

## Town Board Minutes

7:00 PM Tuesday, October 14, 2020

APPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker and Dean Joas, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Road Supervisors Jerry Ortlieb (JO) and Mark Tasch. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Joe Kuhn was present and signed up to speak.

Clerk Steve indicated the meeting has been properly posted.

Joe Kuhn spoke about the potential development on/near Mud Creek Road and the possible adverse effects on the road and tax base if detachment from the town would occur.

Dean Joas moved and Mark Ecker 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. M/C.

Routes to Recovery (R2R) Joint meeting Grant: Dean requested the town buy a soap and sanitizer dispenser for the shed like the ones the village is buying. Mark moved the town buy a soap and sanitizer dispenser. Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> and M/C. No other action related to the joint meeting with the village the night before was discussed.

Roads and Equipment: JO reported on equipment being readied for snow, brush cleaning and tires on backhoe being updated. JO shared the new trainee is working out real well. JO shared a need for plow replacement and the used one is no longer available at the dealer. Dean asked about the old plow and JO indicated its only value is scrap metal. A new plow will cost approx. \$7500.00. Dean moved and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> for the town to buy new plow for approx. \$7500.00. M/C.

Routes to Recovery Grant: Dean moved and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow the clerk who is the designee for the grant application to buy and pay for any purchases potentially eligible for the grant funding since payment is needed prior to the next scheduled Nov. meeting. M/C.

No survey maps presented.

EAP Program: Steve shared the board's decision to purchase an EAP benefit for \$28/year from Theda Care at earlier meeting was not possible unless we had 30 or more on staff. Steve explained the no contract option Theda Care offered. Dean moved and

Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to take the no contract option and not purchase a contracted service as an offering to the Road Supervisor should the need for an EAP be needed in the future. M/C.

Website: Steve explained to the board he was seeking input about the website update as he has a punch list for editing for the web designer and future editing would be more costly. No feedback on the website was provided.

Delinquent accounts receivable: Steve shared a resident who had a driveway put in has failed to pay the bill and was asking the board for the collection method the board preferred. General consensus was to send one more letter signed by all board members.

Authorized Parties to sign checks and transfer funds: Ken shared the need to have a 4<sup>th</sup> person authorized in the event of illness of one of the present 3. Ralph indicated the action of transferring between accounts can be done via a single party. Mark E. moved and Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> to have Dean Joas added as a 4<sup>th</sup> alternative check signer on the checking account. M/C.

Road Supervisors Health Insurance: Steve explained the surcharge with the health insurance just for the last quarter of 2020 as expected and previously explained to the board. The Employee Trust Fund's tables indicate employees to pay the surcharge. While this not consistent with past practice for the Road Supervisor and is not in line with what most people would consider fair. Steve suggested the board may consider reimbursing the two affected employees for this one quarter. This surcharge only runs for 3 months and JO decision to sign-up for the new insurance saved the town money as the surcharge would have ran otherwise for 12 months. Dean moved and Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to reimburse the two employees this temporary surcharge. M/C.

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

Bills approval and payment: Mark moved and Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the bills as presented to the board with the exception of voiding check 13932 incorrectly written for \$420.0 and reissuance a new check for \$439.15. M/C. It was further added to off mailing of the MCC checks until the loan funds arrive which should be within a week.

Loan draw from Bureau of Commissioner of Public Lands: Due to the timing of the LRIP supplement grant funding and due date of the road project invoices, Dean moved and

Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve a draw request of \$175,000.00 and to give the chairman discretion if the draw can be avoided. Via Roll Call Vote: M/C unanimously.

No communications shared.

Motion by Mark and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean to adjourn. M/C. Ken adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steven Phipps  
Stockbridge Town Clerk  
Town of Stockbridge