

Town of Stockbridge

Town Board Minutes

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 4, 2019

UNAPPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Dean Joas, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Road Supervisor Jerry Ortlieb (JO). Approximately, 3 members of the public were present: Marvin Woelfel, Mike Funk and Beverly Baltz.

Dean J moved and Mark E. 2nd to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Dean J moved and Mark E 2nd to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.

Regarding the building inspector, calls have been denied by retiring building inspectors and Dean J. favored a one year term to the new building inspector contract and a fixed termination date. As such Dean J. moved and Mark E. 2nd a motion to modify the contract as discussed and the motion carried. Ken. Schaefer signed the contract with discussed modifications and instructed the clerk to deliver the signed the contract with modification to the building inspector and request and countersigned document and new copy with the re-typed modifications.

Increase the tax levy agenda item: Discussed the options of increasing the mil-rate to pay for road improvement. An increase of the mil rate to 4 was discussed which would bring in about \$350,000.00 more and number slightly up and down. Discussion occurred about the value of scheduling the levy increase to not be detrimental to the state-aid formula the town is subject to following. General discussion occurred about the amount of work needed and future equipment needs in the town and fire department. As well as, purchases that may be forthcoming over the next few years for aging equipment. It was considered whether it would be beneficial to have multiple resolutions to present at the special electors of the town meeting to allow a choice among the electors. Cost of the equipment was discussed and the size of the garage to accommodate the equipment. Selling the land the town owns only with full recovery of the all costs the town paid could help defray the costs was also discussed. Factoring the possible change of a road supervisor, was discussed as relation to all the improvements. JO shared the decision will still come as to which roads will be improved and which roads will not be done due to a lack of funds. A sample resolution supplied by the Wisconsin Town's Association was edited to use as a worksheet.

Dean J. moved and Mark E. 2nd to accept the draft copy of the resolution to increase the levy limit to send to the clerk for typing for possible passage and review at the September 11, 2019 town board meeting.

Dean J. shared that having a capital expenditure plan for the future meeting of the town would be a good idea.

Being no further business, Mark E made a motion to adjourn. 2nd by Dean J. Meeting adjourned 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Stockbridge Town Clerk

