

Town of Stockbridge  
Monthly Town Board Minutes  
7:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 9, 2014  
Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisor Jeff Yelton, Supervisor Connie Loewe, Clerk Janene Van Hoorn, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Road Supervisor Jerry Ortlieb, Nick VandeHey of McMahon and 12 town residents/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. Seconded by Jeff Yelton. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Lynn Benkoski, a property owner on Mud Creek Road, asked for permission to allow a cement truck to cross the Mud Creek bridge posted with a 15 ton weight limit. Lynn Yelton voiced concern about storm water issues in the town and requested an exploratory fact finding team. Lynn Yelton presented four questions:

1. What is the status of the Winnebago Waterways Project?
2. What is going on with the EPA and proposed rules for the Clean Water Act?
3. Does the Non-Metallic Mining Ordinance that the Town of Stockbridge has in place require water testing?
4. What is the water testing requirement (who, what, where, why)?

Jeff Yelton responded to the questions Lynn Yelton presented.

Jeff Yelton made a motion to approve the June 11, 2014, June 24, 2014 and July 1, 2014 meeting minutes as printed. Seconded by Connie Loewe. Motion Carried.

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

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

Town roads, equipment and buildings discussion. A culvert on Mayflower Lane has been replaced and two culverts will be replaced next week on Hickory Hills Road. The culvert is ordered for Artesian Road. The town is doing the patching of the roads with cold mix. Nick VandeHey of McMahon updated the board on the packets submitted to the DNR for permitting regarding the Quinney Road and Mud Creek Road bridges. The Quinney bridge quote for a culvert came in at approximately \$12,000 to \$13,000 depending on culvert material. VandeHey addressed the possible need for guardrails on the Quinney Road bridge. Discussion occurred regarding lowering the speed limit near both of the bridges. The application for Emergency Bridge Aid was addressed. Ortlieb gave a rough estimate for the Quinney Road bridge project of \$30,000 if the town employees do the work. VandeHey updated the board on the sizing options for the Mud Creek bridge project. Quotes on a precast 20' x 10' concrete and corrugated metal 23' x 10' culverts are expected to be received shortly. Estimated costs on the Mud Creek Bridge project are between \$80,000 and \$100,000. VandeHey stopped at Rockland Beach Road and will get information to the board on culvert sizes to address storm water issues.

Discussion/possible action on cost worksheet for major town expenditures. Numbers placed on the worksheet are as follows:

The plow truck bid was \$163,000.

The roadside mower is projected to run another 3 years with a ball park replacement cost of \$125,000 to \$130,000 for a tractor/mower combination. Trade in value of the current roadside tractor/mower is projected to be \$40,000 to \$50,000.

Upgrading roads to county road standards was taken off the list of major town expenditures.

Replacement of fire department tanker—Potter's new tanker was \$160,000 in 2013. Town of Harrison's tanker was \$260,000. Stockbridge Fire Chief Mike Funk had given a cost of \$325,000 when asked by the board.

Town Garage issues need to be addressed within the next 10 years.

Ledge Road Dust Control costs for paving would be approximately \$300,000. Sealcoating with additional gravel applied would be approximately \$100,000.

Water testing of ditches/Water testing for Non Metallic Mining Ordinance unknown responsibility/cost.

Faro Springs Road Paving per bid approximately \$85,000 (approximate \$32,000 grant from TRI Funds ).

Review/Approval of Temporary Beer License Application. Connie Loewe made a motion to approve a Temporary Class B Retailer's License to Quinney Fishing Club. Seconded by Jeff Yelton. Motion Carried.

Correspondence/communications was reviewed. Schaefer was contacted by the Calumet County Sheriff's Department regarding fireworks permits.

Being no further business Connie Loewe made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Yelton. Meeting adjourned 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janene Van Hoorn  
Stockbridge Town Clerk