

## 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 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-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 Bill Niemi to approve the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input: None.

Copies of the January 13<sup>th</sup> 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 January 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 minutes with corrections, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of January 31, 2011 - \$2,351,397.03; Park Fund \$3,257.40 (\$89.78 in separate account in Quick Books and \$3,167.52 is in a six month CD Park Fund at the Bank of Prairie du Sac); Historical Society is \$2,184.32; and CD Savannah Tree is \$2,097.99. 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 and budget for 2011 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to pay all the bills that were presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi - motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence – Revised draft of the Protocols for the Lodi Area Fire District – Fire Commission; Letter confirming that the Rustic Road application was received; Letter from Jo Ann Wipperfurth resigning from the Lodi Area EMS Commission; Letter from Charter on changes to programming; a Thank You from the Mark Slack family and Master Gardens will be selling compost containers for \$50.00.

Greg Gardiner (Town Assessor) came before the Town Board asking them to consider doing a revaluation in 2011. Greg Gardiner stated that the Town of West Point is at 102% of market value. The Residential property is 12.34% of market value. There has been 20 Residential sales (includes 3 sheriff sales) all were way lower then the current assessed values. Agricultural land will be lowered 3 ½% in 2011. Greg Gardiner feels that the residential property is currently at 112%, which is over the state guideline which is between 90 and 110. The cost to do a revaluation will be \$14,600.00. The assessor would look at 2 year sales and go thru those homes and also go thru the homes that they were not able to get into to do a proper assessment. Board of Review would be in August or September. A motion was made by Gordon Carncross to have Gardiner Appraisal do a revaluation in 2011, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miller. The motion was amended to include paying Gardiner Appraisal \$7,300.00 out of the 2011 budget item contingent fund and to budget the remainder \$7,300.00 in 2012. The motion and amended motion were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to postpone action on safety issue with School Bus turn around at the end of Slack Road, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Niemi - motion was approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to postpone action on No Parking Signs on Slack Road at the Ice Age Parking Lot, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi - motion was approved unanimously.

Resolution No. 2-10-11 Establishing Video Service Provider Fee for Merrimac Communications, LTD was presented to the Town Board for their consideration. In 2007 Wisconsin Act 42 established a statewide franchise system for video service providers. In Act 42 requires state franchised video service provider to pay a video service provider fee to a municipality in which a state franchise has been issued of up to 5% of gross receipts derived within the authorized area. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to adopt Resolution No. 2-10-11 Establishing Video Service Provider Fee for

Merrimac Communications, LTD, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gordon Carncross - motion was approved unanimously.

Proposed Columbia County Zoning Ordinance was brought up to the Town Board for their consideration. Kevin Kessler (Plan Commission Chairman) and Gordon Carncross attend the public hearing in January. Kevin Kessler had prepared a draft letter to be sent to John Bluemke, Director of Columbia County Planning and Zoning Department for all Plan Commission and Town Board members to review. Gordon Carncross had concerns about farm consolidation and house needs 35 acres. All comments on the proposed Columbia County Zoning Ordinance are due to the county by February 28<sup>th</sup>. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to have Town Board members get the Plan Commission any item that they feel needs to be changed or added to the draft prior to their February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miller - motion was approved unanimously.

Dave Padley came before the Town Board with a new proposal to pump ground water from Crystal Lake to the Lodi Marsh. There would be a single high cap well and would draw down double the water. The single high cap well would be located in the SE corner of Crystal Lake on Crystal Lake Road. DNR has not made the final decision. If DNR approves of a single high cap well the Lake District will have to redo the Chapter 30 permit. There was a suggestion to contact Brad Webster from Arlington about purchasing the well pump.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to postpone action on the Berm at Lot 9's entrance on Selwood Road within the Town's right of way, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Zeman - motion was approved unanimously.

A 2011 Service Agreement from Columbia County Humane Society was presented to the Town Board for their consideration. The fee for 2011 is \$650.00. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve the 2011 Service Agreement for Columbia County Humane Society at a cost of \$650.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi - motion was approved unanimously.

There are different locations were the 2011 Wisconsin Towns Association District Meeting are being held for the Town Board to consider if they would like to attend a meeting. Matt Zeman and Edith Eberle stated that they would like to attend one of the meetings.

Bill Casey from Columbia Solid Waste has told the Town of West Point the there will be a separate barrel for oil filters to be disposed of at a cost of \$.25 each. There is a barrel in the City of Lodi for waste oil. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to not charge the \$.25 fee and to make a tally of how many oil filters the town receives and to revisit in the future if needed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miller - motion was approved unanimously.

The Town Clerk (Edith K Eberle) and the Town Treasurer (Lonna Zeman) had presented the town board with copies of the 2011 Financial Report for their review. A motion was made by John Miller to postpone action on the 2011 Financial Report until the March Town Board meeting to allow them to review the report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bill Niemi - motion was approved unanimously.

Applying for LRIP funds was brought up to the Town Board for their consideration. 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor Bill Niemi stated that the Town of West Point should apply for LRIP funds because every 3 biennium the town would be able to receive LRIP funds. A motion was made by Dean Schwarz to have Bill Niemi work with Chuck Bongard (Town Engineer) on filling out an application for LRIP funds, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Matt Zeman - motion was approved unanimously.

The following Town Roads need to be looked at for reconstruction: Pleasant View Park, Unke Road, Golf Road and Van Ness Road. There will be a meeting set up for Town Board Members and Town Engineer in the Spring to review the Town Roads.

3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor Bill Niemi reported that road signs can not be put on stop sign at intersection of State Highway but can be put on stop signs on town roads.

Chairman Dean Schwarz had nothing to report as he was on vacation for the last month.

Plan Commission – no report

Town Park Committee – no report.

Copies of the minutes from Lodi Fire Commission meetings held on December 8, 2010 and January 12, 2011 were given to each Town Board member for their information.

There was concern that Fire Inspections are not being done in the Town of West Point and that the Fire Departments may lose their 2% fire dues.

Bill Niemi stated that Sauk Fire District will be meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Outdoor Open Space Committee – no meeting

Matt Zeman reported

John Miller reported on the Sauk EMS Committee meeting will be held on January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Lodi EMS Committee – Copies of the January 19, 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, March 10, 2011 on the agenda is: LRIP Funds; Parking Signs on Slack Road at the Ice Age Parking Lot; Safety Issue with School Bus turn around at the end of Slack Road; Town Roads; Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District Pumping; Berm at Lot 9's entrance on Selwood Road in the Town's right of way; and Committee Reports.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to adjourn the February 10, 2011 town board meeting at 8:22 p.m., 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By  
*Edith Kay Eberle*  
Town Clerk