

## 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, September 8, 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 6:50 p.m. The town board members present were: Dean Schwarz-Town Chairman, John Miller-1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, Gordon Carncross-2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, Bill Niemi-3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor and Matt Zeman-4<sup>th</sup> 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 approve agenda as presented; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input: None.

Copies of the August 10, 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 August 10, 2011 minutes with corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi - motion carried.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of August 31, 2011 - \$316,932.70; 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 \$2,763.63; 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 August.

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 Bill Niemi to pay the bills that were presented with the exception of Fahrner Asphalt Sealers, LLC check #11416 as the engineer needs to approve road work prior paying the bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – Letter on grants for Fire Departments; Letter from MEI to Todd and Sherry Schad (landowner) on damage done to Pulvermacher Road due to heavy equipment during construction of his new home; Letter from Northern Salt; Letter from Columbia County Economic Development Corporation asking for a contribution request of \$3,910.00; Pamphlet’s on Current issues affecting local government officials and 2011 Fall Budget and Finance workshops; Minutes from Lodi Area Fire District meeting held on August 17, 2011; and Department of Revenue Equalization report as follows

- Real Estate – 332,574,700
- Personal Property – 1,426,900
- Total – 324,001,600 - % of change is -4.58%.

A variance application has been received from Genny Lowy at W12806 Pleasant View Park Road, Lodi, WI 53555 – Tax Parcel #695 in Section 11, Town 10N, Range 7E for the Town Board consideration. The variances needed are Columbia County Zoning Ordinance Chapter 16-1-5(c)5) Rear Yard Setback for Retaining Walls, Deck and Steps within 75’ setback to the Lake; Section 16-1-2(4)(c) Side Yard setback for a Deck and Section 16-5-40 Water Setback of the Columbia County Shoreland Wetland Ordinance. Craig Meister is representing Genny Lowy. The Plan Commission had made a motion to recommend to the Town Board approval of the variances for the retaining walls and the relocation of the deck steps but denied of the variances for the deck expansion, contingent upon obtaining the signature of the owner for the property by a vote of 6 to 1. Craig Meister presented the Town Board with a copy of a letter from Louis Lowy (owner of the property) stating that his daughter-in-law is the executor of the estate. In the letter Louis Lowy stated that he is in a wheelchair as well as other family members and the deck is a hardship as it is not wide enough for a wheelchair to use. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to recommend to Columbia County Planning and Zoning the approval of all three (3) requested variances, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miller– yes – 4 and no – 1 – the motion was carried. Gordon Carncross voted no.

A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to have the Town Clerk call Columbia County Planning and Zoning and tell them that the Town Board of the Town of West Point would like the Board of Adjustments to know that the applicant is not the owner of the property – but did receive a letter from

the owner stating that Genny Lowy is the executor of the estate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone action on the sewer system preliminary site evaluation for the area including Pleasant View Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously..

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone action on Fish, Crystal, and Mud Lake District/Pumping, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously. The Town Board did receive a letter from David Parley stating that they are making progress.

The Town of West Point is making a partial payment for reconstruction of Golf Road. The Town Engineer Chuck Bongard is recommending holding back approximately \$7,000.00.

Chairman Dean Schwarz stated that the bid from Crack Filling to do Gannon Road is \$1,500.00.

The Town Engineer is looking into the culvert on Chrisler Road and will be making a recommendation.

Town Engineer is looking into the culvert on Chrislaw Road and will be making a recommendation.

Chairman Dean Schwarz stated that the cost to do Slack Road is \$6,215.00.

Chairman Dean Schwarz stated that the Town of West Point is paying Scott Construction (\$624.00) and Dann & Wendt Inc. (\$394.97) for sand/gravel up on Gannon Road and Crystal Lake RV Resort will be reimburse the Town.

Chairman Dean Schwarz stated that the Rustic Road signs are up and there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in the future.

The Town Board set October 5, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. to work on the 2012 Town Budget.

The following Committee Reports were given:

- Park Committee – no report
- Lodi Fire Commission – Copies of minutes from August 17, 2011 meeting
- Sauk Fire Board – Next meeting September 21, 2011
- Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross reported on the September 1, 2011 meeting
- Sauk Prairie Ambulance – Will meet next week
- Transfer Site – The construction dumpster is at the Transfer Site for the month of September; a magnet is missing and they use this magnet to clean up the brush pile which has nails in it. The cost of a new magnetic is between \$125.00 and \$150.00. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to purchase a new magnet not to exceed \$200.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.
- Lodi EMS – no report
- Columbia County – no report
- Outdoor Open Space Committee – Dean Schwarz reported on the August 24, 2011 meeting

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, October 13, 2011 on the agenda is: Town Roads; (Golf Road, Gannon Road, Chrisler Road, Chrislaw Road, Slack Road); Crystal and Mud Lake District Pumping; Sewer System Preliminary Site Evaluation for the Area including Pleasant View Park; Committee Reports and any other business that may legally brought before the Town Board.

Board of Review will meet at 7:00 p.m. on October 6, 2011 prior to the plan commission meeting to adjourn to a later date.

A motion was made by John Miller to adjourn the September 8, 2011 town board meeting at 7:45 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
*Edith Kay Eberle,*  
 Town Clerk