

## Town Board Minutes

7 PM Wednesday, April 14, 2021

APPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker and Dean Joas, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Ralph Schmid, Road Supervisor Mark Tasch, Jim Hooyman, Andrea Ortlieb, Joe Kuhn. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Steve indicated the meeting had been properly posted.

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

Dean moved and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the meeting minutes from the March 31, 2021 meeting as presented. M/C.

No public comment.

Clerk's Injury and appointment of deputy clerk: Steve shared details of a recent shoulder injury and as of publication of the agenda anticipated being off-work for a period of time and wanted to have the item on the agenda for board input. As of today, the injury seems to be getting better and if the board wanted to disregard the agenda item, it was ok, otherwise, Steve could appoint Debbie Phipps as deputy clerk, which would facilitate a very easy transition. Steve needed the board's permission to pay the deputy Steve's regular wages. Steve indicated if he was off work, he would take no payroll from the town and declined Ken's suggestion of otherwise. Thus, the appointment of the deputy would cost the town no additional payroll expenses. General discussion followed and due to the possible reoccurrence of the clerk's injury or in the future, Dean moved and Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to support Steve's suggestion of appointment of a deputy if needed in the future and moving all payroll expenses to the deputy with the limitation of the length of the deputy's payroll cease prior to the deputy becoming eligible for the WRS benefit. M/C.

Treasurer's Report Presented: Mark moved and Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> approval of the Treasurer's report.

Bills presented: Dean moved and Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> to approve the bills and pay as presented to the board. M/C.

Forfeiture Ordinance: Discussion occurred about hiring the sheriff's department and whether the item was needed or not. Ken moved to table the issue. Dean 2<sup>nd</sup> and M/C.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: Mark Tasch is doing some research about possible work needed on Schluchter Road. Mark T. asked about the paving of the parking lot by the hall and Ken indicated the village is working on it w/ Fahrner Construction per village trustee, Greg. Z. Culverts on Vans and Carney Road have been changed. Mark T. asked about order of priority for changing culverts on Twilight Beach Road and Tower Road – Ken and Dean indicated to start with Tower Road as there are 5 needing to be changed. Regarding plastic vs galvanized culverts the board indicated if there was 20 inches or more fill above the culvert it was ok to use plastic and if there was less than 20 inches use galvanized.

Mark asked about is the town willing to do contract work for other municipalities and what rate should be used. No objection was shared and Ken indicated between FEMA and DOT rate schedules, Mark T. should charge the higher.

Gravel Price: Mark T. shared Vans Road's gravel was supplied by Krepline. The delivered price as approximately \$5/ton less than the current supplier and price varies based on pick-up vs delivered price. No feedback from the board was offered.

Mark T. asked if the town approved/wanted to rent equipment that Mark T. owned personally or if the town should rent it from a third party. Ken moved to rent equipment from Mark T at affordable rates. Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and M/C.

New Truck: Should be ready in May of 2022 whereas the chassis should be ready in June 2021 per Mark T.

Road Supervisor work Schedule: Mark T. explained the preference and advantages of working 4 - 10-hour days vs. 5 - 8 hours days and sought board input/approval. It aids culverts installation that generally cannot be completed in one 8-hour day. Ken indicated he could see the advantage for the summer. Clerk Steve indicated the definition of coincide with the winter snowplowing schedule so as not to create another schedule affecting the payroll schedule. Dean moved and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to allow the Road Supervisor to work 4-10 hours days instead of 5 -8 hours days from May 1 until October 31 which are the bordering dates to coincide with the snow plowing season overtime payment schedule. M/C.

Twilight Beach bid opening: Steve Phipps read the 3 bids. Northeast Asphalt's base bid was \$36,706.80, MCC's bid was \$44,970.00 and Kartechner's bid was \$42,564.50. After general discussion and bid copies were distributed to all board members, officers and bidders Dean moved and Ken 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept Northeast Asphalt's base bid. Motion Carried .

No CSM to review.

Clerk Steve Phipps indicated he heard from Sharon Rink sharing disappointment in board's action regarding her previous month's request. Steve shared the old election equipment in the room was free for the taking based on the joint board's direction at the joint meeting the evening before.

Dean moved and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to adjourn at 9:00 PM. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk