

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, August 3rd, 2000 at 7:30 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, Robert Davis-2nd, Supervisor, John Benish-3rd Supervisor and Torrey Latham-4th Supervisor. Also present was Edith Eberle-Town Clerk and Joan Bader-Town Treasurer. Absent was Alan Treinen-1st Supervisor.

The minutes from the July 6th, 2000 meeting had been given to the town board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Robert Davis to approve the minutes with two corrections, 2nd by John Benish - motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$35,754.00 and Park Fund as \$79,595.94. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to approve the treasurer report, 2nd by John Benish - motion carried. The town Treasurer and the town Clerk balanced June with bank statement.

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

Planning Commission report was given by Doug Richmond as follows: Variance for Dave Mitchell to allow a retaining wall, Town Assessor has a list of town owned property - but he stated that there is a lot more town owned property that doesn't have a tax parcel number and description. Nelvin Olsen suggested that we need to wait until Columbia County has the GIS program done for the Town of West Point, which will be within the next year to get a complete and accurate list of town owned property.

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Nancy Elsing from Columbia County Economic Development came before the town board to explain what and how she could help the Town of West Point with development etc. Each town board member was given a survey to fill out and return to her.

Chairman Fred Thistle stated that he had attended the Town of Roxbury town board meeting on Crystal Lake (in Dane County and Columbia County). Crystal Lake water has been rising since 1966. Different options/plans was discussed such as a Lake Association, draining of the lake (9 months pumping 24 hours a day to lower the lake 1 foot). A “no wake” is still on Crystal Lake. After more discussion a motion was made by John Benish to hold a special town board meeting/public hearing on Crystal Lake on August 15th, 2000 at 7:30 p.m. at the West Point town hall.

An operator license for Kathryn M. Gray was presented to the town board for their consideration. Kathryn has attended the bartender’s class at MATC. A motion was made by Robert Davis to grant the operator license to Kathryn M. Gray, 2nd by John Benish – motion carried.

Tree removal on public access in Pleasant View Park was brought up to the town board. A bid the K & M for \$1,330.00 was presented to the town board. Torrey Latham stated that Columbia County didn’t want to bid on the tree removal. There were no other bids. A motion was made by Robert Davis to have K & M remove the tree in public access in Pleasant View Park, 2nd by John Benish – motion carried. The clerk has a copy to K & M insurance.

It was discussed that next year the town board have a separate item category in the budget for tree removal.

It has been brought to Chairman Fred Thistle attention that there are some ladies in the Town of West Point that would like to start a West Point Historical Society. All town board members felt that this was a great idea. Possible budget money in next year budget for a West Point Historical Society. The people that are interested are: Richmond’s, Ryan’s, and Schuknecht’s. This will be on the September agenda.

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Variance for Dave Mitchel was presented to the town board for their consideration. A motion was made by Robert Davis to allow a retaining wall and filling the area to create a safer access to and from Pleasant View Park Road, 2nd by John Benish – motion carried. There was no approval for a garage or carport.

Variance for James Mockler to allow cement instead of blacktop for the driveway to the town road was presented to the town board for their consideration. The Town of West Point has an ordinance that allows only blacktop in a driveway as it meets the town road. Mr. Mockler stated he didn't know about the ordinance. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to allow a variance for James Mockler to have a cement driveway to the town road with no fine, 2nd by Robert Davis – motion carried.

Variance for Ed Rosenow (Greg Mulchay) to allow cement instead of blacktop for the driveway to the town road was presented to the town board for their consideration. The Town of West Point has an ordinance that allows only blacktop in a driveway as it meets the town road. Mr. Mulchay stated he didn't know about the ordinance. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to allow a variance for Ed Rosenow (Greg Mulchay) to have a cement driveway to the town road with no fine, 2nd by Robert Davis – motion carried.

Chairman Fred Thistle stated that the Town of West Point has extra money in the highway-matching fund to allow seal coat on West Harmon Road. After discussion a motion was made by Robert Davis to have Columbia County Highway use the remaining highway matching fund on seal coating West Harmon Road, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Several town board^{members} stated that they were interested in going to the Wisconsin Towns Association Convention in October, 2000. Each board member is to make his own room reservation and turn in to the town clerk for reimbursement. Each town board member is to let the town clerk know if they are going to the Wisconsin Towns Convention so she can make the convention reservations.

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The results of the Land Use Survey were given to each town board member. (copy attached)

Robert Davis made a motion to table committee appointments until the September meeting, 2nd by John Benish – motion carried.

A motion was made by Robert Davis to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m., 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.


Edith Eberle
Town Clerk