Town of Stockbridge

Town Board Minutes

6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 18, 2019

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Dean Joas, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Road Supervisor Jerry Ortlieb (JO). No members of the public were present.

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

Dean J. moved and Mark E 2^{nd} to approve the minutes of the September 11 , 2019 meeting changing Dean's last initial from S to J. Motion carried.

Rescission of Sept. 11, 2019 resolution

Steve Phipps explained the reason for moving the Town Meeting to October 29, 2019 from October 2, 2019 as was in the September 11, 2019 board resolution to allow for ample time for the board to create proposed budget for the Town Meeting of Electors and later in the meeting the board could pass a replacement resolution if the board decided and the replacement resolution as presented was exactly the same with the exception of the date change. Dean J. moved Mark E. 2nd to rescind the resolution to exceed the levy limit resolution that was passed on September 11, 2019.

Roads, building and equipment

The following issues were discussed as to the potential financial impact and time frame needed to address the deferred or anticipated repairs/improvements: driveway(s), parking lot(s), backhoe, pickup truck, mower, various/numerous roads and possible grants and tractor. Future costs exceed the levy limit if the condition of roads are to be maintained and stop the deterioration that is already exceeding the rate of maintenance. No action taken.

Exceeding the Levy Limit:

Motion by Ken S. and 2nd by Mark E. to approve the resolution of the town board to propose exceeding the levy limit with a town meeting of electors to be scheduled for October 29, 2019. Motion carried unanimously via roll call vote: Dean J. votes yes, Mark E. voted yes and Ken S. voted yes.

<u>Budget preparation</u>: Discussions occurred about prior year's budget preparations and the board asked the clerk and treasurer to create a proposal for the board to approve. The clerk and treasurer will meet sometime to accomplish this task at a date and time to be finalized.

Meeting of Elector's preparation: General discussion about having adequate space for the electors, Dean J. is working on an overhead presentation and JO contributed to locations to obtain visual images that would communicate the road conditions. The board created a postcard mailing to be sent to as many recipients using a mailing list obtained from the county's treasurer's office using Printing Express in Chilton. This postcard communication is to go over and above the minimum notice requirements to encourage residents to come and learn about the issue on Oct. 29, 2019.

Dean J moved with a 2nd from Mark Ecker to adjourn at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Stockbridge Town Clerk