

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, November 10, 2016 at the West Point Town Hall. The meeting was published in the Lodi Enterprise, the Sauk Prairie Star, posted in the three designated places in the town.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Dean Schwarz, Town Chair, at 7:00 p.m. The town board members present were: Dean Schwarz-Town Chairman, John Miller-1st Supervisor, Gordon Carncross-2nd Supervisor, and Matt Zeman -4th Supervisor. Also present was Taffy Buchanan-Town Clerk and Lonna Zeman-Town Treasurer. Absent was Ashley Nedeau-Owen -3rd Supervisor – excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the agenda and move items around as needed, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Tim Bindl, resident in Selwood subdivision would like to have the speed reduced in Selwood from 35 to 25 mph. The Town will put this on the February meeting agenda. Dean Schwarz announced he would not be running for Town Chair next year his term will be up April 2017. Kevin Kessler, County Board Supervisor, said the county would be having a meeting to approve the budget on Tuesday November 15, 2016 and he expressed his gratitude to all the Veterans.

Copies of the October 10, 2016 Town Board meeting minutes & the October 18, 2016 Special Town Board meeting minutes were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by John Miller to approve the October 18, 2016 Special Town Board meeting minutes, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to approve the October 13, 2016 Town Board meeting minutes, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of October 31, 2016 - \$367,182.13; Park Fund \$3,711.57; Historical Society is \$4,616.18; Ferry Landing Pier Project - \$1001.63 and Savannah Tree is \$2,160.64 is in a 1 year CD (matures 5/24/17). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of October.

Correspondence – Dan Cunningham, owner of Fish Tales, would like to purchase an adjoining property to make it a high end restaurant. The Lodi EMS sent approved minutes from their September 29, 2016 meeting and Director's Report. Wis Dot is having a presentation on November 16, 2016 at Poynette high School to seek feedback for improvements on I-39/90/94. Alex Unger sent an email asking if the lights for the basketball court can be turned on at night. The WDNR sent a letter requesting we publish a notice regarding the work to put in a ramp for the pier removal.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2016 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to take \$2,126.07 out of 51441 Election Expense and put \$639.25 in 51440 Election Salary and put \$1,486.82 in 51301 Misc Eng Exp; take \$637.23 out of 51300 Legal and put it in 51600 Town Hall Maintenance; and take \$1,107.11 out of 53101 Engineer Roads and put \$175.89 in 53313 Brushing, put \$302.37 in 53317 Highway Signing, put \$133.35 in 53420 Street Lighting, and put \$495.50 in 53631 Wages Transfer Site, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by John Miller to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by Gordon Carncross - motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to adopt the 2017 West Point Budget of \$838,159.20 as presented in the Summary with the one change of moving \$460.00 out of Public Works and putting it in General Government, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Thomas Sawyer, W13702 State Road 60, requested a land division, rezone and CSM review. The Town Attorney drafted the following documents for this request:

1. Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions to place restrictions upon Lots 1 and 2.
2. Shared Well Agreement.
3. Access Easement Agreement - to grant access to the garage.
4. Easement Agreement – to grant access between the farm fields on the 33 foot easement area shown on Lot 1.
5. License Agreement – to grant a licensed maintenance area around the smaller shed.
6. Quit Claim Deed – for encroachment parcels.
7. Quit Claim Deed – to confirm ownership of Lot 2.

8. Quit Claim Deed – to confirm ownership of Lot 3.

A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to approve the CSM and recommend to the County approval of the A-4 Agricultural Overlay conditional upon the execution and recording of the CSM upon all of the above-referenced documents being in a final form acceptable to the Town Attorney and the execution and recording of same, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Kris Lehman, Chairman of the Historical Commission gave the annual report of the Historical Commission / Society. A copy of the report is attached to the minutes.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to have the Treasurer put information about fire sign replacements for \$50.00 in the tax letter and if a sign needs replacement for safety reasons, the Town can take action to replace it and charge the property owner, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Mike Zitnick brought up a concern about a damaged tree on Lake Drive which is on private property and wondered if the Town has a nuisance ordinance. Dean Schwarz will try contacting the owners of the property.

The Roadside Mowing Contract with D & T Mowing will end at the end of 2016. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to have the Town Engineer bid out the mowing contract by February 1, 2017 and the Town will determine if we are going with a private contractor or the County, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Matt Zeman will keep looking into the option of purchasing a port-a-potty for the Transfer Site.

Reports:

Town Park Committee – no report

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – no report

Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported the Plan Commission recommended approval for Tom Sawyer land division, CSM review, and rezone. There was also an informal presentation for the Society of Jesus Christ the Priest for a CUP for the Brickl property.

Sauk EMS Committee – John Miller reported the Sauk Prairie EMS approved the budget and are waiting for the okay to move into the new building.

Transfer Site Report – Matt Zeman stated he will take care of removing the fence up at the Transfer site.

Lodi EMS Committee – Al Treinen reported the EMS has just the 2 ambulances now.

Open Space Committee – no report

Columbia County Report – no report

Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District/Pumping – no report

Broadband Committee – no report

The next regular town board meeting will be on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda is: Town roads, Citizen of the Year, Resolution of Service for Keith Rumisek, Port-a-potty purchase, set date for Town Caucus, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the November 10, 2016 Town Board meeting at 8:45 pm, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk

**WEST POINT AREA HISTORICAL COMMISSION/SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF WEST POINT BOARD
November 10, 2016**

- Meetings:** Commission – 4 meetings
Society – 8 meetings + Annual Meeting
- Programming:** Open House held March, 2016
- Purchasing:** Possible digital camera for the Town Hall?
- Donations Made:** A \$500 donation to Heros for Honor: Badger Honor Flight with about 14 local veterans making the trip. Commissioner Mary Ann Hartmann met the flight upon its return at the airport.
- Donations Received:** From the Family of Robert Davis.
- Projects:** Calendar.
- Lodi Ag Fair & Old School House: Had a total of 590 visitors. Lodi Valley Historical Society members assisted.
- Third year of presenting History of the Old School House to Lodi Schools Summer School class.
- Year-long Square Dance display in Town Hall. Hosted a group of seniors on September 27th from Baraboo Meadow View Nursing Home who listened to Dale Breunig (former owner of Riverview Ballroom), and Stan & Lynette Theis discuss the old square dancing days with the residents. Many of the visitors had square danced and enjoyed the display and reminiscing about their own square dancing experiences.
- Experimented with using a drone to take pictures, (thanks to Pam Ziegler), and took pictures of Molly Ryan farm for historical reference.
- Grow Facebook page. About 22 unique individuals per day shared something about our page. About 52 unique visitors per day clicked on something on our Facebook page.
- Open House will be February, 2017

Thank you for your continued support!