

Town Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM May 11, 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, Ralph Schmid, Gwen and Scott Rammer. * 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 placing item 14 (training stipend for emergency responder(s)) in closed session at the end of the meeting. M/C.

Public comment. No public comment.

Joe moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2022. Mark E. 2nd. M/C.

Trash Update: Mark E. reported he there is no news other than a letter from the town's attorney being sent to WM and no subsequent communication. Mark indicated one house was missed in Grogan's. Ken said if it's only one house the cost was probably not put out on time.

Sale of Real Estate on Hwy 55: Ken informed all the invitation to bid has been posted and bid opening is at the next regular meeting in June.

Roads Buildings and Equipment: Joe moved to approve the contract for Dave Levknecht to cut the grass. Mark 2nd the motion. M/C.

Ken shared where Mark T could get the lettering on the new truck. Building signage was discussed.

Steve shared the old truck (1999 Sterling) had a auction high bid of \$16,600.00 and needed board approval. Joe moved to accept the bid and sell the truck. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Steve reported the two old lawn mowers sold at auction for just over \$900.00.

Ken reported the town's LRIP grant applications were not accepted. General discussion about which road projects should be improved for 2022 and after discussion Joe moved to post bid invitations for Quinney Road to grind and resurface (total 3.5" thickness double mat) from east of Long Road's intersection to Minahan Road and then again on Quinney Road from Tower Road to Hwy C. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Long Road Bridge: Mark T said we won't know more until July regarding the grants. Mark T. reported the culvert on Long Road between Hickory Hills and Hwy E has been replaced.

Moehrke Road culvert: Mark T. indicated he will be putting concrete when the weather allows on the inlet side to stop the water from washing out the soil under the culvert and adding an end wall.

Mud Creek Road weight limit: Ken explained there are exemptions to any town passed weight limits and after Steve consulted with the WTA there is a sample ordinance (ord. 2022-01) in the board member's packets the board could pass as opposed the ordinance passed without the suggested WTA template 2 months prior. Ken moved to pass ordinance 2022-01 imposing weight limits on Mud Creek Road due to the condition of the road to extend the life of the road. Joe 2nd the motion. M/C.

205 S. Military Road Stockbridge

Joe reported he went through the home and there is a couple of rooms to paint yet and asked about the how much work the town wants to do in the yard? He was told to trim back some of the trees. General discussion yielded a consensus to get the house up to rentability as soon as possible.

Regarding ARPA grant funding, Ken and Steve reported that due to the broadened guidelines and the risk of not being able to secure fair market value for the property in the event it is not used for municipal services the ARPA report filed in April did not indicate said funds were used for this home. By not designating the property

as using ARPA funds the town can sell the property to anyone for the highest and best use free of any potential limitations should the town have used ARPA funding. Ken moved to rescind all prior actions of using ARPA funding for the purchase of this property and amend the budget to reflect ARPA funds will not be used for this purchase. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Rental terms and conditions: General discussion occurred about the issue.

General agreement was to offer the place for rent with the following terms and conditions:

This home is offered on a month-to-month rental agreement for \$900.00/month with one month rent as a security deposit. (Additional security deposit for pets.) Pets: (dogs and cats under 100 lbs. total weight.) Surcharge: Additional security deposit \$500. Additional monthly Rent: \$25 per cat. Maximum 2 cats. \$50/dog. Maximum 2 dogs. Pets must be housed inside the dwelling. Tenant must provide a certificate of insurance (including liability) naming the town as an additional insured. All utilities paid by tenant. All grass cutting and snow removal by tenant and no smoking inside the house.

Calumet County Haz. Mit Plan: Joe reported on a meeting he attended on the issue and said the town must have a plan – not necessarily the one offered by the county. Ken asked if withdrawal from the plan was possible. Joe moved to approve the resolution adopting the plan. Ken 2nd the motion. M/C.

Fawn Lane: Ken informed the board about the ingress and egress that property serves to a resident but is not a road and letter of credit helps secure the developer to bring the land to road standards at a future date. Ken made the board aware the costs have increased and the credit limit may not be sufficient and organizational changes of the guarantor may affect the issue going forward. The board may want to educate themselves on the issue to protect town taxpayers in the months ahead.

Brickyard Fishing Club: Joe moved to grant the Brickyard Fishing Club their temporary Class B retailer's license to serve alcoholic beverages at the Walleye tournament on June 24 and 25, 2022. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

CSM: no maps.

Communications: Ken indicated he had a phone conversation with Ken and Dave Lisowe regarding purchasing property adjacent to the town shed.

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

Bills: Mark E. moved and Joe K. 2nd to approve the bills as presented. M/C.

Town and Village Emergency Response Services and training stipend for staff: Ken moved to go into closed session and Joe K. 2nd the motion inviting the officers and Mark Tasch to stay. Via Roll Call vote the motion carried unanimously. Meeting went into **closed session** on site as members of the public all left. It was 8:25 PM.

Closed session minutes redacted.

General discussion occurred around these issues. At 9:30 PM, Mark E. moved and Joe K. 2nd the motion to go into open session Via a roll call vote the motion passed unanimously.

At 9:31 PM Mark E. moved to adjourn, Joe K. 2nd. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk