

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, March 13, 2014 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 was Taffy Buchanan-Town Clerk. Absent was 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 February 13, 2014 minutes were emailed to each town board member prior to the meeting for their review. A motion was made by John Miller to approve the February 13, 2014 meeting minutes, 2nd by Gordon Carncross – motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Lonna Zeman had prepared the following report: General Fund as of February 28, 2014 - \$442,824.65; Park Fund \$10,828.93; Historical Society is \$2,429.57 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 February.

Correspondence – Columbia County sent proposed revisions to the Zoning Code. Towns Association sent information about Implements of Husbandry Bill. Sauk Prairie School Luncheon is Monday, March 31, 2014 at 6:30pm. The Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board would like to talk to the Board and give an update and answer any questions. John Miller did a ride-a-long with Bill Statz to show him what the County needed to brush.

The bills were reviewed by each town board member prior to the town board meeting. A copy of the bills, deposits, budget for 2014 were given to each town board member for their information. A motion was made by Bill Niemi to pay the bills as presented, 2nd by John Miller - motion carried unanimously.

Representatives from the Lodi School Board gave a presentation of the referendum proposed the School District of Lodi, for the April 1, 2014 election - 3years, non-recurring, \$950,000 each year.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to purchase a new sign from the transfer site not to exceed \$200.00, 2nd by John Miller – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by John Miller to postpone a decision about the Town Hall sign and get more quotes on refinishing it and quotes for a new sign, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to approve a contract for basic maintenance of the Town Hall for Tom Eberle for \$20.00 per hour not to exceed \$500.00 for the year, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

Kris Lehman, Joan Ryan, and Taffy Buchanan worked on and presented ideas for a logo for the Town of West Point. A motion was made by Matt Zeman to postpone and have an outside consultant look at them, 2nd by Dean Schwarz – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to have Taffy Buchanan be a Notary Public, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Bill Niemi to permit Alliant Energy to do utility work if they sign a letter stating they will restore any disturbed ground back to the way it was, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to approve a \$300.00 payment to the Columbia County Silent Sports Trail Committee for bike loop signage to come out of 56900 Open Space budget, 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Columbia County is looking to post roads about March 24, 2014 depending on the weather. The Town was granted \$12,000 to be used this year or next year by LRIP, we can use it on a road that is in our 5 year plan. A motion was made by Bill

Niemi for the Town Engineer, Chuck Bongard, to give us a few options for roads to consider to use the money for, 2nd by Matt Zeman – motion carried unanimously,

Reports:

AEA – There will be another meeting on March 19, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Town Hall to work on getting things completed by the March 31, 2014 deadline.

Raffle – Lonna Zeman will sell raffle tickets at the April 1, 2014 election. The Lodi Canning Company donated \$500.00 to the Pavilion.

Town Park Committee – no report

Lodi Fire Commission – no report

Sauk Fire District – Bill Niemi said they will be meeting in May.

Plan Commission – Gordon Carncross informed everyone there will be two Public Hearings of March 20, 2014, one for a Land Division for Neal & Ellen Schoepp and the other one for a CUP for a Major Home Occupation for Paul Olsen & Kim Derra.

Sauk EMS Committee – John Miller reported the Director received a very good evaluation. The Ems is looking into the costs of a new building and new ambulance.

Transfer Site Report – Matt Zeman reported the transfer site use to have 4 workers and now they have 3, but would like to go back to 4 workers,

Lodi EMS Committee – We received approved minutes from January 15, 2014.

Open Space Committee – no meeting

Columbia County Report – Kevin Kessler reported Columbia County had a Towns Meeting on February 26, 2014 and discussed changes in the zoning code. He wrote a letter to John Bluemke and Fred Teitgen concerning CUP being assigned to the property and not to a designated person. Kevin Kessler also stated he talked to the Town's Attorney about revised language the County had in the Zoning Code which stated it is the town's responsibility to defend their decision before the Board of Adjustment and any subsequent court action. The Town's Attorney talked with Corporation Counsel Ruf about the concern with the

proposed language and he talked with John Bluemke and re agreed to revise the language.

Fish, Crystal and Mud Lake District/Pumping – They discontinued pumping because of the spring thaw.

Broadband Committee – Gordon Carncross didn't have anything to report, but would like to keep the Broadband Committee going so they can stay on top of any broadband issues.

The next town board meeting will be on Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on the agenda is: CUP for Paul Olsen and Kim Derra, Historical Commission appointments, Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board, Road considerations for work to be done on, discuss Tourist Rooming Houses, West Point logo, raffle progress; AEA report, and any other business that can be legally added to the agenda.

A motion was made by Matt Zeman to adjourn the March 13, 2014 town board meeting at 9:27 p.m., 2nd by Bill Niemi – motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted By
Taffy Buchanan
Town Clerk