

**TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES
OCTOBER 29th, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The West Point Town Council held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 29th 2012. The Honorable James H. Hudson III called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Invocation was given followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Vice Mayor, Deborah Ball; Charlie Gordon; Tina Gulley; Paul Kelley; Jack Lawson and Chris Vincent.

Members Absent: Bub Shreaves.

Also Present: John B. Edwards, Jr., Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Interim Chief of Police Tom Clark, WPPD; Sgt. Lisa Woodson, Bobby Mowyer, WPPD and other interested persons.

II. CITIZENS ADDRESS TO COUNCIL

Mr. Hudson advised that due to Hurricane Sandy, the presentation to honor Thomas Whitmore and the Historical Society presentation has been rescheduled for November 26th 2012.

A. Public Hearing – Ordinance 04-12/Administrative Variances

Mayor Hudson advised that due to the weather he was going to open the public hearing for comments and continue the public hearing until the November 26th meeting.

Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to address Town Council on the advertised public hearing for Ordinance 04-12, administrative Variances.

Mr. Gordon asked what the reason was for Ordinance 04-12.

Mr. Hudson advised that the State has changed the code that would enable Town Staff to approve or disapprove variances. Variances have become increasingly difficult to obtain in the State of Virginia the ordinance would save the applicant time and money by going through the zoning administrator.

Mr. Hudson stated that the public hearing on ordinance 04-12 will be continued on November 26, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

B. Citizens Address to Council

Mr. Hudson opened the floor for citizens to address Town Council on any Town related business.

Mr. Hudson asked if there was any one else that would like to address Town Council. There being none, Mr. Hudson closed the Citizens Address.

III. COUNCIL RESPONSE

None was noted.

IV. AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Edwards asked the Mayor to place the Declaration of Local Emergency on the agenda under the Town Manager as item 1.

Mrs. Ball made a motion to amend the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Gulley. Upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

V. ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Vincent made a motion to adopt the following consent agenda, seconded by Mrs. Ball. Upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

- 1) Minutes of September 17th, 2012 Town Council Meeting and Work Session
- 2) Cash Reports
 - a) General Fund
Cash on hand as of September 30th, 2012 - \$6,201,676.80
 - b) Water Fund
Cash on hand as of September 30th, 2012 - \$598,682.58
 - c) CIP
Cash on hand as of September 30th, 2012 - \$(160,058.19)
 - d) Solid Waste
Cash on hand as of September 30th, 2012 - \$37,120.82
- 3) Monthly Budget Report
- 4) School Fund Cash Report
 - a) Cash on hand as of September 30th, 2012 - \$112,136.76
- 5) West Point Monthly Police Activity Report
- 6) Building Official Monthly Report
- 7) Public Works Monthly Permit Report
- 8) Community Development Monthly Permit Report
- 9) Treasurer Monthly Report

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Economic and Community Development – Mr. Lawson reported for the Committee

Mr. Lawson advised there was no report.

B. Education Committee

Mr. Hudson advised there was no report.

C. Finance Committee – Mrs. Ball reported for the Committee

Mrs. Ball advised there was nothing to report.

D. Public Safety – Mrs. Gulley reported for the Committee.

1. Surplus Vehicle and Weapons

Mrs. Gulley made a motion to declare six Smith and Wesson Sigma SW40F pistols and one 2002 For Crown Vic as surplus and to authorize the Town Manager to sell the items. Seconded by Mrs. Ball, upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

2 Anti-Bullying Resolution *[See Attached]*

Mrs. Gulley made a motion to adopt the attached resolution, seconded by Mr. Vincent. Upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

E. Public Works – Mr. Gordon reported for the Committee

VII. TOWN MANAGER'S ITEMS

A Declaration of Local Emergency

Mr. Edwards advised that the Town Declared a State of Local Emergency due to Hurricane Sandy on Saturday, October 27th 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Mr. Edwards asked that Town Council ratify the Declaration of Emergency.

Mrs. Gulley made a motion to ratify the Declaration of Local Emergency for Saturday, October 27th 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Ball, upon roll call Mrs. Ball, Mr. Gordon, Mrs. Gulley, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Vincent all voted "Aye".

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

There was nothing to report under Old Business.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Planning Commission Report - Mr. Hudson

Mr. Hudson advised that Planning Commission did not meet in October, therefore there was no report.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mr. Hudson adjourned the meeting.

James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen M. Barrow
Town Clerk

THE TOWN OF WEST POINT
Anti-Bullying RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, School Bullying has become an increasingly significant problem in the United States and Virginia; and

WHEREAS, as many as 25 – 30% of the youth in the United States are believed to be involved in bullying each year, either as a bully or as a victim; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one hundred sixty thousand students in kindergarten through twelfth grade miss school every day due to a fear of being bullied; and

WHEREAS, bullying can take many forms, including verbal, physical, and most recently in cyberspace, and can happen virtually anywhere, both on and off school grounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important for Virginia parents, students, teachers, pastors, school administrators, and local government officials to be aware of bullying, and to encourage discussion of the problem throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of West Point, Virginia supports the West Point Public Schools anti-bullying policies and the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program which encourages positive behaviors and strives to eliminate bullying behaviors; and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the Town Council of West Point, Virginia that November be designated as Bullying Prevention month, with the week of November 12th through November 18th being selected as National Anti-Bullying week.