Code Resolution and the Town of West Point wants to continue running its own UDC program, 2nd by Robert Davis – motion carried.

Chairman Fred Thistle stated that Columbia County is have a clean sweep program on June 23-24, 2000 at three locations: the Columbia County Solid Waste and Recycling Center off Highway Sixteen, the City of Lodi, and the City of Columbus.

The variance for Richard Chandler was presented for the town board consideration. The Planning Commission disapproved the variance by a vote 4 to 0. Chairman Fred Thistle would like to go to Planning Commission and explain how to look an each variance on an individual bases. He would like to have Jeff Clark – town attorney come to the Planning Commission meeting also for he opinion. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to table the variance for Richard Chandler until the June 1, 2000 meeting, 2nd by Robert Davis – motion carried.

The variance for Dana Bower was withdrawn.

Nelvin Olson – town assessor came before the town board about the town revaluation and this year dates for open book and board of Review. Nelvin stated that we are at 88% and we need to be between 90 and 110% once every five years. Therefore, in 2002 the Town of West Point will have to do a revaluation, which would be put out for bids. The Board of Review will meet on June 1st at 7:15 p.m. to adjourn until Friday, June 23, 2000 at 2:00 p.m. Open book will by on Saturday, June 3rd, 2000 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

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Discussion of materials (copy of bills, minutes, agenda) being delivered or each member (town board and planning commission) picking up materials at the town hall prior to town board and planning commission meetings. After discussion it was decided that each town board and planning commission member will be responsible for picking up his or her material for the meetings. The clerk and deputy clerk will have the material at the town hall on Tuesday evenings before the meeting on Thursday. Chairman Fred Thistle is to look into purchasing baskets with each members name on it for the material (information) to be placed in.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 p.m. by Alan Treinen, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.


Edith Eberle,
Town Clerk