

## Town Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM December 14, 2022

APPROVED BY BOARD

### Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Ken Schaefer called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Joe Kuhn, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Andrea Ortlieb, Ralph Schmid, Leo Schampers\*, Amy Poppy, Chris Poppy, Building Inspector Brian Witkowski\*, Mark Vander Loop\* and Gerald Diedrich. \* Indicates the person signed up for public comment. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Brian Witkowski reserved his public comment for the time permit issues was being discussed.

Public comment: Mark VanderLoop reported Shannon at an Indian nation had no problem with improvements and additional traffic on Moore Road instead of going on Lakeshore Road. Mark indicated he had emails from Shannon and would in the future supply those emails to the clerk. He did some research on the road costs and talked to the owner of the quarry about traffic and traffic history. Mark asked about gas leak reporting and the need to be on top of the issues like gas leaks.

Leo Schampers had no public comment.

Mark moved to approve the November 9, 2022 town board meeting minutes with Joe 2<sup>nd</sup>. M/C.

Improvements to properties without building permits: Ken asked Brian about the obligations and state statutes. Brian explained permits as it relates to shoreland zoning, county ordinance and town building codes adopted as a part of state building codes. Ken asked Brian to determine whether the size of a boat house is governed by shoreland zoning administered by the county or if the county was applying another different zoning code. Brian said he would research the issue and

get back to Ken. Ken shared someone is objecting to people not getting building permits in the town. Board members said they would consider the issue in the future.

Sandpit on Lakeshore Drive: Ken said Mark will be looking into replacing the culverts on Moore Road to get costs and feasibility with no decisions/commitments of any action. Ken indicated that with the pit being outside the town, the town's authority is very limited outside town boundaries.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: Mark T. reported the boom mower has been returned and he is waiting for a part for a grader due to an oil leak. The grader hub on the one side is no longer being refurbished and the repair costs were about \$10,000. Joe suggested having future refurbishments sooner rather than later as waiting for it to break and having it out of service. The grader is about 22 years old and it is generally in good shape but parts are getting harder to find. The driver's side hub is still original. Regarding the Lakeshore Drive bridge over Mud Creek, Ken explained potential BIL grant funding and the need to hire engineering to prepare for application and to submit the application. Joe moved to hire an engineering firm at Ken's discretion to explore applying for BIL funding and complete the application. Mark 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C.

Road Maintenance position: Ken moved to go into closed session at 7:30 PM and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe K to discuss compensation issues. M/C via a roll call vote: Mark E. voted AYE, Joe voted AYE and Ken voted AYE.

Mark T and Steve were invited to join the board in closed session.

Joe moved to go into open session at 7:39 PM and the motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark E. M/C via a roll call vote: Mark E. voted AYE, Joe voted AYE and Ken voted AYE.

Joe moved to adjust the hourly rate of employees on the first pay date of 2023 as follows: Full-time Road Supervisor to \$29.75/hour, no change to the part-time assistant road supervisor and part-time road staff to \$23.00/hour. Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C via a roll call vote.

Cemetery tree removal: Mark E. received two quotes. Joe K. opened the quotes: Abler Tree Company LLC for \$5,850.00 and Buechel's Tree Service LLC for \$9,550.00. General discussion followed about details. Ken moved to hire Abler Tree Service, LLC with Mark E. using his judgement to have them cut the stump to an adequate height as part of the job. Joe seconded the motion. M/C.

2023 Caucus: After general discussion, Ken moved to set the caucus date on January 18, 2023, Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the M/C.

No CSMs to review.

Communications: Steve reported the Randy Pingel (Rural Ins. Agent) offered to get together to review insurance coverages and Ken asked Mark T. to meet with him at some time in the future. No other communications.

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

Bills: Joe K. moved to pay all bills presented to the board. Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C.

Ken moved at adjourn at 7:59 PM. Joe K. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk