

Town of Stockbridge

Town Board Minutes

7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2019

APPROVED 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 and Road Supervisor Jerry Ortlieb (JO). Approx. nine members of the public were present at opening. Present were Junior Ecker, Maurice Ecker, Dave Ortlieb, Tim Ecker, John Vanden Boom, Tom Schneider, Donna Linzmeier, Simon Regan, Adam Ecker and Phil Schneider.

Pledge of allegiance was recited.

Steve Phipps informed the meeting has been properly posted.

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

Public Comment: Donna Linzmeier spoke about concerns about the recent tax increase and the effect on the tax bill into the future.

Simon Regan spoke about using manure spreading ordinance like the town of Brothertown and allow for leniency in rules that may be established. General discussion occurred about the rules being considered for manure spreading. Phil Schneider spoke about hills and gravity's affect on manure pumping and the disadvantages and advantages of permits. Junior Ecker spoke about the need to slow down and the details of the regulation are difficult to monitor, costs to have a flag person on the roads, insurance, suggested getting subcontractor for ditch repair, and suggested to have complaints sent to the DNR and the sheriff's department. Ken Schaefer and Mark Ecker discussed parking on the road. The board discussed the need for liability insurance. Steve Schneider spoke about the need to have a 2 way dialogue in the discussion of the issue. John Vandenboom spoke about the monitoring of the DNR on manure haulers. Maurice Ecker spoke about vests, lighted signs other precautions. Junior and Mark Ecker spoke the regulating the canning companies and human waste. Dean spoke about firefighters being hit on the road. Tim Ecker spoke about people starting to ignore lights and alarms.

Dean J. moved and Mark E. 2nd to approve the Nov. 13th meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Item 8: JO reported on snowplowing and salt being ordered so it shows up on time. Equipment is working well so far. Ralph did not see the letter of credit outstanding requested by Ken of a land developer. Dean shared a sample invitation to bid for the roof repair on the community hall building. Motion by Dean and Mark 2nd to advertise for bids to re-roof the community hall as presented in the proposal from Dean. Motion carried. JO and the board discussed bridge aid and culvert problems. Jo reported that working with Harrison this year is not an option due to the urban work being done by the town. Ken reported the MLS (road) grant was submitted.

Item 9: Full-time employee road supervisor compensation: After general discussion, Ken moved and Dean 2nd to increase the road supervisor's hourly pay rate by 35 cents/hour and pay the amount of increase in the health insurance costs for this position. This increase to take effect on Jan. 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Part-time employees: After general discussion, motion by Dean to have part-time employees get 1.5 times the rate of pay for all hours between 5 PM until 7AM and on weekends. Motion did not get a 2nd and motion was not carried. Ken moved and Mark 2nd to increase the hourly rate of part-time workers 50 cents/hour starting January 1, 2020. Motion carried.

Item 10: Dean moved and Mark 2nd for the town to contract Kerber and Rose for the IT support required by the Wisconsin Election Commissions. Motion carried.

Item 11: No new items to discuss.

Item 12: Steve reported the death of the building inspector and the name of the new inspector for JK Inspection, LLC is Paul Hermes.

Item 13: Steve offered a list of names for election workers. Dean reported that a resolution in 1996 passed by the board granted the authority to appoint election workers entirely to the clerk and current board was content with that resolution.

Item 14: No certified survey maps were submitted.

Item 15: Clerk reported the following communications: county emergency management department sent a survey, Associated Appraisal reduced the revaluation cost in 2020 by \$4000.00, village of Harrison correspondence regarding their comprehensive plan amendments and the WI DNR letter relating to Forest Tax Law designations. Clerk offered more detailed information if anyone wanted – no one wanted. Dean requested for the next meeting date the topic of SPS 330 and it's effect on firefighters.

Next meeting is January 8, 2020 at 7 PM. The joint meeting is scheduled for January 28, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Dean J. moved and Mark E. 2nd to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Dean asked about the cable franchise fee that was not received yet.

Mark E. Moved Dean E. 2nd to approve the bills as presented to the board. Motion carried.

Mark E. moved and 2nd by Mark E. to adjourn at 8:40 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Stockbridge Town Clerk