

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, April 5, 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-1st Supervisor, 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.

The minutes from the March 1st, 2001 meeting were tabled as the town board members had not gotten their copies of the minutes.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$163,021.57, Tree Fund - \$8,999.97, and Park Fund as \$82,043.06. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the treasurer report, 2nd by Robert Davis – motion carried. The town treasurer and town clerk balanced with the bank for March 2001.

Correspondence – letter that was faxed to town engineer on a form designed to aid in the issuance of building/land use permits, letter from Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board on a meeting on April 20th in Muscoda, letter from the public information meeting on the Ferry, letter from DNR on Managed Forest in the Town of West Point, letter from Waste Reduction Specialist on wood grinder, letter from WdofT on rating all town roads on the paser, letter on training for Paser on Monday, April 9, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. – Chairman Fred Thistle and 4th Supervisor Torrey Latham will attend, letter from Chuck Chvala, a letter for DofR stating that Payne & Dolan will be assessed as manufacturing for one year only, a letter from Jeff Clerk sending a predevelopment Agreement to Mr. Akers on the Sharkey property, copy of salary of town officials that was sent to Town of Merrimac, copy of certificate of insurance from Charter Communications, letter from MEI on proposed maintenance building at Lake Wisconsin Country Club and a letter asking to install a public pay telephone.

The list of the bills were presented for the town board for approval. In the town budget there is 4 categories that are over budget: Election Salary, Election Expense, Bids for Roads, and Snow Plowing. The town board made the following changes is the budget Highway Maintenance to 20,000.00 and Highway Construction to 90,000.00 and put 10,000.00 in snowplowing, take 232.57 from Engineer Roads to Bids for Roads, take 28.00 from clerk expense to Election salary, and 219.93 from town board expenses to election expense. A motion was made by Robert Davis to make the changes in the budget categories, 2nd by John Benish – motion carried. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to pay the bills presented, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Question asked from members of the public as follows: Handout on the ferry, Street Light on Gannon Road, Culvert fixed on Chrisler Road, Weight Limits off on Monday – April 9. 2001.

Alan Treinen gave the following report for the Planning Commission – at March 8th meeting Alan Treinen presented is Conditional Use Permit – he was told to list all activies planned and bring to the March 22 meeting, at March 22nd meeting-a Variance for Dave Mitchell recommended the following: easement for septic to be run under road, and setback variance for a garage (2 car garage 22 x 32).

A letter was received from Tom Gaukle asking to change the name of Schoepp Road at the county line west. A motion was made by John Benish not to change the road name, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Sue Waters explained to the town board why she was requesting a no wake in Sunset Bay as follows:

1. Safety – there is a lot of boat traffic in the bay because of the Restaurant, Bar, and Boat Launch
2. Quality of Life
3. Shoreline Erosion.

The Grade and Okee Bay's have a No Wake now. Sunset Bay is only 400 to 500 ft. A sample No Wake Ordinance was presented to the town board for their consideration. After more discussion – a motion was made by John Benish to have to town attorney review/and revise the sample ordinance for the Town of West Point and hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

The Conditional Use Permit for Alan Treinen was presented to the town board for their consideration. The application was for a corn maze. The Planning Commission had recommended by a vote of 3 to 1 for the following: pumpkin patch, hay/sleigh rides, skating/sledding parties, corn maze, seasonal gift house, catered meals, barn dances which would be limited to parties of 500 or less, no alcohol, with music to stop at 12 p.m., and site cleared by 1:00 a.m., nature walks through the woods, farm tours, petting zoo, pony/and or horse rides, and a children's play area. The town board had received a letter from a neighbor of Alan Treinen's stating her concerns that the public was misinformed as to what Alan Treinen was asking for in his Conditional Use Permit as the letter she had received stated only a corn maze. At the Planning Commission public hearing Alan Treinen Stated he was planning to do the following:

1. Corn Maze
2. A child's Playground
3. Seasonal Gift House
4. Several Barn Dances – 500 people, no alcohol, college students, no music after midnight
5. Catering in Meals
6. Nature walks through the woods
7. Hay and Sleigh Rides
8. Skating and Sledding Parties
9. Pumpkin Patch
10. Farm Tour
11. Pony and Horse Rides

Alan Treinen explained each item that he was planning to do. There was a lot concern from the neighbors on the Barn Dances. The town board advised Alan Treinen that they would only act on only the items that were stated in the original appreciation (corn maze). Alan Treinen then with drew his application for a Conditional Use Permit and will resubmit his application and state all planned activities that need a Conditional Use Permit.

Variance request from Dave Mitchell for a septic and garage was presented for the town board consideration. Dave Mitchell would like to move the septic across the road and a setback for the garage so it would not have a large drop off. The neighbors would like to have the setback, as it would be unsightly view. Dave Mitchell has the room to build the garage away from the road. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to allow Dave

Mitchell to move the septic to the other side of the road (burrowing under the road), 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried 5 to 0.

A motion was made by Alan Treinen to grant the variance as there is a hardship for safety and view, 2nd by Robert Davis – motion carried.

Greg Scott had sent a complaint form to the town clerk on a person in the town that had not recycled as required. Alan Treinen stated that the Town of Lodi has a fine of \$75.00 per time for not recycling. The town board discussed fines and having the recycling ordinance updated. The town clerk was asked to have the town attorney update the recycling ordinance to leave a space of fines and present it at the May meeting.

A letter was received from V. Knoppke-Wetzel asking the town board to remove 3 trees on Highway 188 that he felt were a danger. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to remove the 3 trees on Highway 188, 2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried. The town chairman will contact Columbia County Highway Department.

The following report on Crystal Lake Water Levels was given by Fred Thistle – town chairman as follows: There will be a meeting on April 17th at 7:30 p.m. at the Town of Roxbury at which all stakeholders will discuss getting pipe from Fish Lake to the Wisconsin River. All the landowners have given permission to cross their land with the pipe. Water samples need to be done on Fish Lake to see the quality of water would be ok to be dumper into the Wisconsin River. There is a question on who owns the pipe, who will operate, and who will pay the cost per year.

Chairman Fred Thistle had prepared a list of roads and cost of either seal coating or wedge and seal coat from Columbia County Highway for the town board members to consider for 2001. They are as follows:

Seal Coat Estimates:

Fjords Road – 20' x 3,168 - \$4,600.00
East Harmon Road – 19' x 5,069 - \$7,100.00
Morter Road – 18' x 2,640 - \$3,700.00
Hanneman Road – 18' x 3,485 - \$4,000.00
Rausch Road – 19' x 3,696 - \$5,200.00
Wartner Road – 18' x 2,112 - \$2,800.00

Wedge and Seal Coat Estimates:

Golf Road – 21' x 12,883 - \$24,600.00
Barta Road – 19' x 5,227 - \$9,900.00

Bittner Road – 18' x 1,743 - \$3,900.00
Pulvermacher Road – 19' x 3,802 - \$7,400.00
Gannon Road – 10' x 4,224 - \$8,100.00

TOTAL - \$81,300.00

It was also stated that the Town of Lodi has put Gluth Road out for bids of which the Town of West Point will share half the cost. The bid is \$20,251.00 and West Point share is \$10,125.00. After discussion a motion was made by Alan Treinen to have Columbia County Highway do the following roads: Fjords Road, East Harmon Road, Rausch Road, Golf Road, Barta Road, Bittner Road, Gannon Road and Gluth Road a total of \$73,525.00, 2nd by Robert Davis – motion carried.

Robert Davis made a motion to table brushing of town roads, 2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried.

The town clerk has a cost from the State Trust Fund for 5.5%, and from Amcore Bank for 6.5% for borrowing of \$300,000.00 for town roads. After discussion a motion was made by Alan Treinen to go with the best percentage rate for the town, 2nd by John Benish – motion carried.

A motion was made by Alan Treinen to table the appointment of Planning Commission Members, 2nd by John Benish – motion carried.

CSM for Trails End is tabled until May.

The audit of the town clerks and town treasurers' books is tabled until April 10, 2001 special town board meeting, as all the town board members haven't reviewed the books.

The Christmas Tree Ornament is tabled.

Chairman Fred Thistle and 4th Supervisor Torrey Latham are going to a meeting on Monday, April 9, 2001 on the Pacer program.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources have sent us permission for a Land Use Agreement to allow the Town of West Point to construct a bulletin board in Sunset Bay and Okee. The town of West Point will use Sunset Bay as an official posting place in the town for meeting/notices etc(deleting Hickory Hills as a posting place)April 01. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to sign the Land Use Agreement from

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, 2nd by John Benish – motion carried.

Cathy Lathrop, Columbia County Clerk has sent a letter stating that she doesn't need any information regarding school boundaries from of township. The State of Wisconsin will provide a census map as an overlay for redistricting due to the 2000 census for ward boundaries.

Nelvin Olson, assessor came before the town board asking for the town board input on dates for open book and board of review for 2001. Saturday, June 2nd was sent for open book for 12 to 4, and board of review on Tuesday, June 19th from 5 to 7 p.m.

A motion to adjourn the town board meeting was made by John Benish at 10:00 p.m., 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.



Edith Eberle
Town Clerk