

Town Board Meeting Minutes

7 PM May 10, 2023

APPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Joe Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Joe Kuhn, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Andrea Ortlieb, Dave Ortlieb, Ralph Schmid, Dean Joas, Jon Groeschl, Dave Ortlieb, Jim Hooyman, Karl Freimuth* and Terri Venner*. * Indicates the person signed up for public comment.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Steve indicated the meeting has been properly posted.

Public comment: Terri Venner inquired about the permitting process for driveway culvert replacement and Joe called on Mark Tasch to briefly explain and see him after the meeting. Karl Freimuth shared concerned about the assessment of his home and working with the assessor. Joe called on Steve to explain. Steve shared information about the upcoming Board of Review meeting, it's purpose and to see him after the meeting to obtain a form to file a petition to appeal an assessed value.

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

The April 12 meeting minutes were previously approved.

Supervisor Vacancy: Joe announced that the town received four letters of interest for the vacant supervisor position and thanked the four applicants: James Hooyman, Dave Ortlieb, Dean Joas and Jon Groeschl. Steve explained that it's an unusual circumstance that the clerk votes on this issue, thanked everyone for their interest and encouraged all to come to the caucus in January of 2025 and shared he would nominate all the applicants at the caucus for supervisor if asked. Joe called a vote after no further discussion via paper ballot. Andrea Ortlieb read the ballots as follows: Dean Joas 1 vote and Jon Groeschl 2 votes. Joe declared Jon

Groeschl as town supervisor. Jon took the oath of office and took a seat on the board.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: Mark T. started road patching, informed the board about a failing culvert by Grogan's pond, putting end caps on culverts only upstream due to costs and asked for the boards approval. Joe said that was okay. Mark shared the need for a 20 ton trailer to haul the backhoe. Mark is exploring renting an excavator for the numerous culverts scheduled to be replaced. Mark E. moved and Jon 2nd a motion to give Mark Tasch permission to find a trailer and purchase it with consultation and approval of Joe with no further approval needed from the board. Joe and Mark T have full discretion. M/C. Mark suggested putting the chip sealing to bid on Long Road. Joe moved to post a bid invitation to chip seal Long Road from Hill Road to Faro Springs Road. Mark E. 2nd. M/C. Chad Gerhartz is going to be replacing his driveway and Brent from Cal Co. Land and Water Conservation is going to be sizing it. The date is to be determined.

205 S. Military Road: Steve reported the tenant has asked permission to trim the trees. Joe said the tenant can trim the trees.

Comprehensive Plan: Chris Meuer from Calumet County spoke about the comprehensive planning service offered from the county that is estimated to cost between \$3000-\$5000.00 but could be more. Steve read some opinions from WTA attorney about comprehensive planning done independently or in cooperation with the county. Steve indicated it could likely be done independently if the old plan was just being reaffirmed but if changes were being made a professional engineering service would better serve the town. General discussion. No action taken.

Kristen Berg from the WI DOT arrived and explained the planned construction scheduled for 2025 or 2026 and eminent domain taking from the town. The board looked at the maps of both sites and toured the staking at 205 S. Military Road. Detour route and duration was discussed: 10 working days by fire station and 25 working days by garage. General discussion.

No CSMs submitted.

Brickyard Fishing club temporary liquor license: Steve shared a request by Brickyard Fishing Club for a temporary liquor license June 23-24, 2023 and Mark Ecker moved to approve the license with Joe 2nd. M/C

Alternate Check signer: Joe asked the board if they wanted to appoint an alternate check signer in the event one of the three was unavailable. Joe moved to approve Jon as an alternate check signer in such an event. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Assessor's records and confidentiality of income and expenses for assessment values: Steve explained this is an issue the board may want to discuss with the assessor in the future.

Treasurer's Report: Andrea presented the Treasurer's report. Joe moved to approve Mark E. 2nd. M/C. Andrea shared the county's inquiry about making payments to the town via ACH and asked for the board's approval. Joe moved to approve and Mark E. 2nd the approval to receive ACH payments from the county. M/C.

Mark E. read the bills to be paid. Mark moved to pay the bills and Joe 2nd the motion. M/C.

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 PM. Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk