

**VILLAGE & TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE**  
**4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER JOINT MEETING**  
**January 28, 2020 6:30 p.m.**  
**COMMUNITY HALL – 175 S. MILITARY ROAD**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Town Chairmen Ken Schaefer. Village President, Amy Zahringer of the Village and Trustees Tim Lemke, Ty Bodden, Nathan Bowe, Tammy Mackai and Marilyn Behnke also present Village Clerk Bobbi Reedy. Present on behalf of the Town are Chairman Ken Schaefer and Supervisors Dean Joas and Mark Ecker and Town Clerk Steve Phipps. Cindy Strebe from Stockbridge utilities was present. Dean Hemauer, Tom Head, Mike Funk - Fire Chief, Bill Van Hoorn, Joe Kuhn - 1<sup>st</sup> Responder's 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, and Erik Waisanen from SPS roofing was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited

VERIFICATION THAT OPEN MEETING NOTICES HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE TWO CLERKS.

AGENDA: **Motion** by Amy Zahringer to approve agenda amending item 8 to item 4. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim Lemke. M/C

Roof Bids: Dean Joas opened the bids and Mark Ecker took notes of the bids. General discussion occurred. Erik Waisanen answered some questions about the bid and supplied additional information about the bid to clarify the bid. Marilyn Behnke moved to award the bid to W&L Insulation and the motion did not receive a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ken Schaefer called W&L insulation to clarify the bid and spoke to someone on the phone – Ken stated the person said the warranty was 20 years on the W&L Insulation bid. General Discussion occurred. Marilyn Behnke moved to award the bid to W&L Insulation pending clarification of warranty term and the motion did not receive a 2<sup>nd</sup>. General discussion was the boards should take the issue up individually and get together again at the future date. No action was taken.

MINUTES: **Motion** to approve the 3rd Quarter Joint Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2019 by Dean Joas 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Ecker. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: None.

Tom Head and Dean Hemauer of Head Insurance spoke about the fire department's insurance. Tom explained the change of corporate structure of the insurance company. Tom was happy with the change considering the cost and the change of coverage and new truck. Tom was asked questions by the board members. Joe Kuhn shared a concern about damage to personal vehicle(s) and Tom addressed the issue and coverage.

Mike Funk shared a concern about vehicles too. Dean Hemauer addressed the issue of vehicles too. In summary, the fire department's insurance will not fully insure staffs personal vehicles during a call. General discussion occurred about primary and secondary insurance for this coverage and/or lack of it. Marilyn Behnke moved and Tammy Mackai 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve accepting the insurance proposal from Head Insurance for the fire department. Motion carried. Amy Zaringer and Ken Schaefer signed acceptance of the policy.

FOURTH QUARTER 2019 FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES & RECEIPTS: Both boards reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Fire Department expenses. **Motion** for Town to pay the village \$9,888.48 for their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter proportionate share of fire department, community hall and administrative expenses by Ken Schaefer and Mark Ecker 2<sup>nd</sup>. M/C Dean Joas Abstained. M/C

Mike Funk explained the role and agreement of MAVIS (mutual aid between fire departments) as to how it affects the fire department and how fire departments cannot bill other departments for providing service under MAVIS. Cindy Strebe explained the role of the utility providing water for village residents and the fairness concern of how to charge non-village residents for water. Cindy Strebe shared the need to account for all water that goes through the utility. General discussion occurred about the difficulty of documenting all the use of the water. Ken Schaefer brought up the subject of whether the formula being used to divide the fire department expenses is correct and reflective of whom benefits from the services. Cindy Strebe had to leave at 7:54 PM for personal reasons. The issue of maintenance and the warranty on the new truck was brought up by Ken Schaefer. Chuck Ecker shared the idea of using the new truck on mutual aid calls to find defects during the warranty period. Amy Zahringer and Ken Schaefer expressed concerns about the truck being out in the event there might be a fire in the town/village. Joe Kuhn shared the need to run trucks to keep the emissions systems working well. Ken Schaefer moved and Tim Lemke 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow Mike Funk to have discretion to decide what truck to send out for calls and the item would be on the next joint meeting to re-discuss. M/C. Ken Schaefer shared and Mark Ecker agreed the town will pay the water bills until the next quarter's joint meeting when it should be on the agenda again. The subject of fire department upkeep was discussed. Mike Funk said he tests all equipment to make sure it meets NFPA standards. Both boards indicated that they were happy with that. Ken Schaefer shared he is satisfied with the way the fire department is operated.

FIRST RESPONDER CAPTAIN REPORT: Joe Kuhn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant, gave the 1<sup>st</sup> responder's membership (14), call activity (23) and delivered the treasurer's report on the activities of the 1<sup>st</sup> responders and the new officers. Kathy Stadmueller is the captain.

Both boards reviewed the 4th Quarter 1<sup>st</sup> Responder's expenses. Marilyn Behnke moved and Tim Lemke 2<sup>nd</sup> that the village should pay \$864.54 to the town for the village's share of the 1<sup>st</sup> responder's expenses. M/C. Joe Kuhn talked about policies, Spectrum invoices and reviewed the new proposed by-laws. In regards, to the Spectrum invoice Village Clerk Bobbi Reedy explained the 1<sup>st</sup> responders pay 25 percent. Many board members agreed the price has gone up. And the two boards indicated the first responders could pay only the amount that was budgeted for Spectrum and not the actual cost for this fiscal year so as not to burden their budget. General discussion occurred about the revisions of the by-laws and the timing and finalization. Motion by Marilyn Behnke 2<sup>nd</sup> by Amy Zahringer to approve the by-laws as presented. M/C.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Current roster 34, with 1 member on leave. For the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, there was (3) call in the Town, (6) calls in the Village, and (7) mutual aid calls. A Fire Department financial report was also presented. Ice rescue classes will be discontinued with no objection from the any board members.

1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER JOINT MEETING: The meeting is scheduled for April 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. with Amy Zahringer presiding.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** to adjourn by Amy Zahringer, seconded by Ty Bodden.  
Meeting Adjourned 8:55 p.m.

Dated: January 29, 2020

Steve Phipps, Town Clerk