

TOWN OF WEST POINT

A public hearing for the 2003 budget was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2002 at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Hall. 68 residents and 1 non-resident were present. The public hearing was published in the Sauk Prairie Star and the Lodi Enterprise and posted in four places. A copy of the summary of the proposed budget was posted in four places.

A motion was made by Bud Styer to do all the voting at tonight's meeting by the raise of the hand, 2nd by William Klouser – yes 66 – no 2 – motion carried.

The budget was explained and questions were answered.

A motion was made by Don Malek to adjourn the budget hearing at 7:55 p.m., 2nd by Bud Styer yes – 68 – no 0 – motion carried.

The special town meeting was called to order at 7:55p.m. by the town chairperson Fred Thistle. The meeting was published in the Sauk Prairie Star and the Lodi Enterprise and posted in four places.

A motion was made by Bud Styer to adopt the Town of West Point tax levy of \$313,380.41 for 2003, 2nd by Scott King – yes 29 - no 0 – motion carried.

A motion was made by Bud Styer to approve \$257,400.00 for highway expenditures, 2nd by Ron Ebert – yes 68 – no 0 – motion carried.

It was brought up on borrowing up to \$100,000.00 for pumping of Mud, Fish and Crystal Lakes. The Town of Roxbury has passed the borrowing of \$100,000.00 at their annual meeting last week. In the State budget there is \$200,000.00 for pumping Fish, Mud and Crystal Lakes – but each town has to match the \$200,000.00 (\$100,000.00 each) by June 30, 2003. The DNR will set the water level it will be kept at. There also needs to be a Lake District formed before the money is available. After the pumps are in place the cost will be approximately \$45,000.00 per year to run the pumps – which the Lake District will pay for. After more discussion a motion was made by Robbie Buchanan to have the Town of West Point borrow up to \$100,000.00 for the pumping of Fish, Mud and Crystal Lakes, 2nd by Dell Beno – yes 64 – no 1 – motion carried.

Salaries for town officials were brought up for discussion. The clerk read a survey of the salaries all the towns in Columbia County. The clerk also read a formula from the Wisconsin Towns Association on how to figure what each town officer should be making. According to the formula each town officer should be making the

following: Town Chairman \$16,445.00, each Supervisor \$11,512.00 (70% of Chairman), Treasurer - \$24,668.00 (add 50% of Chairman), Clerk - \$32,890.00 (2 times Chairman). As of right now the Chairman gets - \$6,000.00, Supervisors - \$4,500.00, Treasurer - \$7000.00 and Clerk - \$15,000.00. After discussion a motion was made by Bud Styer to raise the Chairman \$2,000.00 and the Clerk \$1,000.00, 2nd by Tom Eberle – after discussion – the motion was rescinded. A motion was made by Ron Grasshoff to leave the clerks salary as is, there was no 2nd – motion died. A motion was made by Bud Styer to raise the Clerk salary \$1,000.00, 2nd by Lynn Latham - yes 29 – no 0 – motion carried. A motion was made by Bud Styer to raise the chairman salary \$2,000.00, 2nd by Ron Grasshoff – yes 29 – no – 0 – motion carried. A motion was made by Bud Styer to raise each of the supervisors \$250.00 – no second. A motion was made by Bud Styer to raise each of the supervisor \$500.00, 2nd by Don Fulkerson – yes 19 – no 2 – motion carried. All of these salaries will no take place until after the April election.

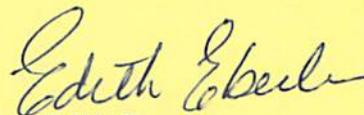
2nd Supervisor Doug Richmond presented preliminary plans for a new town hall. It would be 3,770 sq. ft. The plans include a entrance with places to display old town records etc., two offices, a big fire proof room for town records, a kitchen, 2 bathrooms, the mechanical room above the bathrooms, a large meeting room with 126 chairs and a raised platform for the town offices with storage under platform for tables, 2 storage closets (1 for chairs, 1 for voting booths and a projector). Doug also explained there will be 2 public hearings after the cost/ place has been completed (February and March) and it will be on the agenda for the April 8th Annual Meeting.

A motion was made by Scott King to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m., 2nd by Nancy Bannan – yes 29, no 0 – motion carried.

Chairperson Fred Thistle called a special town board meeting to order at 9:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Alan Treinen to adopt the Town Budget of \$615,181.26, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried.

A motion was made by Doug Richmond to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m., 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.


Edith Eberle
Town Clerk

Tom Eberle
Nancy Roark
Bill Roark
Marry Steyer
Edward Steyer
Bernard Galston

James E. Smith
John Miller
Del Bero
Deane Lopez
Burl Steyer
Nancy Johnson
Jane Johnson
Della Ryan

Jean Ryan
Jesse Hartman
Jill Walbrath
Rick Miller
Bill Johnson
Dave Koch
Paul Schoepf
Linda J. Schoepf
Chris Lyon
Nancy Bannan
Tom Bannan
Charles Richmond
Karon Hamilton
William McQuinn
Neal Schoepf
Wayne Anderson

Lyman Zipperfurth

Wiel Becken

Rene Anderson

Annette Becker

Lois Zipperfurth

Robert V. Ellison

Robert Scott

Dorothy Scott

Audrey MacLachlan

Judy Finkbeiner

Lynn M. Latham

Judy Buchanan

Robbie Buchanan

Bob Buchanan

Therese Fulkerson

Don Fulkerson

Don Malek

ROBERT BRADLEY

Dale Schaepp

Arda Schaepp

Scott King

Kathy Ballweg

Ellen Schaepp

RONALD EBERT

Stephanie Ebert

Donna Ebert

Gordon Carnecross

Tom Fitham

Bill Kern
Doug Richmond
Alan Treinen