

## Town Board Minutes

7:00 PM Tuesday, December 22, 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 Supervisor trainee Mark Tasch and John VandenBoom. Also present was Randy Pingel from Rural Insurance, Brian Hess from Community Insurance Corporation and John Hammen from Family Insurance Center - current insurance agent. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Steve indicated the meeting had been properly posted.

No one signed up for public comment.

Dean moved to approve the agenda and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C.

Insurance: Ken asked Steve explain why the board needed to meet again and Steve communicated that Rural Insurance was unable to deliver the insurance as requested by the board as promised by Randy Pingel at the December 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. John Hammen, Brian Hess and Randy Pingel gave a quick summary of the features and benefits of their respective offerings and the board members asked various questions to gain an understanding of the best option for the town. Questions ranged from cyber coverage to fire department coverage. Dean summarized the quotes as totaling per year of approximately \$12,224.00, \$10,610.00 and \$9,745.00 in the respective above order (Rural being the cheapest.) Again, questions were asked and opportunity provided for the representatives to differentiate their product and services. Mark moved to move the town's insurance carrier to Rural Ins. effective Dec. 31, 2020. Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and M/C unanimously via a voice vote.

Dean moved and Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 meeting. M/C.

Road's buildings and Equipment: Mark T. reported the new backhoe is reportedly at the dealership and is awaiting delivery to the town. Part-time road maintenance workers wages were discussed as a part of annual review. Dean moved and Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to increase the wage schedule from \$20.50/hour to \$21.00/hour effective January 1, 2021. M/C unanimously via a voice vote.

Project Lakeside: Ken reported on a meeting with McMahan. Serious concerns about private driveways being confused with being public roads was the main discussion of the board. The board gave Ken permission to seek legal counsel on the issue to protect the town's interests.

No surveys presented.

McMahan Eng. Invoice: All board members received an explanation (being Moehrke Road) of the invoice the clerk received from Lee Riebold. Dean moved and Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve payment of the invoice. M/C.

Ken informed everyone the new joint meeting date is scheduled for Jan. 26, 2021.

Mark moved and Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk