

Town of Stockbridge

Town Board Minutes

4:00 P.M. Wednesday, July 17, 2020

APPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. Present was Supervisor Mark Ecker, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Road Supervisor Jerry Ortlieb (JO). Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chuck and Jolene Ecker were present.

Clerk Steve verified the meeting was properly posted.

Ken S. moved and Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the agenda with moving item 7.a-c (Roads, Buildings and Equipment) to later in the meeting after item 10. M/C.

No one signed up for public comment.

Dean J. moved and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the meeting minutes as presented on June 26, 2020. M/C.

Cal. Co Emergency Mgr. Communication: Dean reported the department is creating a new survey. No action taken.

Employee policies and procedure: Dean and Ken shared a need to create/find an employee handbook. Dean agreed to chair a committee to create a handbook. No other action was taken.

Town and Village FD/1<sup>st</sup> Res. Long-Range plan committee (FD1LR) goals. Ken moved to substitute Steve P. for Mark E on the committee and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C. The goals are: Clarify compliance with SPS330, HIPPA and personal privacy laws, facility utilization and optimization and supply cost division between all entities. The committee is advisory only. Discussion occurred about an employee assistance program. Everyone's experience was very limited on the subject. Dean J. agreed to make some inquiries of future possible vendors.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: Everyone received the McMahon Eng. Report. JO reported Long Road is started and no soft spots were found so far. Hill road has been repaired. He has been cutting roadsides and has had to repair the back roller on mower. Ken explained the MLS grant and pending lawsuit. Ken asked Ralph about available funds should the grant be overturned in court and whether the town would have funds in December to pay for the construction in process and projects being considered. Ralph thought the town would likely have the receipts by the end of December. Dean J. moved and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve McMahon's services on for Moehrke Rd. M/C unanimously. Dean asked about using excess tonnage on the MCC contract for nearby work since the bid came in lower than anticipated on Moehrke Road – and advertising for another project bid. JO thought the funds could be used for seal coating next year. Many roads and ideas were brought up. No action was taken on increasing the scope of road improvement in 2020. . Dean J. moved and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to award MCC's the contract on Moehrke Rd. based on their lowest bidder status. M/C unanimously.

Review Communications: Dean shared information he received about ATV/UTV usage on town roads and county coordination - Mike F. arrived at meeting at 4:50 PM. Mike F. indicated the village is moving forward on the issue. Steve P. communicated the town's assessor inquired about dates for open book and board of review. Board indicated the open book date was fine and Steve should inquire if Oct. 20 or 21 could work for the assessor for Board of Review. Steve P. shared/offered communication from NPO Litigation about joining a lawsuit against Perdue Pharma, L.P. regarding losses due to opioids. No interest from the board. Steve P. shared info about a recent grant received to help defer cost increases due to Covid-19 at elections.

CSM map: All board members looked at Shannon property and no one voiced any objection. Ken signed the no comment sheet.

Liquor Operator License: Steve P. reported on receipt of an operator license received for Mark C. Krueger at WECC. Dean moved and Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the license. M/C.

Next meeting will be a work night on Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM to work on the up-coming road supervisor's job vacancy issues. Ken indicated Ralph did not need to attend but Steve should try to make it. The following August meeting will be August 19<sup>th</sup>. Board indicated the open book date was fine as shared earlier but Steve should inquire if Oct. 20 or 21 could work for the assessor for Board of Review.

Treasurer's report: Dean moved and Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. M/C unanimously.

Bill Approval: Mark E. moved and Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve payment of the bills as presented to the board. M/C unanimously.

Road Supervisor succession: JO submitted his resignation as road supervisor effective at the end of the year. Steve P. gave presentation on the state's Employee Trust Fund benefits as it relates to obtaining benefits for the new road supervisor. The board, with the help of JO, worked on finishing the job description. Steve P. agreed to update the typed description. The board decided via general discussion to post the advertisement for the upcoming open position on Indeed.com, town's website and town's bulletin boards. No other action taken.

Dean 1<sup>st</sup> and Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn. M/C at 6:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Phipps  
Stockbridge Town Clerk