

Town of Stockbridge
Monthly Town Board Minutes
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 8, 2013
Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisor Jeff Yelton, Supervisor Connie Loewe, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Clerk Janene Van Hoorn, and 36 town residents/property owners/guests.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The clerk verified that open meeting notices were given.

Connie Loewe made a motion to approve the agenda with the notation that public comment on agenda items will take place under discussion of the agenda item. Seconded by Jeff Yelton. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Public Comment on Non Agenda Items-- None

Jeff Yelton made a motion to approve the April meeting minutes as printed. Seconded by Connie Loewe. Motion Carried.

Ralph Schmid presented the Treasurer's Report. Jeff Yelton made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Connie Loewe. Motion Carried.

Jeff Yelton made a motion to approve and pay the bills as presented to the board. Seconded by Connie Loewe. Motion Carried.

Newsletter—Due to time constraints a spring newsletter will not be produced.

Town roads, equipment and buildings discussion. The town crew is repairing equipment and some crackfilling will be performed on the roads.

Town Shed Inspections—A state building inspector arrived at the town shed on May 2nd in response to an anonymous complaint regarding alterations done to I-beams while installing garage door openers many years ago. Schaefer requested that the inspector return after the town could comply with open meeting posting requirements so more than one board member can be present during the inspection. Yelton met with an inspector from the State Plumbing Department who was following up on an anonymous complaint regarding the septic system at the town shed. There is a question if we are in compliance because we do equipment repairs in the shed and the drains drain into a small creek. The town is waiting for the report from the state, but Yelton feels that the town may need to install a holding tank.

Discussion on the Building Advisory Committee occurred. Parameters of the duties of this committee need to be defined. Connie Loewe made a motion to table the development of a Building Advisory Committee to the June Meeting. Seconded by Jeff Yelton. Motion Carried.

Storm Water Management Ordinance—Yelton explained the board is doing research for a Storm Water Management Ordinance. Yelton's estimation is that only a very small portion of this ordinance is related to drain tile, which he has received many calls about. Yelton explained the criteria of the DNR MS4 District and how that could affect the Town of Stockbridge. Yelton feels the problem for the Town is that we are a farming community with the Niagara Escarpment and have considerable run-off. The DNR is tightening up MS4 Districts and it is rumored that the DNR will double or triple MS4 designation. Schaefer brought up the definition of illicit discharge, which is one of the criteria for MS4 Districts, and the nebulous nature of that term. Questions and comments were taken from those in attendance. Joe Pagel of Drainage USA presented information to the board and guests. Pagel works with WDNR, Corp. Of Engineers, NRCS and local government and stated that our town and county are very proactive. Pagel stated that few towns have Storm Water Management Plans because they are already being regulated by the entities he works with. Pagel suggested that the Town invite the Wis. DNR to a meeting and not to be afraid of them and their assistance. The water sheds for the town go into Lake Winnebago and the Manitowoc River. It was estimated that 20% to 40% of the town's land is in the Lake Winnebago Watershed which is where the majority of the problems with storm water occur. Pagel stated nutrient management and erosion control programs in place have effects on storm water. Schaefer suggested that the town explore more options regarding storm water management. Schaefer asked for input from the residents who signed in for comment. Yelton made a motion to table this discussion until the June meeting to discuss options on how to proceed. Seconded by Connie Loewe. Motion Carried.

Upgrades by Quinney Fishing Club to Twilight Beach landing area--Representatives from Quinney Fishing Club presented information on improving a landing at Twilight Beach Road with a 30' by 70' cement slab. Members have talked with some of the interested parties and are looking for input from the town board on how or whether they can proceed. Schaefer stated that the board will look at the landing during the board road inspection on May 10, 2013.

Discussion on proposed High Cliff State Park—members of the board attended an informational meeting and were told that the park is not interested in obtaining buildings, just land. The board has doubts about aspects of this going project going forward.

Review of Alcohol Beverage License applications—the clerk presented the applications received. Two applications have not been received by the clerk by the stated due date, therefore they will be charged for the cost of publishing.

Correspondence was reviewed. The tower on Tower Road will be undergoing upgrades to provide Rescue 21 Services for the US Coast Guard.

Being no further business Jeff Yelton made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Connie Loewe. Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janene Van Hoorn
Stockbridge Town Clerk