

Town Board Minutes

7 PM Wednesday, October 13, 2021

APPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker and Joe Kuhn, Clerk Steve Phipps, Road Supervisor Mark Tasch, Wayne Grocki, Sharie Schaefer, Erik O' Brien, Chad Gerhartz*, Janice Nadler, Mike Funk, Brian Witkowski. * Indicates signed up for public comment. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Clerk Steve indicated the meeting had been properly posted.

Joe K. moved and Mark E. 2nd to approve the agenda. M/C.

Public Comment: While Chad Gerhartz signed up for public comment, he deferred his comments until the item on the agenda came up for discussion.

Joe moved and Mark E. 2nd the approval of the September 8, 2021 minutes. M/C.

Road Supervisor's report:

Mark T. reported MCC will be re-doing the Joe Rd intersection. Mark received calls from 2 owners about culverts and drainage problems near/on Twilight Beach Road. Ken indicated drainage issues are the landowner's responsibility unless on the road. Both Joe and Mark agreed. Both lawnmowers are broke and Mark asked should he fix or replace. Ken said Mark should get some numbers. There is some eroding frontage on town property near/on Rockland Beach. He contacted Brent at Land and Water Conservation at Calumet County. Rip Rap is needed. The same issue is occurring near Fairy Springs and Faro Springs Road. All board members agreed Mark should do the work on both sites. Truck purchase: Chassis is scheduled to be built in mid-January.

Mud Creek Road Damage: Ken asked Steve to explain the tax bill issue. Steve indicated the 2021 tax bill would be the last issued on the property annexed by the village and if the town wanted to charge the road damage to the property this would be the last year to collect via this method for the road damage. Joe moved and Mark E. 2nd to have Ken turn the collection effort for the damage to Mud Creek Road over to Atty. Derek McDermott. M/C.

Tower Road Damage: There has been damage to Tower Road. Mark E. and Ken S. indicated the responsible party could not be located. Mark asked about what efforts he should take to protect the road. After general discussion, Ken said to look into fog sealing the road and any other options and likely live with it until spring.

Two Year Road Plan: Ken says the town needs a plan for grant programs. Immediate thoughts were Long Road (south end) and Quinney Road. This issue was deferred to the Budget meeting scheduled for Oct. 19.

Hickory Hills Road water drainage: Chad Gerhartz spoke about drainage problems of water coming from/near Moehrke Road. He had concerns about erosion and water flow in the general area and tampering to past drainage pattern. He said, "It's now different than when JO and I did it. We had 4-5" gushers with no problem. Since the change, we now have problems." Ken indicated the town has no authority on private property. Ken asked Mark to look at the culvert(s) and for sure clean if necessary and reminded Chad he cannot work in the town's right-a-way without a permit. Chad indicated he has areas where the water was running up hill. Ken surmised the grading around the house has made the problem worse. Chad says now anytime there is more than an inch of rain there is water running over the driveway. Chad says everything JO did helped. Ken asked for 2 copies of the all pictures showing the problems Chad held up to the board.

Building Unit ID: Erik O'Brien was seeking how to identify multiple units at N4111 Hwy 55 per the USPS request involving his moving the mailboxes. With no recommendations from the 1st Responders and Fire Department other than asking for review of the decision

the property owner made, Joe moved and Mark E. 2nd to not create a policy and let the property owner identify the units at his pleasure so long as Erik O. shared the decision with the fire department and 1st Responders. M/C.

Sex Offender Ordinance: The draft ordinance was distributed. Joe indicated with no known locations in the town of day care centers, schools, parks, etc. he did not see an issue. Joe moved and Mark E. 2nd to approve a resolution to adopt the Sex Offender Ordinance 2021-4. M/C.

Building Inspections: The questions of violations came up. Both the board and inspector, Brian Witkowski, suggested violation reporting and enforcement was a joint effort. No action taken.

Ward Plan: Steve explained the relationship to the recent US census and redistricting wards and the sample ward plan supplied by the county. Joe moved and Mark E. 2nd the approve resolution 2021-3 adopting the ward plan. M/C

Joint Mtg with village summary report: Ken asked if anyone had contact information as to the person who may be responsible for settling the estate of the property adjacent to the FD driveway. Joe had the name and gave it to Ken. Ken indicated if a 2nd drive cannot be secured it may jeopardize the present FD location.

Mark E. moved and Joe 2nd a motion to approve the treasurer's report. M/C. Ken shared the Treasurer, Andrea Ortlieb, had concerns about her personal phone number being posted on the town's website. Then he suggested the town get her a phone. Mark E. moved and Joe K. 2nd the town provide the treasurer a phone. M/C.

Approval of the bills: Mark E. moved and Joe K. 2nd to pay the bills as presented to the board and stop payment on check #14242 due to the Town of New Holstein clerk's request to change the payee. M/C.

Next possible meeting dates were discussed.

Joe K. moved and Mark E. 2nd to adjourn at 8:47 PM. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk