

Town Board Minutes

7:00 PM Tuesday, November 11, 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 Road Supervisor trainee Mark Tasch, and Fire Chief, Mike Funk and 1st Responder's Captain Kathy Stadtmueller, Mike Kohlbeck and Matthew Greely of McMahan. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Steve indicated the meeting has been properly posted.

Mike Funk and Kathy Stadtmueller signed up for public comment.

Dean moved to adjust the agenda items order to accommodate the people in attendance. Mark 2nd. M/C. Order of the minutes will reflect the revised agenda order.

Fire Dept. Budget: The town board and Mike Funk discussed the budget from the village totaling \$66,600. The original as proposed was \$70,000 due to line items being purchased with the expectation of Routes to Recovery (R2R) grant funding would occur. Discussion occurred about line items and reductions for item that would be submitted for payment under the R2R grant. Mike shared that there was one small item he was not able to find by the deadline for application likely to the high demand due to R2R grant. Mark moved and Ken 2nd to approve the budget as presented. M/C. Dean abstained from the vote.

First Responder's Budget: The budget of \$18,336.00 was submitted. Ken moved to approve and Mark 2nd to approve. M/C. Dean abstained.

Nov 4, 2020 meeting minutes: Dean moved to approve changing the word "loss" to "modification", Mark 2nd the motion and the motion carried.

Mud Creek Road: Matt Greely and Mike Kohlbeck of McMahan spoke about the project called Project Lakeside (Mud Creek Road development) and handed out a 5

page concept plan described as Project Lakeside Phase 1. Chief Mike Funk shared concerns about the vehicular ingress and egress quality to accommodate fire trucks. Dean and Ken expressed concerns about ownership issues of the ingress and egress to the development. They wanted to see property owners be happy with the access to the development. Ken stressed the town does not build roads for private development. Until the ingress and egress to Project Lakeside was further developed, Ken and Dean did not want to go any further on the issue. The building labeled as residence #1 would be used to hold meetings and would have facilities to host guests to showcase the development. Discussion occurred about the labeling of such a building as residential or commercial between the Mike Funk, and board members and the developer's representatives. Dean indicated he would attend the upcoming meeting of the Cal. Co. Board of Adjustments involving the development. No decisions made.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: Per JO, the roads for the most part are good except a material hauler drove off the road through the right-a-way on Long Road. JO shared due to it being dry the damage was not observable but on a wet year there would have been more damage. Ken asked, how do we stop people from driving over/through the right-a-way?

JO explained the snow plows are almost ready and Mark T. and he have been doing a lot of ditch work. Mark T. reported the backhoe has a transmission leak and has electronic component malfunction(s) occurring. A new one costs approx. \$117,000. Trading would bring in about \$35,000.00. The difference being due is about \$82,000.00. Soon the town will be needing a truck per JO as the old one is approx. 20 years old. Discussion occurred about the budget costs and the timing of a future truck purchase. Dean asked about leasing. Ken opined that leasing is similar to financing and the need for the backhoe is indefinite. Mark will get pricing on new backhoes from another supplier and communicate with the chairman. A special meeting may be needed per Ken on November 19, 2020 at 7 PM. No decisions or plans made.

Liquid Transfer Equipment Permit Ordinance: Board members discussed the draft permitting ordinance and those of neighboring towns in an effort to prevent the

road damage occurring to the roads especially the new pavement in the town. Dean would like to see a graduated scale of enforcement and penalty. Steve read an excerpt from the WTA website that addressed the issue of road damage and the town compensatory action(s) available. Mark E. found a copy of Chilton's ordinance and thought adopting an ordinance similar to theirs would aid operators and the town. Everyone as given a copy of the ordinance and Ken asked it to be reviewed for a future meeting.

Town Budget: Dean moved and Mark 2nd to adopt the town budget as the 2021 budget worksheet put together by the board earlier. M/C.

Election worker compensation: Steve reported that at the recent town meeting, electors voted to recommend to the board a retroactive wage increase. Steve explained that if the recommended increase was intended to cover all of November's election preparatory work, the board might consider making it effective starting in September. Steve shared that despite the pandemic and high-turn out, the election workers have been doing a great job and the town has not had the vacancy issues many municipalities have been struggling with during the elections of 2020. Ken moved and Dean 2nd to retroactively increase the wage of election workers to \$16.50/hour and the chief election inspector's wage to \$17.50/hour starting on September 1, 2020. M/C.

R2R: Steve shared the deadline for purchasing has been pushed back but the filing deadline has remained the same.

Certified Survey Map(s): None filed or to be considered.

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

Approval and payment of bills: Mark moved and Dean 2nd to approve the bills as presented. M/C.

Communications: Steve indicated he received two notices from Calumet County's Board of Adjustments for property in the town after tonight's meeting was posted. He also received a 2nd communication from the liability insurance carrier about

coverage that would be excluded after the renewal of the policy. Ken indicated it may time to hear from the agent at a future meeting and gave the clerk permission to seek alternative carrier's quotes.

At 8:53 PM, Ken moved and Dean 2nd to go into closed session to with invitation to the clerk to discuss the assistant road supervisor position's compensation and position starting Jan. 1, 2021. M/C Ralph left the meeting for the night.

CLOSED SESSION

At 9:03 PM, Ken moved and Dean 2nd to move back into open session. M/C.

Dean moved and Mark E. 2nd to make JO the assistant to the road supervisor as a part-time on-call employee the same in all respects to other part-time on-call employees effective January 1, 2021 except he will be paid a base wage of \$25.00/hour and have a town provided mobile phone of the town's choosing and plan until December 31, 2022 for which town employees issued phones may use for town business as well as personal use so long as the town incurs no charges for the personal use. M/C.

Fire Dept. Budget was again discussed as it relates to LOSAP payments with no action taken.

9:10 PM Mark E. moved and Dean 2nd a motion to adjourn. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk