

Town of Stockbridge  
Town Board Minutes  
7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16, 2017  
Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Supervisor Connie Loewe, Supervisor Jeff Yelton, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Clerk Janene Van Hoorn, seven town residents and Fire Chief Mike Funk.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Clerk verified that notices were posted.

Jeff Yelton made a motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Connie Loewe. Motion Carried.

Public Comment: Sherrie Schaefer brought concerns to the town board regarding placement of a registered sex offender at the Lakeview Motel. No one in the town was informed of the placement of the registered sex offender in the town on February 6 or on February 7, 2017. The registered sex offender is now listed as homeless. The motel also houses extended stay residents. Schaefer is requesting that the board look into protecting the community from situations like this. Tina Vannes asked the board to do their due diligence in researching development of an ordinance on this matter and look at sex offender classifications from the Department of Justice.

Motion by Jeff Yelton to move agenda item 7 to number 6 and item 6 to number 7. Seconded by Connie Loewe. Motion Carried.

Discussion regarding Registered Sex Offender Regulation in the Town of Stockbridge. Connie Loewe informed the board about research she conducted on this issue. Loewe called municipalities, enforcement agencies and attended a meeting in Sherwood in order to obtain information regarding placement of sex offenders. After sentences are served the offender must return to the county where they had lived. Loewe stated there are currently 94 registered sex offenders in Calumet County. Jeff Yelton updated the board on information he researched. The sex offender was at the hotel for 4 -5 hours before the motel owner discovered his history and immediately evicted him. The Department of Corrections did not have time to give notification during the 4 – 5 hours he was at the motel and takes responsibility for not handling this situation correctly. The Department of Corrections prefers that communities not enact ordinances because of difficulty of placement and the increased risk of the offenders becoming homeless. Yelton also cautioned about inaccurate information which is found on the internet. Yelton suggested that discussion on Registered Sex Offender Regulation be continued at the Annual Meeting. Jeff Yelton made a motion to table this discussion and to bring it forward at the Annual Meeting. Seconded by Connie Loewe. Motion Carried.

Town roads, equipment and buildings discussion: A rough estimate of cost for a 1 ½ mile project on Faro Springs came in at approximately \$260,000 if done in one year. If the project would be split between two years an additional set up charge of approximately \$25,000 and an increase of 8%-10% would incur a total increase of approximately \$35,000. Ledge Road chip sealing is estimated to cost about \$60,000.

Being no further business, Connie Loewe made a motion to adjourn. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Yelton. Meeting adjourned 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janene Van Hoorn  
Stockbridge Town Clerk