

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, October 10, 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, 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. Absent was Alan Treinen-1st Supervisor.

The minutes from the September 12th, 2002 meeting had been given to each of the town board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to approve the minutes with corrections, 2nd by Torrey Latham - motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$125,457.45, Park Fund as \$103,273.56, and Tree Fund \$17,631.01. The treasurer stated that she and the town clerk have balanced their books for September. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to approve the treasurer report, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried.

Correspondence – Letter from Columbia County Clerk that West Point had 0-2% crossover for the September primary – the election workers did a good job, Letter from Chuck Chvala stating that the current shared revenue funding levels will remain for 2002-2003, a brochure on the Crisis in Funding Local Governments and Schools from Robert LaFollette, Letter Martenson & Eisele, Inc. that they will be an exhibitor at the Wisconsin Towns Association Annual Convention, Letter from Town of Lodi on a renew of lease of the former Lodi Area Emergency Medical Service building, Letter and minutes from the Columbia County Economic Development Corporation and Manufacturer of the Year Award, Lodi Fire Commission Minutes, Schwarz new Customer Service Agent Michelle A. Howard, a brochure on Gypsy Moth and Training Session, a Intergovernmental Cooperation booklet (A Guide to Preparing the Intergovernmental Cooperation Element of a Local Comprehensive Plan, A

bill for a subscription to Grants for Cities and Towns, Letters from Lathrop and Clark on Mitchell Greimel Building Permit Violation, Fire Prevention Inspection Report – no violation, Letter from Jeff Clark that on May 31, 2003 the pasture lease will terminate, and a Appraisal Transmittal for Rita (Clark) Mills property for the Ice Age Trail.

A copy of the bills had been given to each town board member. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to pay the bills #10-10-02 that were presented, 2nd by Doug Richmond – motion carried.

Under non-agenda topics – the Yard Light at the Town Hall is not working - November 4th at 9:00 a.m. is a farewell to Colsac II (ferry) at the Columbia County Side of the crossing by the Tourism Committee, there will be a meeting of West Point Historical Committee on October 23, 2002.

Planning Commission Report was given by Doug Richmond a follows: September 19th – Sandhill Ridge concerns in Land Use Plan – postponed, Wickline CSM was postponed, Kristie Kevern was postponed, Mike & Della Ryan would like to move the development rights from their farm on Gastrow Road transferred to agricultural land that borders Lake Drive, Highway 188 and Rausch Road and to deed restrict the farm on Gastrow Road, Town Park in Selwood was postponed, October 3rd – Wickline has withdrawn, Kristie Kevern was postponed, Sandhill – was not finalized until all the paper work is done, and Selwood park.

4th Supervisor reported that the paper work for Chapter 30 permit has been turned over to the Engineer and the Attorney to be filled out. A Resolution #10-10-02 to form a Lake District for Fish and Crystal was presented to the town board for their consideration. They have 72.5% of landowners. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to approve and sign #10-10-02 resolution – upon the retyping and the Town Attorney approval, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried. After the Town Attorney has approved the resolution it will be signed and a copy given to the Town of Roxbury. Bud Styer gave each town board member a packet on Shell Lake with the Yellow River. The time line for forming a Lake District is December 31st, 2002 and the time line for the application (9 pages) for the Chapter 30 permit is January 1st, 2003.

Town Chairman Fred Thistle has talked to a chairman in Dodge county who puts the mowing of 44 miles of roads out for bid (which includes 4 passes and in September mowing fence line to fence line for \$7,000.00. After discussion – the town chairman will get more information from Dodge County and report back to the town board in November.

On Blackhawk Drive Public Access – the DNR requires that in order for the Town of West Point to exchange the land – the town has to have the same amount of lake frontage – neighbor Scott Lewis is willing to exchange lake frontage - Joe Costanza town engineer is working on the agreement. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to postpone the Blackhawk Drive Public Access, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Town Park in Selwood was brought up for discussion with the town board. Tom and Heather Hunt presented a design and cost estimated as follows: Parking Lot - \$8,500.00, Play Ground Equipment (Swing Ball/Picnic Tables) - \$12,200.00, Installing Play Ground Equipment \$2,975.00, Wood Mat \$2,310.00, Trees - \$1,405.00, Landscaping - \$2,595.00 and Trash Container - \$270.00. It was stated that Larry Lenerz owes \$7,000.00 - \$8,000.00 toward this project for the last addition to Selwood. There was a question on insurance – the town clerk to call our insurance agent. After more discussion – a motion was made by Doug Richmond to have Joe Costanza do the engineering for the Parking Lot and Landscaping, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

The town attorney Jeff Clark had prepared an Ordinance and an Agreement for the Establishing a Humane Officer for the Town of West Point. Copies were given to Kathy Edwards to review. A motion was made by Torrey Latham to postpone the Ordinance and the Agreement for Establishing a Humane Officer until the November meeting, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Bill Roark gave the following report on the progress on the road between Trails End and Smith Park as follows: there has been 2 meetings with Joe Costanza (town engineer) went well, there will be a meeting with both attorneys (Roark's and Town Attorney), the centerline has been marked out by Rich Marks. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to postpone the road between Trail End and Smith Park, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

The town's pasture contract with Jim Zeman ends on May 31st, 2003 and the town needs to build a line fence between the two properties. Chairman Fred Thistle stated the 1st Supervisor Alan Treinen is working on getting a price on having a fence put up on the property line. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to postpone the fence at the Transfer Site, 2nd by Doug Richmond – motion carried.

The letter from the Town of Lodi on a new lease on the Old Ambulance Building will be on the agenda for the meeting on October 30, 2002 at the Lodi Fire Station. No action was taken.

Chairman Fred Thistle went over the proposed 2003 budget – questions were answered. Each town board member will look over the proposed 2003 budget.

The town clerk had faxed a copy of the proposed contract from Gardiner Appraisal to the town attorney – Jeff Clark for his input. Attorney Clark had some questions and changes. A faxed copy of Attorney Clark changes will be sent to Gardiner Appraisal. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to postpone the Assessor Contract to allow Attorney Jeff Clark and Gardiner Appraisal to meet and come up with a revised agreement, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

A Resolution was presented to amend the Land Use Plan to include Tax Parcel #189.1(owned by Tom and Nancy Bannan) in the transitional area. Town Chairman read the Resolution #10-10-02A. The following are the reasons for the change in the Land Use Plan:

1. The parcel is contiguous to a residential area and could be considered a transitional area
2. Lands consist of marginal agricultural soils
3. It meets the intension to keep development along the lake looking to the future and possible sewer/utility district; and
4. The rezoning would assist in clustering development next to existing subdivisions.

There were residents present that gave their objection to this Resolution. After discussion a motion was made by Doug Richmond to approve Resolution #10-10-02A, 2nd by Bill Niemi – a roll call vote was taken as follows: Torrey Latham – Yes, Bill Niemi – Yes, Doug Richmond – Yes, and Fred Thistle – Yes – motion carried.

A motion was made by Doug Richmond to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m., 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Edith Eberle
Edith Eberle,
Town Clerk