

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, August 8, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

The town board members present were: Fred Thistle-Chairperson, Alan Treinen-1st Supervisor, Doug Richmond-2nd Supervisor, Bill Niemi-3rd Supervisor and Torrey Latham-4th Supervisor. Also present was Edith Eberle-Town Clerk and Joan Bader-Town Treasurer.

The minutes from the July 11th, 2002 meeting had been given to each of the town board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to approve the minutes, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$402,124.57, Park Fund as \$101,500.67, and Tree Fund \$17,586.15. The treasurer stated that she and the town clerk have balanced their books for July. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the treasurer report, 2nd by Doug Richmond – motion carried.

Correspondence – Pamphlet from the Wisconsin Taxpayer, Letter from UW Extension on Budgeting Workshops, Letter from UW Extension on Elections and communicating Election Information to Town Clerks, Wisconsin Towns Association Magazine on the Annual Convention, and a Letter from Charter Communications on ESPNNews will continue.

A copy of the bills had been given to each town board member. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to pay the bills presented, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Under non-agenda topics it was brought up on having a speed limit sign on Golf Road.

Planning Commission Report was given by Doug Richmond a follows: July 18th - Wickline 4 lot CSM was presented – Public Hearing on August 15th, Land Use Plan Map, August 1st – Wickline concerns, Schweppe 2 lot CSM on Steckleburg, and Tom & Nancy 8 lots off Fjords Road.

Town Hall Committee report was given by Dick O'Connor gave the following: Jim Kirner will do some sketches of the future town hall (offices for Clerk/Treasurer, Town Chairperson, Assessor/Engineer, small meeting room, large meeting room, kitchen, and bathrooms), the recycling center has 17 acres where the new town hall could be build (has a very nice view of Gibraltar Rock, the valley and river), the town would need a conditional use permit. The committee plans on having plans ready for the November meeting.

Park Committee report was given by Bill Niemi as follows: Mr. & Mrs. Hunt and Larry Lenerz will go over drawings (plans) and will go to the Planning Commission on September 5th, there is no cost yet – would like the earth work done this year.

Chairman Fred Thistle gave the following report on Crystal Lake Water Levels – the committee (Jeff Melville, Joe Costanza, Robert Pings and Fred Thistle) had 7 companies to pick from for the Engineering of Crystal Lake Pumping – they picked Mead and Hunt at a cost of \$57,000.00 –to be done in 3 phases \$12,500.00 to start. The town of West Point has \$3,812.50 left in 2002 Budget – Columbia County has \$7,500.00 in 2002 budget and the State of Wisconsin budget has \$200,000.00 which needs to be matching by the towns. There is a Chapter 30 Committee, which Torrey Latham is on which is a permit-to-permit pumping. Representative Eugene Hahn has been very helpful on the Crystal Lake Water Levels. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to designate \$3,812.50 for engineering cost, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Chairman Fred Thistle gave the following report on town roads: Steckleberg Road and Yngsdal Road have new asphalt surface. New culverts have been installed on the South end of Unke Road and East end of Reynolds Road next to Lovering Road. It was brought up about reducing speed on Barta Road. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to table the reducing speed on Barta Road, 2nd by Doug Richmond – motion carried.

Blackhawk Drive Public Access is tabled until September.

Fourth Supervisor Torrey Latham would like to have mowing and sweeping separated on 2003 budget.

DOT Land Transfer is tabled and will be deleted from the agenda until they contact us.

Alan Treinen has presented a Non-Intoxicating Beverage Application to the town board for their consideration. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to grant a Non-Intoxicating Beverage License to Alan Treinen, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried. 1 town board member abstained from voting.

Larry Lenerz – Town Park is tabled until September.

Ginny Miller – Columbia County Clerk Candidate came before the town board and citizens present to explain her goals if elected.

A copy of the Town of Lodi Fence Ordinance had been given to each town board member prior to the meeting. There was a question on who would enforce the Ordinance, and would do the permit for a fence. After discussion about the Fence Ordinance a motion was made by Doug Richmond to give a copy to attorney to look over and give the town board his opinion, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Robert Roth from General Engineer for Trails End Storm Water came before the town board and explained a proposed drainage plan, which includes using the public access. The cost of the plan would be \$20,000.00, part of the TRIP funds \$2,500.00 could be used for this project. The town board likes the concept of the proposed plan. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to take the proposed plans to the town engineer and work out any problems with the plan, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Kathy Edward came before the town board and stated that she was interested in becoming the Humane Officer for the Town of West Point. Kathy stated that she would take the training from the State of Wisconsin and become certified. A sample Ordinance/Job Description/Expenses will be given to the town attorney to draw up an Ordinance for the Town of West Point. Kathy stated that she would be paid expense, mileage (36.5 cents per mile); she would need a lock pole – gloves – nets (fishing) – live traps –

grasper for cats as supplies. Kathy would be retained on a monthly salary + per animal + expenses. A motion was made by Alan Treinen that the concept was a good idea to have a animal control officer for the Town of West Point, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Doug Richmond brought up mapping of Future Town Roads for discussion. The Planning Commission would like to show a plan for future roads drawn on a map (corridor) and have the plan tied together with the subdivision ordinance. The Planning Commission would like the opinion from the Town Attorney and the Town Engineer about the idea of a corridor across land that would be developed in the future. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to have the Town Attorney and Town Engineer work on a corridor for future roads, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

The town hall committee would like to ask the town board for permission to have the recycling center surveyed to see where the town property line is and have some stakes put in on the hill, and a perk test taken. There is \$5,000.00 in the 2002 budget for future town hall. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to allow the town hall committee to have the recycling center surveyed and a perk test done, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. by Doug Richmond, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.


Edith Eberle,
Town Clerk