

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, 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 7:03 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 Bill Niemi to move agenda item #11 Town Roads to be discussed when Brian Schmidt comes to the meeting, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input: None.

Copies of the October 13, 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 October 13, 2011 minutes as presented, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried.

Copies of the November 8, 2011 meeting were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to approve the November 8, 2011 minutes with corrections, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of October 31, 2011 - \$154,390.85; Park Fund \$3,265.25 (\$89.78 in separate account in Quick Books and \$3,175.47 is in a six month CD Park Fund at the Bank of Prairie du Sac); Historical Society is \$2,598.71; 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 October.

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. A motion was made by John Miller to pay the bills that were presented, 2nd by Matt Zeman - motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board meeting on Friday, December 2, 2011; Information was given to Wisconsin Department of Transportation for Chuck Bongard to be granted access to the WisDOT website on behalf of the Town of West Point; Letter from Edward Hastreiter asking the Town Board to consider a plan to allow a drainage field to be located at N2432 State Highway 188; Pamphlet from Friends of the Prairie du Sac Library; Letter from American Transmission Company that they are rebuilding portions of approximately 14 miles, 69-kilovolt electric transmission line that connects Dam Heights Substation in the Town of Prairie du Sac and Dane Substation in the Village of Dane; and a letter from Columbia County Highway and Transportation that on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:30 a.m. will be a TRIP meeting for 2012-2013 biennium.

Chairman Dean Schwarz introduced Doug Wilcox from M.S.A. who had done a septic system survey of Pleasant View Park in 2006. Doug Wilcox stated that moving septic systems could help Lake Wisconsin, but if only a few change systems may not make a difference on Lake Wisconsin. 3rd Supervisor Bill Niemi stated that the issue is bigger than just Pleasant View Park it is from Sunset Harbor to the Ferry that will need some type of sanitary system in the future. There are two systems:

1. Septic system which would be located at the home and piped to treatment facility. It would be 1,000 gallon and would be a maintenance pumped every 3 years.
2. Grinder system which is pumped to a treatment center. The maintenance would be the homeowner system at a cost of \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 a one time fee per resident. There would also be an operator would work 10 hours per month.

The Town of West Point would need to create a Utility District which would outline the district. The cost would be \$1,000.00 for a preliminary site review of the soils, then \$2,500.00 if the soils pass to continue with the process. The site needs to be 4 to 5 acres for Pleasant View Park. The Edward Hastreiter land is 10 acres which would allow for an alternate site if the first site fails. The design life is 20 years. There was a question asked

about a digester system. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to put Utility District on the December meeting agenda, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Dean Schwarz stated that there will be a meeting on Wednesday, November 30th at the Town of West Point Town Hall regarding Fish, Crystal and Mud Lakes. The pipe has been laid (under the road) from Fish Lake to Mud Lake. An 8” pipe is also being laid from Crystal Lake to Crane Lake.

Brian Schmidt came before the town board to explain that he purchases the road salt at a cheaper rate than the Town could purchase and doesn't pay sales tax on the road salt. He keeps track of the salt that he uses for the Town of West Point as it is loaded on the trucks. Brian Schmidt contact is renewable by August 1st of each year.

Under Town Roads:

- Golf Road – the Town Board has concerns of pea gravel, pavement ends and shoulder issues
- Gannon Road – has been cracked filled
- Chrisler Road – tabled
- Reduce Speed Limit from Golf Course to State Highway 60 on Golf Road – State of Wisconsin is studying
- Possible change at intersection of State Highway 60 and Golf Road to make shoulder lanes for right hand turning lanes – state will address this issue
- Trees hanging over town roads that needs to be brushed. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to put brushing of town road on the December agenda, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to postpone action on Columbia County Zoning Ordinance revisions, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Kris Lehman gave the Town Board the Annual Report for the Historical Society. A copy is attached with the minutes. The Town Board thanked the Historical Society for all the good work.

There was a discussion on billing for Fire Calls made in the Town of West Point. 3rd Supervisor Bill Niemi stated that the Sauk Fire Department bills for all accident calls. The Lodi Fire Department does not bill for accident calls. The Lodi Fire Department bills the municipalities for all fire calls made in their district. The Sauk Fire Department does not bill the municipalities for fire calls made in their district. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to leave the billing as is and to have fire calls put on the Joint Meeting in September 2012, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

Raising funds for an Outdoor Shelter at Ryan Park was brought up to the Town Board for their consideration. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to have the Park Committee to work on the project and come up with a location, size, design, and cost and report back to the Town Board, 2nd by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

The following Committee Reports were given:

- Park Committee – no report
- Lodi Fire Commission – no report
- Sauk Fire Board – Officer’s meeting on November 16th, Town of Troy would like to be Sauk Fire District because of new Fire Station in Spring Green
- Plan Commission – Not met
- Sauk Prairie Ambulance – No met
- Transfer Site – Everything is good – personnel issue (County Straighten it out)
- Lodi EMS – no report
- Columbia County – no report
- Outdoor Open Space Committee – Report on the October 26th, 2011 meeting – next meeting November 30th, 2011.

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, December 8, 2011 on the agenda is: Town Roads; (Golf Road, Chrisler Road, Chrislaw Road); Crystal and Mud Lake District Pumping; Utility District; Brushing of Town Roads, Mobile Home Park Licenses, Mobile Home for Farm Labor Licenses, Appoint Election Committee, Set Caucus Date, Columbia County Zoning Ordinance Revisions, Committee Reports and any other business that may legally brought before the Town Board.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the November 10, 2011 town board meeting at 9:01 p.m., 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Edith Kay Eberle,
Town Clerk

WEST POINT HISTORICAL COMMISSION/SOCIETY
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE TOWN OF WEST POINT BOARD
November 10, 2011

of meetings: Commission – 6
Society – 7 + Annual Meeting

Programming: Birds of the Lower Wisconsin River
Attendance: 30

Devil's Lake 100th Celebration
Attendance: 32

Both videotaped to be archived and made available for loan.

Have loaned out several of our CD's that we've made of our programs to different groups this year.

Technology:

Finished scanning of old town records into digital form. They are on the town's website.

Projects:

Calendar Sales: Our only fundraiser. We work on this year-round and it how we fund our programming and pay for the equipment and supplies to document and preserve the history of West Point. The calendar sells for \$6. We welcome any ideas for future pages.

We need pictures of family, places, events of West Point.

Updated the Commission Policies this summer. Currently working on updating the procedures (or the job duties) of all commission members.

Lodi Ag Fair: Members worked the Old Schoolhouse for the Fair. Had a total of 710 visitors. A very rewarding experience for everyone.

Membership: We need members.

Louise Enge resigned; replaced by Sharon Richmond. Joan Bader resigned and we have no replacement yet. We need a commissioner!

In December of 2010, the society donated \$200 each to four charities: The Lodi Food Pantry, Lodi Santa Project, Sauk Prairie 6:8 and the Sauk Area Food Bank.

Thank you for your continued support!