

Town of West Point

Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.84 the Town Board of the Town of West Point held a regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 10th, 2002, 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-Chairman, Alan Treinen-1st Supervisor, Doug Richmond-2nd Supervisor, John Benish-3rd Supervisor, and Torrey Latham-4th Supervisor. Also present was Edith Eberle-Town Clerk and Joan Bader-Town Treasurer.

The pledge of allegiance was said.

The minutes from the December 6th, 2001 meeting had been given to the town board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by John Benish to approve the minutes, 2nd by Torrey Latham - motion carried.

The treasurer report was as follows: General - \$1,350,255.77 before January bills - after January bills - \$393,385.48, Park Fund - \$90,792.70, Tree Fund - \$18,203.24 A motion was made by Doug Richmond to accept the treasurer report as given, 2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

Correspondence - Workshops for Minutes of Local Government Meetings and Parliamentary Procedure for 2002, Letter from Lodi Area Fire Department to Lodi EMS on payment of insurance bill, Letter from Lodi EMS to Lodi Area Fire Department on payment of insurance, Letter for payment of Transportation Aids for 2002 - a total of \$69,936.75 (quarterly payments), Columbia County Payment for Intersection of Cty. J & Chrisler Road, Letter from Columbia County Zoning on Sewage on N733 Golf Road-owner has 90 days to fix septic system, Card from Department of Transportation that they received our PASER program rating our town roads, a letter on projected population of West Point 2000-1634; 2005-1755; 2010-1869; 2015-1973, Letter from Ron Grasshoff to Tom Bannan on drainage on his 13+acres, Letter from Wisconsin Department of Commerce on an onsite audit of the Lodi Area Fire Department on the 2nd

fire dues - they were in compliance, Lodi Fire Commission Minutes, Pamphlet on SMIP program, Letter for Wisconsin Department of Commerce approval of Unheated Storage Garage, Letters and bills for Columbia County Economic Development Corp - Town of West Point does not join, Letter for Columbia County Land Information - asking for any digital geospatial information we have, Charter Communication - Price of service going up, Verizon would like information on a roads the town is planning on doing 2002 - 2003, paper on local officials restraints if food, drink, favors, service etc., and a letter from Columbia County Land Information on Data Entry for Assessors.

A copy of bills was given to each town board member for their consideration. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to pay the bills presented, 2nd by Torrey Latham - motion carried.

Planning Commission ^{Report} was given by Doug Richmond as follows: December 13 - Bill Niemi and Ron Grasshof are gathering maps on land conservation issues, etc.; January 3 - Ayres Associates ^{Gave} a presentation (Columbia County to a fly over at 10,000 ft and the town can do a fly over at 5,000 ft) public hearing and approval for a 8'' variance for Richard Gumerman and Bob Long on Van Ness Road would like to divide his property (35.79 acres). Do a CSM with the buildings on .79 acre and the other 35 acres he would build a new house.

Chairman Fred Thistle has received maps from Ramaker of Crystal and Fish Lake with landowners around each lake. Bud Styer gave a report that there are 2 steps to be done, #1 is Mapping and Public hearing at a cost of \$3,550.00, and #2 is Setting up a Lake District/Management Plan at a cost to the Town of West Point of \$6,000.00 and Town of Roxbury \$8,000.00 (56% of the Land is in Dane County and 44% of land is in Columbia County). Chairman Fred Thistle is going to set up a meeting with State Representation Tammy Baldwin to see if we could get federal funds. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to pay \$3,550.00 (pending Attorney Jeff Clark opinion) on the contract with Ramaker, 2nd by Doug Richmond - motion carried. The Town of Roxbury will be the responsible unit and get all permits etc. for this project.

An application from Tom Doris (Fish Tales) for an operator license was presented to the town board for consideration. Tom has taken the bartender class. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to grant the Operator License for Tom Doris, 2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

Applications from Leila Cristan and Patricia Broncatti-Brown (Sunset Harbor) was presented to the town board for consideration. Patricia has taken the bartender class and Leila has held a license in the Town of Lodi. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to grant the Operator Licenses for Leila Cristan and Patricia Broncatti-Brown, 2nd by Torrey Latham - motion carried.

A revised Resolution for fees for meetings for town board members, town clerk and town treasurer was presented for the town board to consider. The town clerk was asked to find out on paying town board members on Board of Review at the December meeting. The Wisconsin Towns Association Attorney stated that the Town Officers that are receiving a salary not be paid a per diem that they do not get paid to attend outside meetings as that is considered part of your salary. At board of review the town board members are considered part time they are entitled to receive pay, but at a town meeting the town clerk needs to be voted on if she is full time or part time. If part time she also can receive pay. Attorney Jeff Clark also gave his opinion on this matter and agreed with the Wisconsin Towns Association Attorney - but in his opinion on a town board member on the Planning Commission - he felt that the town board member should receive the same pay as the other members of the Planning Commission. After more discussion - a motion was made by John Benish to table the Resolution #12B/1984 to see if it had been approved by the town electors, 2nd by Doug Richmond - motion carried. A motion was made by John Benish that all town board members including the town clerk and town treasurer ^{will} not get paid meeting, but the town board member that is on the Planning Commission receive the same pay as other planning commission members, 2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

A Resolution to Participate in the Wisconsin Length of Service Award Program was presented to the town board for their consideration. Chairman Fred Thistle read the resolution. After discussion a motion was made by Alan

Treinen to adopt the Resolution to Participate in the Wisconsin Length of Service Award Program for Lodi Fire Fighters and Lodi EMT's - 2nd by Doug Richmond. The resolution was not signed, as the town clerk is to retype the Resolution and bring to the February meeting.

A letter was received in December from the Sauk Prairie Area Historical Society asking for money. There was no^{re} present from the Sauk Prairie Area Historical Society - so this was deleted with no action.

A copy of the Plat and CSM Review Checklist was presented to the town board from the Planning Commission for their consideration. After discussion - a motion was made by Doug Richmond to adopt the Plat and CSM Review Checklist, 2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

A Variance for Richard and Aurora Gumerman was presented to the town board for their consideration. The planning commission has approved the variance with 6 requirements. After discussion a motion was made by Doug Richmond to grant the variance with the following requirements:

1. The existing encroachment was unintended and the result of an honest mistake
2. The encroachment as not been the source of complaint or apparent problems
3. The addition proposed by the owners will not worsen the encroachment
4. Enforcement against encroachments of this size are often not pursued
5. The public interest will not be harmed by granting a after the fact variance to address an existing building encroachment of this type
6. The Gumerman's clearly made an effort to correct the encroachment by trying to purchase additional property from their neighbors.

2nd by Alan Treinen - motion carried.

The following mobile home farm labor applications were presented to the town board for their consideration: Jeffrey & Patricia Morter, Neal Schoepp, Rolland Unke, Gasser Bros., Inc. Chairman asked about Neal Schoepp - mobile home but it was stated that it is still for farm labor. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to grant the

mobile homes licenses for farm labor for Jeffrey & Patricia Morter, Neal Schoepp, Rolland Unke, Gasser Bros., Inc., 2nd by Doug Richmond - motion carried.

An application from Pine Vista, LTD for 68 mobile homes was presented to the town board for consideration. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to grant a one-year license to Pine Vista, LTD, 2nd by John Benish - motion carried.

An application from Schoepp's Cottonwood Resort for 51 mobile homes was presented to the town board for consideration. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to grant a one-year license to Schoepp's Cottonwood Resort, 2nd by John Benish - motion carried.

An application from Crystal Lake Campground for 173 mobile homes was presented to the town board for consideration. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to grant a one-year license to Crystal Lake Campground, 2nd by Doug Richmond - motion carried.

Town roads was brought up for discussion as follows: need some kind of marking on the corner of County J and Chrisler Road as people are going threwh the intersection where there is no road do to the new construction of that corner - Torrey Latham 4th Supervisor to talk to Jim Cross from Columbia County Highway as to what can be put up; look at intersection of Chrisler and Reynolds road as a unsafe intersection; Culvert on Unke road, Culver on O'Connor Road, Fjords Road and Van Ness and Chrisler roads have been brushed; Reynolds Road by Pat Lochner and JoAnn Lichte property needs ditching/tree removal - 1st Supervisor Alan Treinen to talk to JoAnn Lichte on removing trees in right a way; Chrisler Road - culvert on Randy Knipfer property is block by dirt - Chairman Fred Thistle to talk to Randy Knipfer. Chairman Fred Thistle also stated that if any town board member becomes aware of a safety issue on any town road - it needs to be taken care of within 24 hours - any town board member should contact Chairman immediately.

The Wisconsin Towns Association District meeting was brought up to the town board members to see which one of the 3 meetings that are in our area the town board members would like to attend. At the meeting will include Board of Review recertification, which all town board members need

to do. Torrey Latham, Doug Richmond, Fred Thistle all stated they would go to the March 9th meeting in McFarland. John Benish stated he would go to the February 14th meeting in Wisconsin Dells. The clerk will send in reservations.

A motion was made by John Benish to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., 2nd by Torrey Latham - motion carried.



Edith Eberle
Town Clerk