

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, February 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. 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 and on the town's web site.

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Dean Schwarz-Town Chairman at 7:00 p.m. The town board members present were: Dean Schwarz-Town Chairman, John Miller-1st Supervisor, Gordon Carncross-2nd Supervisor, Bill Niemi-3rd Supervisor and Matt Zeman-4th Supervisor. Also present were Edith K. Eberle-Town Clerk and Lonna Zeman-Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to modify agenda as necessary, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input: None.

James Malmberg from Merrimac, who is running for Sauk Prairie School Board, came before the town board and residents to explain why he is running for Sauk Prairie School Board. The Spring Primary will be on February 21, 2012. There were questions asked of Mr. Malmberg.

Copies of the January 12, 2012 meeting were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by John Miller to approve the January 12, 2012 minutes with date change, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of January 31, 2012 - \$2,419,666.48; Park Fund \$3,273.25 (\$89.78 in separate account in Quick Books and \$3,183.47 is in a six month CD Park Fund at the Bank of Prairie du Sac); Historical Society is \$1,933.27 and Savannah Tree is \$2,103.19 which is a 1 year CD. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk balanced the bank accounts for the month of January.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2012 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by John Miller to pay the bills with the exception of Columbia County Humane Society bill (which will be an agenda item), 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – Copies of Lodi Area Fire Commission (January 13, 2012); Town Park Committee Notes; Memo from John Griffing, Lodi Area Fire Chief, that Lodi Engine 12 will be out of service for possibly a week; Email from Deputy Emily Morgan would like to attend possibly the May Town Board meeting about a neighbor hood watch program; Columbia County Planning and Zoning will hold a public hearing on 7th day of February, 2012 there will be a public hearing on the proposed U.S. Cellular tower on Bittner Road; Bill Niemi, 3rd Supervisor and Edith Eberle, Town Clerk filled out a survey for the University of Whitewater on recent changes and constraints in funding; ES&S did service on Election equipment and replaced the batteries; Approved copy of the protocols for the Lodi Area Fire District and the Fire Commission; information from Attorney Jeff Clark on Silica Sand Mining in Wisconsin, a notice of a public hearing on Amendments to Sauk Prairie Comprehensive Plan to be held on February 14, 2012 and a letter from M.E.I. that due to the tragic and untimely death of our owner Joe Costanza that MEI will cease operation effective immediately. The Wisconsin Towns Association February Report had the following information: Towns need an ordinance extending the terms of town officers by one week and changing the annual meeting date to the third Tuesday of April, 2012 WTA will be having Board of Review training at District meeting (DeForest February 25th, 2012); and there is an Agricultural Community Engagement Seminar on Thursday, February 23, 2012 for any interested Town Board members.

A copy of a proposed resolution for supporting the proposed state purchase of certain land for the Ice Age Trail was presented to the Town Board for their consideration. The proposed purchase is approximately 20 acres which is presently owned by the Reed Trust in Section 18, Town 10N and Range 8E. There was discussion of money paid in lieu of taxes could be used for upkeep of the property. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to adopt Resolution #02-09-2012 Supporting the Proposed State Purchase of Certain Land for the Ice Age Trail, 2nd by Gordon Carncross - motion carried unanimously.

An application for a Permit to Use Town Property from Peter M. Gilbertson and Karon M. Hamilton at N2120 Smith Park Road was received for the Town Board consideration. A copy of their home owners insurance was also included. Chuck Bongard, Town Engineer stated that he has not yet had a chance to locate the property irons. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to approve the application to Use Town Property from Peter M. Gilbertson and Karon M. Hamilton, and to have the Town Engineer locate the property lines when the weather permits, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried. John Miller abstained from voting.

The agreement and bill for Columbia County Humane Society for 2012 was presented to the town board for their consideration. In October, 2011 the estimated cost for 2012 was \$645.00, but when the agreement/bill came it is \$815.00 for 2012. After discussion a motion was made by Bill Neimi to pay the \$815.00 for 2012, 2nd by Matt Zeman – the motion was amended by Bill Niemi to send a letter to Columbia County Humane Society asking them to more accurate with their estimated at budget time, the amended motion was 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean Schwarz stated that they are looking at a different way to remove the water for Crystal Lake.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to remove putting in a mail slot at the Town Hall from the agenda, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

Consider forming a committee to study a Utility district for the Town of West Point. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to appoint Herb Paske along with Dean Schwarz and Bill Niemi to the committee, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously. It was suggested to have a 5 person utility committee. Tom Schoepp name was brought up to ask if interested.

Due to the death of Joe Costanza, owner of Municipal Engineering and Inspection Services as of February 3rd all contracts are no longer in force. Therefore the Town of West Point does not have a Building/Driveway Inspector for UDC inspections. Chuck Bongard from MSA has stated that they would do the building/driveway permits and UDC inspections on an interim bases. They would use MEI fees etc. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to hire MSA to be the interim to do

Building/Driveway Permits and UDC inspections at the same fee our contract with MEI was, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board wants to be fair to all firms that may want to bid for Building/Driveway Inspector and do UDC inspections. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to advertise for bid proposal Building/Driveway Inspector and to do UDC inspections, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

Town Roads

- Pulvermacher Road – Chuck Bongard will be writing a letter to Dr. Schad stating that he is responsible for all damage done to Pulvermacher Road
- Reduce Speed Limit from Golf Course to State Highway 60 on Golf Road was presented to the Town Board. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to remove reducing the speed limit on Golf Road from the agenda, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.
- Possible change at intersection on State Highway 60/Golf Road to make a shoulder lane for right hand turns was presented to Town Board. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone action on intersection of State Highway 60/Golf Road right turning lane 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports were given:

- Park Committee – Bill Niemi reported on the February 4th meeting
- Lodi Fire Commission – Minutes from January 13, 2012
- Sauk Fire Board – not met – wild fire grant and Town of Troy is now added to the Fire District
- Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported on the January 19, 2012 meeting
- Sauk Prairie Ambulance – Town of Troy may join the Ambulance District
- Transfer Site – no issues
- Lodi EMS – no report
- Columbia County – Doug Richmond updated the Town of West Point on Columbia County as follows: upgraded radios all on same frequency; City of Portage dropped 911 and

- Outdoor Open Space Committee – not met

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. On the agenda is: Committee Reports, Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District/Pumping; Town Roads; Possible change at intersection of State Highway 60/Golf Road to make a shoulder lane for Right Turns; Utility District – appointing members to a committee; Gibraltar Funds; Resolution for Don Horton Property and any other business that may legally be brought before the Town Board.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to adjourn the February 9, 2012 town board meeting at 8:40 p.m., 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Edith Kay Eberle,
Town Clerk