

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 Tuesday, May 10, 2011 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 John Miller to add April 21 and May 5 town board minutes to the agenda; 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input: None.

Copies of the April 14, 2011 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 April 14, 2011 minutes with modifications, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Copies of the April 21, 2011 meeting were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to approve the April 21, 2011 minutes as presented, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried. Bill Niemi abstained.

Copies of the May 5, 2011 meeting were given to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by –John Miller to approve the May 5, 2011 minutes, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of April 30, 2011 - \$240,433.17; Park Fund \$3,257.40 (\$89.78 in

separate account in Quick Books and \$3,167.62 is in a six month CD Park Fund at the Bank of Prairie du Sac); Historical Society is \$2,275.19; and CD Savannah Tree is \$2,097.99. The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk balanced the bank accounts for the month of April.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to move \$194.50 from the contingencies to Election Salary and \$1,606.63 Election Expense for total of \$1,801.13, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits and budget for 2011 were given to each town board member for their information. There was discussion on the bill for \$1,061.00 from MEI concerning Selwood Farm Drainage (lots 8 and 9 Darlene Pelzer and Jamie Johnson) and who is responsible for that cost. A motion was made by John Miller to remove \$1,061.00 from MEI bill and to have the Town Chairman to investigate who is responsible for that portion of the bill, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by John Miller to pay the bills that were presented with the exception of \$1,061.00 from MEI, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – An email for Lori Richter concerning LRIP program; email from Ken and Joan asking to have the recycling center open one afternoon mid-week during the months that the construction dumpster is there; email from Neal Goodchild concerning installation of underground electric at the corner of Golf Road and Yngsdal Road; Pamphlet from Wisconsin Towns Association on 2011 Town Officials Workshops; Letter from Sauk Prairie School District on current school board members; a letter from Bud Styer with copies of newspaper article; a letter from Wisconsin Department of Commerce with conditional approval for Slack Inc; a copy of the proposed Columbia County Zoning Ordinance and public hearing notice for June 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.; and a letter of resignation from Mike Bunch from the Outdoor Open Space Committee.

Laurie Kerl and her daughter presented the Town of West Point with a trash barrel that the Girl Scout Daisy Troop 2858 had painted for our Town Park. The Town Board thanked Laurie Kerl and the Girl Scout Daisy Troop 2858 for the painted trash barrel.

Resolution #5-2011 ODOSC was read by Chairman Dean Schwarz for Mike Bunch for his six years of service (4 years on the Smart Growth Committee and 2 years on the Outdoor Open Space Committee) for the Town of West Point. A motion was made by John Miller to approve Resolution #5-2011 ODOSC for Mike Bunch, 2nd by Gordon Carncross - motion carried unanimously. Resolution attached to the minutes.

Applications for Bethann Pollow and Nicole C.Kindschi for Operators Licenses at Crystal Lake RV Resort were presented to the Town Board for their consideration. Both have taken the Seller/Server class and were issued provisional license. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to grant an Operator License to Bethann Pollow, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to grant an Operator License to Nicole C. Kindschi, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean Schwarz gave a brief history of what is happening with high water on Crystal Lake. Dave Padley from the Lake District stated that they are looking into putting a 10” pipe with a pump that will pump 1000 gallons per minute to the Roxbury Creek. If this pipe and pump is permitted it will be the end of July before the pumping can start. Residents from Crystal Lake RV Resort asked questions of the Town Board concerning the high water. The high water mark is established by the height of Schoepp Road which is 873.45. Chairman Dean Schwarz will talk to Andy Morton from DNR on a set point and pumping. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone action on a culvert under Schoepp Road at Crystal Lake, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

Neal Schoepp and his son-in-law Darren Latham came before the Town Board asking permission to move their home on Crystal Lake across Schoepp Road (where the farm buildings are) because of high water. Neal Schoepp presented a picture of his farm in 2007. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to allow Neal Schoepp and Darren Latham to move their home across the road and to talk to John Bluemke at Columbia County Planning and Zoning regarding a zoning application to move the house, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. with Kurt Calkins for Land and Water Conservation and Neal Schoepp to help with his water problem.

The Town of West Point has received notice that it is time to pump the Town's Septic Tanks. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have Stranders Sanitary Service pump the town's septic tanks, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

The Town Board discussed replacing Fire Numbers that are faded. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to put a notice in the tax bills that if their fire sign is faded or needs to be replaced to contact the Town, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Bill Niemi that in the next budget cycle to budget for replacing of fire numbers, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

Bids for seal coating have been published and the bid opening is May 12, 2011. The bids for Slack Road have not been let out yet. If a special town board meeting is needed it will be on May 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. When all the bids are in the town board will review the road budget and proceed with which roads will to be done in 2011.

Columbia County Planning and Zoning has sent the Town of West Point a listing of Mobile Homes used for farm labor for approval. The list is Brian Gasser; Jeffrey Morter, Neal Schoepp and Rolland Unke. Rolland Unke has removed his mobile home. A motion was made by John Miller to approve the list with the exception of Rolland Unke, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Town Chairman had reported that the No Parking signs are up on Slack Road. The guard rail on the curve on Slack Road is gone but will be replaced, but there is a lot of junk that has been thrown over the guard rail in the past.

Plan Commission – has not met.

Town Park Committee – has not met.

Lodi Fire Commission – copies of the March 9, 2011 meeting given to each town board member for their information.

Sauk Fire District - Bill Niemi stated that the next meeting will be May 18, 2011.

Outdoor Open Space Committee – Dean Schwarz stated that the next meeting will be on May 12, 2011.

Transfer Site Report - Matt Zeman reported that the fire pit will be moved back after the Construction Dumpster is gone. Columbia County is now charging for light bulbs – but the Town of West Point is not charging for light bulbs. The compost pile will be removed next week. Having the Transfer Site open on Wednesday during the months that the construction dumpster is there was discussed and there is no budget money available.

Sauk EMS Committee – John Miller stated that everything is good and that the next meeting will be in June.

Lodi EMS Committee – Copies of the April 21, 2011 meeting were given to each town board member for their information.

Columbia County Report – no report.

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, June 9, 2011 on the agenda is: Town Roads; Bids for Town Roads; Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District Pumping; Liquor and Beer Licenses; Cigarette Licenses; Non-Intoxicating Beverage Licenses; Operator Licenses; Conditional Use Permit for Jay Prenta; Committee Reports and any other business that may legally brought before the Town Board.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the May 10, 2011 town board meeting at 9:15 p.m., 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By

Edith Kay Eberle
Town Clerk