

7 PM April 12, 2023

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 Poppy, Chris Poppy, Ralph Schmid, Jim Hooyman, Tim Eldred* plus 3 more people. * Indicates the person signed up for public comment.

Steve indicated the meeting has been properly posted.

Ken moved to approve the agenda moving item 7c before 7a. Joe 2nd the motion and M/C.

Public comment: Tim Eldred signed up but would talk under roads relating to a boat ramp at the end of Faro Springs Road.

Joe moved to approve the March 8, 2023 meeting minutes. Mark E. 2nd and M/C.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: 7 c. Long Road South of Hickory Hills Road:

Mark Tasch reported how the road is badly breaking up with wheel rutting and the board may want to consider making this road a priority over other projects as well as various intersections within the town. Roads are now costing about \$192,000 for a mile of road reconstruction. On equipment Mark reported learning about filter problems on the tractor for operator air quality, the new truck need a wiper repair, the backhoe has new tires and the grader has been operating without any repair incidents.

7a. Shed Sign: Ken informed the board the sign was ordered and Mark asked for suggestions on placement.

7b: Ken shared the grant application has been made for the bridge over Mud Creek on Lakeshore Drive.

Tim Eldred shared a draft for a boat ramp at the end of Faro Springs Road. Feedback from the board was it could be narrower. Ken spoke opposed to any costs incurred by the town now or in the future. Tim asked if the board could put/leave about \$5000.00 into the project. The board took no action other than to communicate a willingness to listen.

Bug Tussel Fiber Optics installation: Steve explained the permit to work in the right of way for approx. 9 miles has been issued for fiber lines and the vendor asked if it was delayed until fall would that be ok. All board members indicated that was not a problem.

205 S. Military Road: Steve explained the driveway was very muddy in spring and the tenant asked for gravel to be added and Mark T. suggested removing some ground prior to adding gravel. The board was ok with Mark T. doing that work as time permits.

Comprehensive Planning Smart Growth: Ken shared information about the upcoming meeting at the county on the issue and uncertainty of the town's past involvement and current status due to past board's action and resulting litigation. And encouraged the next board to research the issue carefully.

Land division notice: Calumet County noticed the town of a petition by James and Laura Van Eperen regarding a land division exception request and after general discussion all board members had no objection to the proposal and Chairman-elect Joe Kuhn indicated he would attend the hearing and the board gave him discretion to object if new information merited an objection.

EMS Accounting Standards: Ken shared a letter from Atty. Derek McDermott about a concern relating to municipal departments and ordinances authorizing such departments to have separate accounts.

Records in Safe: Ken requested to know what records were in the town safe. Mark Tasch brought the records. Ken asked about any information of a record

signed by Abraham Lincoln. Ralph Schmid shared the alleged document had been unable to be found for many years.

Communications: Steve reported he attended Capitol Days by the WTA and learned the difference between GTA and Shared Revenue, how prior boards' action has helped the town recover costs of right of way damage by utility companies unlike other town present at the event. Ken shared a survey of storm water runoff in the town was being done by the county.

Alcohol Operator's license applications: Steve shared 3 applications were made by Fish Tail Inn for Michele R Eick, Cheri A. Hodgson and Mary A. Anderson with all having licenses in other municipalities. All board members agreed to issue licenses to all applicants.

Future Meetings: Two agenda items for the next joint meeting Ken said should be communicated: The issue of separate accounts and Attorney Derek McDermott's letter and the issue a remote switch on the siren at the fire station.

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

Bills: After Joe read the bills to be paid, Mark E. moved to approve the payment of all bills. Joe 2nd. M/C.

Many thanked Ken for his 12 years for service on the town board with applause.

At 8:02 PM, Joe K. moved to adjourn. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk