

## 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, November 2nd, 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-1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, Robert Davis-2<sup>nd</sup>, Supervisor, John Benish-3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor and Torrey Latham-4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor. Also present was Edith Eberle-Town Clerk and Joan Bader-Town Treasurer.

The minutes from the October 5th, 2000 meeting had been given to the town board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the minutes with one correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Davis - motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$118,119.19 and Park Fund as \$80,500.30. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to approve the treasurer report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Davis - motion carried.

Correspondence - a letter that there will be a meeting with the 3 municipalities Chairpersons and City Mayor on the lease of the old Lodi ambulance building, meeting at Columbia County on Monday 1:15 p.m. on Crystal Lake, a letter from Crystal Lake on Garbage/Compactor put on December meeting agenda, letter from Columbia County on voting wards for the Town of West Point, Holding Tank agreement for Richard & Sharon O'Connor, Letter from Wisconsin Towns Association announcing the new endorsement insurance carrier as MSI Insurance Companies, Letter from Columbia County Extension on Local Land Use Planning & Zoning ETN Series for 2000-2001, Fire Prevention Inspection Report for the West Point Town Hall .

A copy of the bills had been given to each town board member. A motion was made by John Benish to pay the bills presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

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Larry Lenerz came before the town board to explain that he was intending to file a rezoning application for the last 40 acres in Selwood development. Larry explained that he needs to expand his septic system and therefore he could do the remaining land at the same time. The remaining acres are where the Town of West Point would like development in the Land Use Plan.

The Planning Commission report was given by Alan Treinen as follows: the CSM for Steve Jackson was denied, CSM for Don Bartnick was approved, a variance for Jerry Bollig was disapproved, and Larry Lenerz came before the Plan Commission asking for their feeling on developing the remaining 40 acres in Selwood. – The Planning Commission was favorable.

A copy of the proposed Committee Appointments Ordinance was given to each town board member to look over for their consideration. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to table the Committee Appointment Ordinance until the December meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Benish – motion carried.

Joe Costanza – Town Engineer gave the town board members a copy of the opinion of Probable Construction Costs for 2001 road improvements. Joe stated that he used \$30/ton for asphalt, which could change depending on the cost of oil. The following is the roads and costs: 1.5” Asphalt Overlay on Kohlman - \$8,785.00, Yngsdal - \$4,118.00, Price - \$3,802.00, Dettman - \$4,825.00, Lovering (north half) - \$18,265.00, Slack - \$27,951.00, Hillcrest - \$20,146.00, and Griemel - \$8,230.00; 2” Asphalt Overlay on Steckelberg - \$9,816.00, Blackhawk - \$9,363.00, Trails End – 34,892.00, Smith Park - \$9,781.00, Van Ness - \$59,136.00; Pulverizing and 3” Overlay – Chrisler - \$114,000.00; Other – Reynolds (Lovering to Chrisler) Pulverize, widen to 22’ Replace culverts, modify Chrisler Road intersection, 3” overlay - \$130,000.00, TOTAL – ALL PROJECTS - \$463,158.00.

A letter from Columbia County Highway on estimates on seal coating as follows: Fjords Road - \$4,600.00, East Harmon Road - \$7,100.00, Morter Road - \$3,700.00, Hanneman Road - \$4,000.00, Rausch Road - \$5,200.00, Wartner Road - \$2,800.00; Estimates for spot wedging and seal coating – Pulvermacher Road - \$7,400.00, Barta Road - \$9,900.00, Bittner Road - \$3,900.00, and Golf Road - \$24,600 – TOTAL \$45,800.00

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Chairman Fred Thistle stated that the town board was going to ask the town electors at the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 to give the town board permission to borrow up to \$300,000.00 to do town roads. Torrey Latham stated to the town board that he felt that the intersection at Highway 60 and Reynolds Road could be improved, as it is very hard to see traffic coming from Lodi on Highway 60. The town board asks to have Joe Costanza look at the intersection and if he feels is necessary to contact Wisconsin Department of Transportation so see if anything could be done to help with the vision problem.

The town clerk and Keith Rumisek went over the Transfer Site card for 2001-2002 and made changes. Keith Rumisek stated he feels that the Town of West Point should get a compactor so Columbia County would take our trash and not have it go to a landfill. Keith also stated that it is a State Law to Recycle. 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor Alan Treinen stated that he would line people up to work at the recycling center and give the town board a schedule.

Election day is November 7, 2000 – polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Destruction of trees on the Town Park Land in Woodland Hills Subdivision was brought up for discussion – Greg Witwen has been cutting down trees on his property and the town property for a better view of the lake/ferry. John Fitzgerald and John Kalinoski complained that no trees should be cut down on town property and they felt that he should be required to plant new trees. They also stated that there are <sup>convenants</sup> ~~convents~~ on not cutting trees down. Chairman Fred Thistle stated that some of those trees were Locust trees and should be cut down. The town has no authority on ~~convents~~ <sup>convenants</sup>. No action was taken.

There was a petition to lower the speed limit in Woodland Hills to 25 mph. Chairman Fred Thistle stated that it would have to go to Columbia County Safety Committee. No action was taken.

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The discussion of town parks was brought up for discussion. It was stated that Columbia County Parks committee and the Columbia County Sheriff both oppose the Town of West Point purchasing or fixing up Gibraltar Park. Therefore the Town of West Point will not consider the Gibraltar Park for our park fund. Chairman Fred Thistle is going to talk to Frank Pustaver about purchasing some land for a town park. The town board will keep looking for parkland.

The town clerk presented the town board with a copy of the revised town budget. A category for Crystal Lake with \$5,000.00 was put into the budget. The budget hearing will be on Tuesday, November 14, 2000 at 7:30 p.m.

Patrick Sheahan from Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources spoke on Wisconsin Lake Protection Grant Program. To apply for a grant needs to be completed by May 1<sup>st</sup> – they would pay up to 75% of cost. This grant would not help the Town of West Point with lowering the water in Crystal Lake. Mr. Sheahan gave the town board information for guideline and application, information on Lake Associations, and Lake District.

There were two Sauk Prairie Ambulance bills that are unpaid (Gastrow for \$201.00 and Larson for \$190.00) that were presented to the town board for payment. After discussion a motion was made by John Benish to pay the two ambulance bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Davis – motion carried.

Columbia County has sent a list of mobile homes in the Town of West Point that are not in a mobile home park as follows: Neal Schoepp, Jeff Morter, Reuben Unke, Dan Benish, and Gasser Bros. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the mobile home verification, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Benish – motion carried.

The Town of West Point letterhead is tabled.

A CSM for Don Bartnick was presented to the town board for their consideration. The Planning Commission has approved the CSM. Mr. Bartnick is selling 23.78 acres to the adjacent landowner. Mr. Bartnick would still own over 35 acres. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the CSM for Don Bartnick – motion carried.

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A CSM for Steve Jackson was presented to the town board for their consideration. The Planning Commission did not approve the CSM – the reason being it is a non-conforming agricultural lot. Attorney Jeff Clark told the town board that there could be language put into the agreement with Mr. Jackson that no house could be build on the land. The reason for the CSM is by court order in a divorce settlement. After discussion a motion was made by Alan Treinen to disapprove the CSM for Steve Jackson as it would make a non-conforming agricultural lot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Davis – the motion was carried 5 to 0.

A variance <sup>to</sup> a kitchen and living room for Jerry Bollig was presented to the town board for their consideration. The Planning Commission did not approve the Variance – as it was not a hardship. Mr. Bollig was not present. After discussion a motion was made by Alan Treinen to disapprove the variance for Jerry Bollig as it was not a hardship, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert Davis – motion carried.

Tax newsletter was brought up for discussion. The town clerk suggested that each town board member write a short paragraph telling about themselves. It was felt to be a good suggestion and each town board member is to write a short paragraph in the next week and get it to the town clerk. Chairman Fred Thistle also asked the town treasurer to write something on getting a dog licensed.

A letter was received from Columbia County Zoning stating that a second house on property on Morter Road was granted for Bruce and Nancy Jo Peckham and Walter and Charleen Peckham. 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor John Benish made a motion due to a current investigation on my part and a lack of time to complete the investigation I move to table to the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Town of West Point regular meeting, the motion died for a second. Attorney Jeff Clark explained that Dane County has a rule that 40 acres is a farm and that 51% of income has to come from the farm. Columbia County has no rule. 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor John Benish stated his concerns are the sale of property, one house only, what happens to second house? 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor Alan Treinen feels the property will be divided some day – question on appeal to Columbia County – feels that they should have another 35 acres for second house. Attorney Jeff Clark told the town board they had the following options: Appeal to Columbia County on the 35 acre rule, advise

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Joe Costanza not to issue a building permit, or do nothing. Bruce Peckham stated that he gave up a \$50,000.00 job to raise a crop, which will be very successful, and his father is helping with the crop. He also hopes that his family will carry on the business. He hopes to build the house in the spring and create a family farm. After more discussion the town board asked Attorney Jeff Clark to write up a resolution for the December meeting. No action was taken.

A motion was made by Robert Davis to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

  
Edith Eberle  
Town Clerk