

Town Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM April 13, 2022

APPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Joe Kuhn, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Andrea Ortlieb, Amy and Chris Poppy, Robert Heller, Carl Boucher, Tom Stilp and Ralph Schmid. * Indicates the person signed up for public comment. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Steve indicated the meeting has been properly posted. Mark E. moved and Joe K. 2nd the motion to approve the agenda. M/C.

Public comment. No public comment.

Joe moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 16, 2022. Mark E. 2nd. M/C.

Trash Update: Mark E. reported he there is no news. He has not meet with Derek McDermott yet but Tim at GFL said they will ready to start if the Town is released from the contract with Waste Management on or around June 1. Joe K. shared he had complaints from a resident on Rockland Beach Road. Ken did not think those service problems were recent.

Sale of Town owned real estate: General Discussion occurred about value of holding the land bought on Hwy 55 for a future highway garage and/or fire station. Mark E. and Joe said they saw no reason to hold the land. Ken shared the town had about \$111,146.62 into the property and said the town should sell it if the town can get all the investment out. Discussion on how to dispose of it varied but ended with Joe moving to taking sealed bids for 30 days and having the bid opening on or around May 13, 2022 at 4 PM with a reserve price of the town netting at least \$111,646.62 after all expenses are paid, 6 % earnest money, right to reject all bids and with Steve and Ken posting the bid advertisement after consultation with Atty. McDermott as to how to properly post the advertisement accomplishing the spirit on the board's intention. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Roads, Building and Equipment: Mark T. indicated that many town roads took a beating this winter and he had no update on the completion date for the new truck. Mark T. indicated he should have the old 1999 truck should be ready for sale soon. Mark E. moved to list the truck on WI Surplus Auction's website as soon as possible with no reserve. Joe K. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Mark T. reported a shouldering shoe could be bought for about \$4122.00 if the town of Rantoul bought one at the same time. Joe said the costs would likely be recovered in a year. Joe moved to purchase the shouldering shoe. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Ken reported there are no updated on the LRIP grant applications.

Long Road Bridge south of Shady Lane: Mark T. reported that Michigan Funds says the town is still eligible for subsidy but no decisions have been made. Regardless the town's cost would be about \$15,500 after the grant/subsidy from Trout streams for tomorrow.

Mud Creek Road Weight Limit: Steve shared the action the board took the prior month to impose a weight limit did not follow WTA suggest format and shared the WTA format with the board. Mark E. said he does not want to see every road having to get posted. Ken asked about tabling the ordinance. Joe Kuhn asked about leaving the signs up. After general discussion, no action was taken.

205 S. Military Road: Joe reported that the painting, electrical and some fixture work is yet to be done and hoped the middle of May to have it ready to rent. Regarding the eligibility for use with ARPA funds Steve reported that due to broadened rules the purchase could be for general government use as opposed to qualifying as a Clean Water Project which would have more costs. After general discussion, Mark E. moved to have the purchase qualified for ARPA funds via general government qualification instead of as a clean water project. Joe 2nd the motion and M/C. Steve also explained per a meeting with the WTA at District Days the ARPA funds are to be itemized in the budget and the town is supposed to have a Ethics Code and Procurement Policy in order to be eligible for ARPA. A budget

amendment is in the board packet as well as a sample ethics code and procurement policy however the WTA attorneys would not verify it was federally compliant to qualify for ARPA. Joe K moved to adopt both, Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Managing the rental: Steve distributed replies from 2 inquiries made to property managers in the board packet. Ken shared a conversation with Steve to provide some services to help find renter for the home. After general discussion Joe moved to appoint the clerk to:

1. Coordinate Maintenance Services (not renovation/construction);
2. Showing unit to prospective tenants;
3. Giving out basic information;
4. Taking rental applications;
5. Accepting rental deposits checks; and
6. Facilitating the execution of the then rental agreement by chairperson.

The appointee shall provide no services requiring a license such as lease negotiation or signing of leases. The appointee shall be compensated \$100/month regardless of whether there are 20 of the above services provided a month or zero and this amount will be added to their regular salary.

Chairperson has discretion to modify the terms and conditions of the rental agreement up to 20 % of any numeric value set by the board. Appointee shall of obtain lease, rental application, check-in sheets, notice to pay or vacate and all other forms from the town's attorney or the Wisconsin Town's Association if the forms cannot be found from other sources. Evictions shall be handled by the town attorney with the appointee providing facilitation.

This appointment and compensation adjustment by the board is subject to the approval by the electors authorizing the town board to set the compensation for elected town officers at the annual meeting on April 19, 2022. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL): Ken shared communications with and M&E Engineers that said, "Based on the information we've gathered from our local communities, it is our professional opinion STP-Local is not a viable option for most small municipalities due to the limited scope and significant increase in engineering and construction costs." After general discussion the board decided to take no action on the BIL grant program.

Hazard Mitigation Plan: Steve had the plan from Bernie Sorenson at Calumet County available for the board upon request and emailed it earlier to all board members. Ken indicated Bernie would be giving a presentation next week at the WTA Calumet Unit meeting and the board took no action since next week's presentation would provide more information about the plan.

Communications: Steve indicated the county sent information about changes to the Farm Land Preservation rule/program and received a thank you from the family of Rosemary Ortlieb for the flowers the town sent.

Treasurer's Report: Joe K. moved to accept and approve. Mark. E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Approval and payment of bills: Joe K. moved to approve and pay all bills presented. Mark E 2nd the motion. M/C.

Mark E. moved to adjourn at 8:28PM. Joe K. 2nd. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk