

Town of Stockbridge  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, 2013  
Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisors Jeff Yelton and Connie Loewe, Clerk Janene Van Hoorn, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Town Road Superintendent Jerry Ortlieb and approximately 21 town residents and property owners.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The clerk verified that Annual Meeting notices were posted on April 5, 2013.

Minutes of the April 10, 2012 Annual Meeting and November 14, 2012 Special Town Meeting were read. MoJo Ecker made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Nicholas Nadler. Motion Carried.

Chairman Schaefer appointed Jeff Yelton as parliamentarian and David Ortlieb and Joe Mader as ballot clerks.

Treasurer Ralph Schmid and Clerk Janene Van Hoorn presented the Town of Stockbridge 2012 Financial Statement.

Chairman Schaefer gave updates on town road maintenance including road upgrades and culvert replacements at Quinney, Faro Springs, Lakeshore Drive and Grogan's Maple Hills. In 2013 a road project is planned for Faro Springs hill. Dean Joas addressed issues with drainage from Grogan's Maple Hills. Yelton updated those in attendance that a Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance has been enacted.

The residents in attendance were updated on the Calumet County Clean Sweep program and Town of Stockbridge Large Item Clean-up.

The 2014 Annual Meeting was set for April 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

John Nadler made a motion that the per diem portion of town board compensation be based on past practices. Seconded by MoJo Ecker. The motion was carried by the unanimous show of hands.

John Nadler asked for clarification on the April monthly agenda item regarding a Storm Water Management Ordinance and discussion ensued.

Jr. Ecker asked about ways to make small business feel welcome in the Town and suggested that something could be placed on the Town website.

John Nadler asked about the status of the land which was purchased a few years ago with the intent to build a new town garage. John Nadler made a motion to investigate the sale of the property if the town could recoup the original purchase price. Seconded by MoJo Ecker. During discussion, Joe Mader asked that the town obtain prices from an engineering firm for building versus remodeling before exploring the sale the property. Dean Joas suggested an Advisory Group be put together regarding building options. A vote on the motion by Nadler was taken. By show of Hands- 13 ayes, 2 nays. Motion Carried. Dean Joas made a motion that the town board appoint a volunteer unpaid advisory committee to explore the option of building a new building, remodeling the existing building and to determine what the building or remodeling needs of the town are. Seconded by MoJo Ecker. By show of hands – 12 ayes, 0 nays. Motion Carried.

Joe Mader initiated discussion on changing the clerk and treasurer positions from elected to appointed positions. Joe Mader made a motion to look into making the clerk and treasurer appointed positions. Seconded by Dave Ortlieb. Discussion occurred. By show of hands – 3 ayes, 11 nays. Motion Failed.

John Nadler initiated discussion on the proposed Storm Water Management Ordinance. Pro and cons of the ordinance were discussed and those in attendance were invited to take part in the development process at the monthly town board meetings.

Nicholas Nadler opened discussion on upgrades to the Twilight Beach landing area at no cost to the town. Schaefer updated those in attendance on the discussion of those upgrades at the April 10, 2013 meeting.

Being no further business John Nadler made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Dave Ortlieb. Meeting adjourned 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janene Van Hoorn  
Stockbridge Town Clerk