

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 14, 2013 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 – 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 Taffy Buchanan-Town Clerk, and Lonna Zeman-Town Treasurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the agenda and move items around if needed, 2nd by Bill Niemi– motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input – None

Copies of the October 10, 2013 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 October 10, 2013 minutes, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of October 31, 2013 - \$218,826.80; Park Fund \$5,876.08; Historical Society is \$2,940.24 and Savannah Tree is \$2,134.90 is in a 1 year CD (matures 5/24/14). The Town Treasurer and Town Clerk reconciled the bank accounts for the month of October.

Correspondence – A copy of a request to cut logs on the property owned by Richard Schiffman. A letter from David Mitchell about the bill he received from the Town of West Point for attorney cost concerning the CUP for tourist rooming houses. Robert Davis is having a fundraiser on November 30, 2013 at Crystal Lake Campground. A letter was received from Patrick Beghin about proposed takeover of the ERN by the County. We received a thank you note from the Ice Age Trail for the donation. Friends of the Ruth Culver Community Library newsletter. Columbia County Planning & Zoning sent a letter sent a memo on

October 17, 2013 indicating the issues they would like to discuss at the November 20, 2013 meeting being Held at the Law Enforcement center at 6:30pm.

A motion was made by John Miller to move \$476.71 from 51601 Town Hall Equipment and put \$128.60 in 51108 Telephone, \$313.54 in 51600 Town Hall Main/Util, and \$34.57 in 53630 Solid Waste Tip Fee, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to move \$300.00 from 51404 Computer/Copier Equipment to 51405 Web Page, 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, budget for 2013 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Bill Niemi hold check #12481 to DT Mowing Service until it is confirmed they have finished mowing and to pay the rest of the bills as presented, 2nd by Gordon Carncross - 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 Bill Niemi to approve a resolution in Opposition to SB 349 relating to regulation of nonmetallic mining, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi for the Town Chair to work with Jacob Jones for placement of tables to see how many will fit in the Pavilion, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to have the picnic tables done by May 1st of 2014, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

The town clerk will email the rough draft of the Rules & Fees for the Pavilion to Bill Niemi for him to finish.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to order 5 “Dog Ordinance” signs from Bernie’s Signs for \$50.00 each and have them wait until after January 1, 2014 to bill the Town, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to board dogs/ cats at Lodi Veterinary Care for \$34.50 per day when the Columbia County Humane Society is closed and the owner would have to pay the cost incurred to get their animal back, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Miller to deny the 4 hours of extra help for the Transfer Site in the month of June, July, and August, motion failed. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the 4 hours of extra help for the Transfer Site in the month of June, July, and August, 2nd by Dean Schwarz – yes -4 – no-1 – motion carried.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone the staining of exposed wood on the Pavilion until spring, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

David Mitchell felt it was not openly disclosed about the cost of the attorney being billed to him when applying for a CUP for vacation rentals. He also felt it was difficult to find the ordinance stating this and he did not receive any service from the lawyer, the Town did. Bill Niemi said some of the cost was informational to the Town. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to restructure the bill and resend it to David Mitchell and if he contests it he should come before the Town Board at the December meeting, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to postpone the Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District payment, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

In Town minutes from May 10, 2007, it was stated with the new revision to Chapter 10(in 2006) all prior agreements with the Town of West Point are no longer in effect. The Town is not able to allow residents to place personnel property on public water access land. The town will talk to the Town Attorney about the steps on Rausch Road public access, do they have to be removed, if not who maintains them if anybody.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to okay a donation of \$300.00 for 2 years from the Outdoor Open Space Committee to the Columbia County Silent Sports Trails Committee for bike loop signage, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to pass a resolution to join Wisconsin Retirement System, 2nd by Bill Niemi – yes-3 – no-2 – motion carried.

Town Engineer, Chuck Bongard, submitted TRIP application for Barta Road

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to go to the County and see what brushing they can for \$12,000.00, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Reports:

Town Park Committee – no report

Lodi Fire Commission – Minutes received from the October 9, 2013 meeting.

Sauk Fire District – Meeting in January

Plan Commission – Information was received about possible land reconfiguration of Beerkircher property on Theresa Lane and possible land division of Heffron property on Lake Drive. Gordon Carncross and Fred Madison volunteered to help Dean Schwarz with the “Working Land Initiative”.

Sauk EMS Committee – Meeting was postponed until next week.

Transfer Site Report – no report

Lodi EMS Committee – Minutes received from the September 19, 2013.

Open Space Committee – Dean Schwarz and Ron Grasshoff will meet on November 19, 2013.

Columbia County Report - no report

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

Broadband Committee – They would like to keep the committee together and will probably be calling a meeting soon.

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda is: rules and fees for pavilion; public access on Rausch Road; Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District payment; vacation rental attorney bill; brushing; Brian Schmidt Enterprises about snowplowing; and any other business that can legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to adjourn the November 14, 2013 town board meeting at 9:30 p.m., 2nd by John Miller– 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 14, 2013**

Meetings: Commission – 5 meetings
Society – 5 working meetings. Also, Annual Meeting, December Open House, and two programs.

Programming: Gravestone Cleaning & Repair
April 9, 2013
40 attendees.

Archaeology and the West Point Area
October 1, 2013
33 attendees.

Purchasing: Chairs and fan for the old school house.
Small table for programs.
UPS for computer.

Donations: \$500 to the West Point Ryan Park Shelter project

Projects: Calendar: Went to full color as we work to improve quality. Always welcome ideas for the pages.

Recorded an oral history of Edith Eberle.

We continue to need and welcome pictures of family, places, events of the West Point area. We can scan pictures and return the originals to the owner.

Logi Ag Fair: Had a total of 378 visitors.

Membership: December 3rd will be Holiday Open House. No program; just socializing.

May 2014 program will be on West Point area and the Civil War Presented by Rod Dary of DeForest Civil War Museum.

Working with Lodi Schools to participate in summer school class on History of Lodi.

Needs: Someone who can do editing of digital recordings.
Someone that can do digital page set-up for the calendar; like creating a scrapbook page only digitally.

Thank you for your continued support!