

## **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, September 7th, 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, Alan Treinen, 1st Supervisor, Robert Davis, 2nd Supervisor, John Benish, 3rd Supervisor and Torrey Latham, 4th Supervisor. Also present was Sharon Richmond, Deputy Clerk and Joan Bader, Town Treasurer. Absent was Edie Eberle, Clerk.

The minutes from the August 3rd, 2000, meeting had been given to the town board members prior to the meeting. One correction was noted on page 3, last paragraph. The first sentence should read several town board members stated etc. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the minutes with one correction, second by Robert Davis. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$125,886 and Park fund as \$79,595.94. A motion was made by John Benish to approve the treasurer report, second by Robert Davis. Motion carried. Joan indicated that she has switched to a new accounting program. The town Treasurer and the town Clerk did not reconcile by a shortage of \$170.22 for July. Joan and Edie will be attending a class on the new program and will be able to review the figures after that to find the error.

Correspondence was reviewed by the Board Members. It was noted that the CSM for Trails End should be sent to Charter Communications. Chairman Thistle indicated there were several dog complaints during the month. Chairman Thistle also distributed a newspaper article from Bayfield County regarding a Town that was charged with holding an illegal meeting. He noted that the individual Board members paid the fine, not the Town. The article was distributed for review.

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, second by Robert Davis. Motion carried.

Planning Commission report was given by Chairman, Fred Thistle as follows: a preliminary presentation regarding a CSM on Trails End was heard by the Commission. Next month's agenda will include a discussion on a rezoning request by Larry Lerner.

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The Town of West Point has received notice from the Department of Revenue that the Town is out of compliance with the Tax Assessments. The Town has to be within 90% to 110% once every five years. As the Wisconsin Statute reads now, after five years of being out of compliance the assessor must go to a schooling (2001) at Department of Revenue. Then the following year the Town needs to do a revaluation (2002). There is legislation that would change this law, stating that five years means five years. If that legislation passes then the Town of West Point would have to do a revaluation in 2001.

The West Point Historical Society presented their report to the Town Board. Members Karon Hamilton, Della Ryan, Joan Ryan, Charleen Richmond and Patti Schuknecht were in attendance. Member Chris Ryan was not able to attend. They indicated they would appreciate any one interested in establishing a Historical Society for the Town of West Point contact them regarding joining the group. Chairman Thistle indicated that during the next budget funds will be set aside to aid them in informational mailings.

Chairman Fred Thistle indicated he has not been able to meet with the Town Attorney regarding Committee appointments. He also indicated that he and Torrey Latham did work together to review the Town roads.

Crystal Lake water levels was the next item discussed. The Special Meeting on August 15 generated good discussion with lots of information noted. Chairman Thistle will attempt to set up a joint meeting between the Town of Roxbury and the Town of West Point in order to continue discussion on the matter.

Chairman Fred Thistle indicated that he and Torrey Latham reviewed all Town roads. He also noted that preliminary costs estimates were obtained. After further discussion, Alan Treinen made a motion to authorize the Town Engineer to review the Town roads that are on the repair list, seconded by Torrey Latham. Motion carried.

Chairman Fred Thistle inquired from Mr. Zeman if the individual contacted about the Transfer Site Superintendent position was interested. Mr. Zeman indicated that he was not. No one else has expressed an interest. After further discussion, Torrey Latham made a motion to publish for the Transfer Site Superintendent indicating that wages are negotiable, seconded by Robert Davis. Motion carried. Chairman Thistle indicated that the grass needs to be cut this fall and Mr. Zeman indicated the ditch along the road needs the gravel removed.

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An election will be held on September 12, 2000. Three people will be working the election hours from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. with meal included. Robert Davis made a motion to approve the expense of the three election workers, seconded by Alan Treinen. Motion carried.

Under Town Parks Robert Davis informed the Board Members of his research on the Rock of Gilbrator. Concerns discussed were liability, insurance coverage, improving the road, handicap accessibility, nuisance calls, Ice Age Trail, vandalism, maintenance and the impact on the Town budget. John Benish made a motion to table discussion on acquiring the Rock of Gilbrator until next month and that additional information should be obtained, seconded by Robert Davis. Motion carried.

Chairman Fred Thistle inquired if any Board member had any questions regarding the Land Use Survey. He encouraged each member to read the comments that were noted on some of the returned surveys.

Culverts on Chrisler Road and Klamer Road <sup>Need to be</sup> were replaced. Robert Davis made a motion to approve the replacement of the culverts, seconded by Torrey Latham. Motion carried.

John Benish made a motion to go into closed session Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 19.85 (1)(e) for the purpose of negotiating the purchase of real estate property, seconded by Torrey Latham. Motion carried with a roll call vote noting all in favor.

Alan Treinen made a motion to reconvene into open session, seconded by John Benish. Motion carried with a roll call vote noting all in favor.

A motion was made by John Benish to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., seconded by Alan Treinen. Motion carried.

*Sharon Richmond*

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Deputy Clerk