

VILLAGE & TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
1st QUARTER JOINT MEETING
APRIL 13, 2021 6:30 p.m.
COMMUNITY HALL – 175 S. MILITARY ROAD

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Village President Amy Zahringer. Present at the meeting is Village President, Amy Zahringer and Trustees Tim Lemke, Ty Bodden, Nathan Bowe, Tammy Mackai, Greg Zickuhr and Marilyn Behnke and Village Clerk Bobbi Reedy. Present on behalf of the Town are Chairman Ken Schaefer and Supervisors Dean Joas and Mark Ecker along with Town Clerk Steve Phipps and Town Treasurer Andrea Ortleib. Also present are Mike Funk - Fire Chief, Bill Van Hoorn, Joe Kuhn, Joe Schneider, Jim Hooyman, Kathy Stadtmueller – 1st Responder Captain and Sue Schiesl.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited

VERIFICATION THAT OPEN MEETING NOTICES HAD BEEN GIVEN BY THE TWO CLERKS.

AGENDA: **Motion** by Ty Bodden to approve agenda. 2nd by Dean Joas. M/C

MINUTES: **Motion** to approve the 4th Quarter Joint Meeting Minutes from January 26, 2021 by Dean Joas 2nd by Ken Schaefer. M/C

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS: None

FIRST QUARTER 2021 FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES & RECEIPTS: Both boards reviewed the 1st Quarter Fire Department expenses. **Motion** for Town to pay the village \$17,375.11 for their 1st quarter proportionate share of fire department, community hall and administrative expenses by Dean Joas and Mark Ecker 2nd. M/C

Both boards reviewed the 1st Quarter 1st Responder's expenses. **Motion** from Tammy Mackai with a 2nd from Greg Zickuhr that the village should pay \$335.55 to the town for the village's share of the 1st responder's expenses. M/C.

FIRST RESPONDER CAPTAIN REPORT: Kathy Stadtmueller, Captain gave the 1st responder's report. Currently there are 15 active members and 1 member on leave of absence. They have had 26 calls – 8 in the Village and 18 in the Town.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Mike Funk reported the current roster is 34 with 2 recently moving out of the area. For the 1st quarter, there were 8 calls, 4 calls were in the town and 4 mutual aid calls. A Fire Department financial report was also presented. Mike also reported that EAP is in place and posted. It was also brought up that the new tables in the community hall are 2 feet shorter than the old tables. After some discussion a motion was made by Tim Lemke to order 3 more tables for the community hall. Ken Schaeffer seconded the motion, M/C. Steve Phipps agreed to order the tables on the town credit card if provided the information of what and where to order from. Bobbi Reedy is going to locate that information and let Steve know.

OVERSITE COMMITTEE UPDATE: Ken Schaefer reported that the ILRC Committee Meetings are going well and have made progress. In reviewing options for the continued operation of the Fire Department it was determined that remaining a jointly owned and operated venture by the Village and Town was the second least expensive way to operate. The Town and the Village have decided they want to continue to operate the Fire Department jointly. Ken Schaefer then addressed the boards with the question of what direction the committee should go and what items still need to be addressed? It was agreed that one of the first items to look at would be reviewing the 1971 Agreement between the Town & Village and work toward an updated contract between the Town and Village in compliance with current statutes and future needs of the Fire Department. The second item for the committee to address is what the future needs of the department will be to stay in compliance with SPS330. There was some discussion of what those needs will be including new facility requirements, potential locations and what the options are to fulfill those requirements. There was general discussion about potential grant money for the execution of some of facility requirements of SPS330. There were various grants discussed and the need to be “shovel ready” to receive grant money. Ken Schaeffer made a **motion** that the ILRC Committee look into updating the 1971 Agreement and start getting together “shovel ready” plans for grants. Amy Zahringer seconded the motion, M/C unanimously.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Ken Schaeffer reported he received an estimate from Scott Construction of \$10,962-\$12,000 to chip seal the village parking lot. Greg Zickuhr said he would call Fahrner Asphalt for another estimate. Also discussed was getting an additional estimate for some blacktop repairs on the back of the Fire Department. Ken has an estimate of \$19,896, Greg will have Fahrner Asphalt look at those repairs too.

ICE RESCUE BOAT: Mike Funk discussed the potential purchase of an air boat for winter ice rescues on the lake. He presented the boards with some information about the boats and an estimated cost of \$225,000. He would like the purchase of the boat to happen by fundraising efforts within the county and lake area. The Town and Village would only incur the cost to of insuring, maintaining and training to operate the boat. He has discussed possible storage of the boat with Adam of Calumet County Parks Dept. Mike asked the board for permission to start fundraising efforts to fund the purchase of an Ice rescue Boat. Ken Schaeffer made a **motion** to start a fundraiser in Calumet County and the surrounding area for the purchase of an Ice Rescue Boat with the Village and Town only incurring Insurance, Maintenance and Training costs associated with the ownership of the boat. Tim Lemke seconded the motion, M/C.

PICKUP TRUCK: Mike Funk has been looking into the purchase of a Pickup Truck for the Fire Department. It would be used to pull the FD UTV and if an Ice Rescue Boat is purchased. There was discussion about what type of truck is needed and the possibility of it being purchased on Municipal Bid by the town or village. Fire Department fundraising money will be used for the purchase of the truck and the only cost to the Village and Town would be the insurance and maintenance. Tim Lemke made a **motion** to use Fire Department Fundraising money for the purchase of a pickup truck under municipal bid through the Town of Stockbridge. The only costs incurred by the Town and Village will be insurance and maintenance. Tammy Mackai seconded the motion, M/C.

CALUMET COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT: Mike Funk reported that he had a meeting recently with Calumet County Sheriff's Department about Emergency and Non-Emergency responses to calls by the Fire Department. One particular call was discussed and the fact that the FD responded with lights and sirens and the CCSD did not think that was necessary. Mike Funk explained that at a recent Chief's Meeting other communities discussed similar situations and that there seems to be issues between the CCSD and various communities on how to respond to calls. There was discussion about this being a dispatch issue with the county. Mike would like to work on a policy on responding to emergency vs. non-emergency calls and have the boards support to present the policy to the CCSD. The Boards discussed the situation and told Mike to work on a policy to bring back to the July Meeting to present to the Boards. It was then discussed that Sheriff Wiegert be invited to the October Meeting to review this policy with.

ELECTION EQUIPMENT:

Table purchase for elections – Bobbi Reedy explained the need for a small table at the entrance for sanitizer, pens etc... a poll worker has been providing such table at recent elections.

Disposal of old booths and ballot boxes – Bobbi Reedy explained that there are old unused ballot boxes and voting booths in a closet of the Community Hall that could be disposed of. Dean Joas made a **motion** to dispose of the obsolete election equipment at the upcoming large item drop off on May 1st, Tim Lemke seconded the motion, M/C.

Storage of equipment – Bobbi Reedy asked if once the old equipment is removed from the closet if currently used equipment could be moved there from the village office attic. As it is now the equipment which is heavy and awkward is moved to and from the community hall by Bobbi for each election. Kathy Stadtmueller stated she would like a 1st Responder there when the election equipment is brought over so the 1st Responder supplies are not disrupted. Ty Bodden volunteered to take care of the old equipment at the May 1st Large Item Drop Off.

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2nd QUARTER JOINT MEETING: The meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with Ken Schaeffer presiding.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** to adjourn by Marilyn Behnke, seconded by Nathan Bowe. Meeting Adjourned 8:24 p.m.

Dated: April 14, 2021

Bobbi Reedy, Village Clerk