

## 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, March 1st, 2001 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, 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. Absent was Robert Davis-2<sup>nd</sup>, Supervisor.

The minutes from the February 1st, 2001 meeting had been given to the town board members prior to the meeting. There was one typing mistake. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to approve the minutes with correction, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Benish - motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$161,729.99, Tree Fund - \$8,964.56, and Park Fund as \$81,163.24. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the treasurer report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Benish – motion carried.

Correspondence – Columbia County is planning for a 2002 digital orthophotography and mapping project – there will be a meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2001 from 6 to 8 p.m., Letter from Lodi Valley Masonic Lodge and Queen Esther Chapter asking for donations to the Lodi EMS for defibrillator, Letter from DNR on Gruber's Grove on the Ordinance that was passed and posting requirements of that ordinance, Letter from Charter Communication on a revised Late Fee policy and new cable rates for 2001 (Lodi and Sauk will have a different rates), Letter from the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association stating that April 29 through May 5, 2001 is Municipal Clerk's Week, Letter from Struck & Irwin Paving, Inc. on Slurry Seal Pavement Maintenance, Letter on Remote Relays to turn on the heat at the Town Hall, Letter from Tim Carlin on FEMA for Federal Disaster money for winter storm in December, Letter on Paserware training, Letter from Tom Gaukel asking to have one mile portion of Schoepp Road renamed to Gaukel Road – this will be on April's town board agenda, Letter from DoR on Computer Exemption Report Filing and the Use Value Penalty Question and Answers, Letter from Equity Appraisal, LLC a

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New assessment company (a letter will be sent on our revaluation), Torrey Latham reported that Kohlman's house is gone and that brushing will start on Van Ness Road on Friday, and Chairman Fred Thistle stated that there was a question on the ownership of the town hall, but information was found that it is town property.

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.

Alan Treinen gave the following report of the Planning Commission meeting – 2 public hearings on Hickory Hill rezoning (the cottages can not be rented out with out a conditional use permit) all fees are to be paid before the condo's plat is to come to the Planning Commission and Larry Lenerz Rezoning, Smart Growth is not moving very fast on hiring a new county planner, on Larry Lenerz rezoning there was concern on the farm smell – but it was stated that there is a Right to Farm Act, Tree Fund was also discussed and decided that the payment will be made once a year to the developer who is responsible for what trees are planted etc.

Town Chairman Fred Thistle gave a report on Crystal Lake Water Levels – he stated that the report show that the lakes (Crystal and Fish) are connected and the reason of raising water is that the ground water is rising. The next two meetings in March the committee will make recommendations on how to solve the water problems.

The tree fund for Selwood was brought up for discussion. The Town of West Point has put \$8,964.56 in a separate bank account. This account was set up as part of the developer's agreement with Larry Lenerz. After discussion and the Planning Commission recommendation a motion was made by Alan Treinen to have the money in a separate account drawing interest and that the developer can request money from that account once a year, and he is responsible for the administration/trees etc., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Non-Metallic Mining Reclamation Ordinance – there will be a public hearing on March 6, 2001 at Columbia County.

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Procedure for Public Hearings for Columbia County Planning and Zoning will have a public hearing on March 6, 2001 at Columbia County. A copy of a flow chart showing the process of rezoning was given to all town board members and planning commission members.

Flag on Gannon Road was brought up for the town board consideration. Bud Styer representing Crystal Lake Campground presented his case on why there should be a Flag at the beginning of Gannon Road as follows: there was a sign there but due to the reconstruction of highway 60 the state now says no sign, was asked about a flag pole the state said too much clutter, would like permission to put it in the town right a way so it would be easy to give directions to the campground to say turn at the flag. Each town board member gave their opinions. A motion was made by John Benish to table the flagpole on Gannon road indefinitely, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Larry Lenerz rezoning was presented to the town board for their consideration. The Town Clerk read the motion from the Planning Commission minutes that recommended the rezoning. After discussion, a motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the rezoning provided the rezoning shall have a deferred effective date to coincide with the recording of the final plat for the land to be rezoned.

The reasons for recommending approval of the rezoning include, but are not necessarily limited to:

1. Conforms to the Land Use Plan as a residential transitional area designed in the plan.
2. The land consists of marginal agricultural soils with rolling topography.
3. It meets the intention to keep development along the lake looking to the future and possible sewer/utility district.
4. The road was designed to serve a residential area and anticipated expansion was noted when the original land was rezoned in 1995.
5. Development will have centralized septic collection system, which meets existing state requirements, which will facilitate integration of the development into a future sanitary/utility district.
6. The rezoning will assist in clustering development next to an existing subdivision.

2<sup>nd</sup> by John Benish – motion was carried.

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A motion was made by John Benish to table the Trails End CSM for Nicholas Tragos until April 2<sup>nd</sup> by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

A hand out for Smart Growth was given to all town board members and planning commission members from Chairman Fred Thistle. He would like to discuss with the Planning Commission at a future meeting. Also it was suggested to work with neighboring town (Town of Lodi or Town of Roxbury) on the Smart Growth Plan.

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A public hearing will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> on Columbia County Ordinance 16 on size of lots. There were feelings at the Wisconsin Towns Association meeting that other towns were not in favor of restricting a second house on farm to have 35 acres also.

A public hearing will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> on Columbia County Ordinance on Second Apartment in Single Family Residence.

A motion was made by Alan Treinen to have Torrey Latham represent the Town of West Point to receive Federal Funds for a 48 hours period in December for snowplowing approximately \$2,427.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Benish – motion carried.

Each town board member is to receive a copy of the Town Clerk's/Town Treasurers books to look over for the town audit.

In December the State Christmas Tree will be decorated with 2 ornaments from each village, city and town in the State of Wisconsin. Chairman Fred Thistle has given a copy of the letter received on specification for the ornaments and they will be working on some plans for the ornaments for the Town of West Point.

A motion to adjourn the town board meeting was made by Alan Treinen at 9:30 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Benish – motion carried.

  
Edith Eberle  
Town Clerk