

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, December 12th, 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 November 14th, 2002 meeting had been given to each of the town board members prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to approve the minutes with corrections, 2nd by Doug Richmond - motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Joan Bader as follows: General account \$304,364.40, Park Fund as \$103,489.58, and Tree Fund \$17,658.43. The treasurer stated that she and the town clerk have balanced their books for November. Joan Bader also stated that there 2 personal property taxes that have not been paid for 2002. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to approve the treasurer report, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried.

Correspondence – a pamphlet on Keeping the Land in Land Use Planning on January 23rd and 24th, 2003 at Green Lake – Chairman Fred Thistle is going to go to this meeting, letter from MEI to Dan Bittner on Erosion Control violation, letter from Department of Revenue that the Town of West Point is in compliance with our assessments, letter from Columbia County Planning & Zoning Department on forming a committee on the “35 acre” rule on January 7, 2003 at 7:00 p.m., letter from MEI to Christopher Hughes on Trails End Road, letter from Schwarz Insurance stating that the cost of insurance is \$45.00 for \$30,000.00 of playground equipment, letter to Gregory Helmbrecht and Paula Noel on violation of not constructing 3 detention basins as shown on the CSM and Mr. Mitchell (owner of lot 3) needs to move his driveway to construct a detention pond – no occupancy permit will be issued, letter from Department of Natural Resources that

Roark property in Managed Forest, copy of certificate of Liability Insurance for Gardiner Appraisal Service, and a letter from Columbia County Land Information Department on Open Book and Board of Review dates for 2003 – copy of letter was faxed to Greg Gardiner.

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

Under non-agenda topics – a letter from Dean Schwarz on Rausch Lane on how is taxes have gone up.

Planning Commission Report was given by 2nd Supervisor Doug Richmond a follows: November 21st – Transitional Areas of the Town of West Point, Fence Ordinance –the Planning Commission felt that no fences are needed in Residential Areas with the exception of swimming pools, December 5th – A Public Hearing on amending the Land Use Plan for (Bannan and Campbell), Zeman/Heffron Trails End 4 lot CSM was postponed until January 16th for a public hearing.

Town Hall Committee – 2nd Supervisor Doug Richmond explained that there would be a meeting before the end of the year with public hearing for January or February. The Department of Natural Resources has approved a variance for a well at the Transfer Site.

Park Committee – 3rd Supervisor Bill Niemi reported that Joe Costanza estimated a cost to for the playground equipment as designed would be under \$5,000.00. The following time line is a follows: the design will be done the end of February, put out for bids before June first, and paving the end of June.

Crystal Lake Water Levels – Lake District report as follows: Funds have been approved in the budget by Dane County, DNR agreed as we get information from Meade & Hunt to apply for Chapter 30 permit. There needed to be a walk across the properties to look for Indian Artifacts - which was put out for bids by the Town of Roxbury. A bid for \$600.00 was accepted. There may need to be another walk/study done which will cost an additional \$300.00 in order to get the grant. Tom Gaukel and Bud Styer explained what is happening. Dan See Columbia County Board Chairman explained the financial problems that Columbia County has. There will be a

joint meeting set up with the Town of Roxbury and the Town of West Point – tentatively around December 26, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. at West Point Town Hall.

On town roads – Chairman Fred Thistle read the following list of roads that need to be brushed: Golf Road (from hwy. 188 to Sawyers Farm), Barta Road (through the woods), Bittner Road (from Barta Road to House), Slack Road and Hillcrest Road, Crystal Lake Road (by Don Kruchten's), Chrisler Road (by Recycling Center), East Harmon (Culvert). After discussion a motion was made by Torrey Latham to brush Slack Road, Hillcrest Road, and Crystal Lake (only tree leaning over the road), 2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried.

1st Supervisor Alan Treinen gave the following report on putting up a line fence at the Transfer Site: Jim Zeman will build his half the fence and Chuck Zeman will do the Town of West Point's half of the fence. The Town Clerk is to contact Jim Grothman to have some more markers put on the hill to have the line fence put in the right place.

2nd Supervisor Doug Richmond gave a report from the Wisconsin Towns Association. He stated that a town board member should go to the meeting each year, as it is very informative.

The town clerk gave the town board members a copy of 2 towns Webb page with the Wisconsin Towns Association. A motion was made by Alan Treinen to have the town clerk ~~is to~~ contact Merrimac and any other company to check on a cost to have email for the Town of West Point, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

A motion was made by Doug Richmond to advertise for 5 West Point citizens who would be interested in being on a Smart Growth Committee, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

Sandhill Subdivision was presented to the town board for their consideration. Attorney Jeff Clark discussed the Boundary Agreement (concrete markers 5 ft high, 2" pipe 5 ft high, South & East side needs a fence). After discussion a motion was made by Alan Treinen to have markers (no fence on the South & East Boundary side), 2nd by Torrey Latham- motion carried. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to approve the Preliminary Plat for Sandhill with the following agreements:

1. Developer shall submit detailed plans and specifications for storm water runoff, erosion control. And street improvements prepared by a professional engineer to the Town's engineer for review and approval.
2. Developer shall submit a Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions, and Conditions for the plat in a final format that is satisfactory to the Town's engineer and the Town's attorney and shall record it immediately after recording the approved final plat.
3. Developer shall enter into a Development Agreement, including all exhibits thereto, with the Town of West Point, and provide an Irrevocable Letter of Credit in the amount of the estimate required by the Town's engineer for the public improvements required by and relating to the final plat. The Development Agreement shall be in a format that is satisfactory to the Town's engineer and attorney and shall be entered into prior to the recording the final plat.
4. Developer shall pay the required plat review fees relating to the preliminary plat, along with the final plat review fees, and the fees of the Town consultants relating to this project paid current prior to the commencement of any construction, and the fees in lieu of dedication of parkland in the amount of \$6,000.00.
5. Developer must obtain the approval of all other agencies having legal approval or objecting authority prior to recording the plat.
6. Upon submission of a final plat is substantial conformity with the preliminary plat and compliance with all conditions set forth above, the Chair and Clerk are authorized to sign the Development Agreement and the final plat for and on the behalf of the Town.

2nd by Alan Treinen – motion carried.

Attorney Jeff Clark presented a summary of three options for the Historical Society. The options were: entirely independent, become affiliate with the State Historical Society, or become a committee or commission of the Town of West Point. There still is a question on the insurance/cost. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to post pone West Point Historical Society until the January meeting, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

The town clerk recommends the following West Point residents to be on the Election Committee (Inspectors) for 2003 and 2004: Diane Kazmierczak, Mary Ellen Ballweg, Margaret Wittwer, Polly Olsen, Kathy Ballweg, Rudy Oest, Esther Thistle, Yvonne Zeman, Margaret Benish, Louise Benesh, Nancy Schoepp, Pat Hook, Pat Sweet, Gay Walls, D. Jane Rosenschmidt, and Joan Ryan. The town clerk also stated that neither Democratic nor Republican party had submitted any names to be on the election committee. A motion was made by Bill Niemi approve the list (above) of West Point Residents to be on the Election Committee for 2003 & 2004, 2nd by Torrey Latham – motion carried.

Amending the Land Use Plan was presented to the Town Board for their consideration. The Planning Commission has approved to amend the Land Use Plan. The Amendment would include Highway 188 to the River (Campbell/Bannan properties) to put them in the Transitional Area. A motion was Doug Richmond to expand the Transitional Area to include the Campbell/Bannan properties.

A motion was made by Doug Richmond to set Caucus on January 14, 2003 at 7:30 p.m., 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried. Torrey Latham stated that he would be moving out of the town on May 1st – so he could no long be a town board member.

Chairman Fred Thistle read a letter of resignation from Joyce Sinkule (Planning Commission Member) due to her husband health and moving to Prairie du Sac. A new member will be appointed at the January meeting.

The Lodi Fair Association has sent out a letter asking for donations for a Commemorative Brick Program as follows: Lifetime Brick - \$40.00, Lifetime Granite Tile - \$200.00, or a Lifetime Park Bench - \$1,500.00. After discussion a motion was made by Alan Treinen to have the Town of West Point to be a sponsor of a Lifetime Park Bench at a cost of \$1,500.00, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

A Resolution for Open Burning in Badger Ordinance was presented to the town board their consideration. There is a concern of air pollution. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to post pone

the Resolution for Open Burning in Badger Ordinance until January meeting, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

A CSM for William Henry on Van Ness Road was presented to the town board for their consideration. After discussion a motion was made to have the CSM for William Henry go to the Planning Commission for a public hearing etc. by Bill Niemi, 2nd by Doug Richmond – motion carried.

A letter was received from Derald Lender was sent to Nelvin Olson and Chairman Fred Thistle on Mobile Home Tax. A motion was made by Doug Richmond to have the town clerk send a copy of the letter to our Assessor and Building Inspector and Chairman Fred Thistle to talk to the owner of the park, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried.

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



Edith Eberle,
Town Clerk