

Town Board Meeting Minutes

7 PM June 14, 2023

APPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Joe Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Jon Groeschl, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Andrea Ortlieb, Road Supervisor Mark Tasch, Ken Schaefer, Shari Schaefer, Mark Vander Loop*, Ralph Schmid, Amy Poppy, Chris Poppy, Mike Jenquin (Fahrner Paving), Chad J. Scheinoha (Cal. Co Paving estimate), Jason and Jacob Pickering and Mike and Ashton Loewe. * Indicates the person signed up for public comment.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Public comment: Mark Vander Loop spoke about the Lakeshore Drive sandpit and his attendance at various village, town and tribal meetings and feels the town may be being taken advantage of and expressed concerns about the hazard of sand and the sand pit on Lakeshore Drive. He said Moore road needs to be updated and suggested maybe there is a conflict of interest between the village and town's interest(s) and attorneys. He also commented no one was opposed on the renaming of the road to Mohican Road from Moore Road.

Mark E. moved to approve the minutes of the April 18th and May 10, 2023 meeting minutes. Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: Mark T. reported the roadsides are mowed. Culverts on Moore Road will be replaced soon. The town bought a 2008 20 ton trailer for \$10,500.00 Long Road Chip Seal Bid Opening: Steve opened the bids as follows: Fahrner Paving for \$45,535, Scott Construction for \$44915 and an estimate was received from Calumet County for \$42507.95. After general discussion how none of the proposals aligned exactly with the bid advertisement and review of the all the proposals, Mark E. moved to accept the Scott Construction bid as it was the best for the town. Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

No new information was received regarding the Lakeshore Drive bridge replacement.

Employing Town board and officers: Joe explained that due to the heavy work load during snow emergencies, he learned at a recent meeting with an ordinance passed at a town meeting by present residents, board members and officers could help Mark Tasch plow snow whereas last year Mark worked very long days during a heavy snow event. Joe asked the other supervisors if they supported bringing the idea to the residents at the next meeting of the residents in fall. He shared all part-time plow operators would be paid the same and any other part-time operator. Ralph Schmid shared the town residents may have already granted this ordinance but was not sure when and Steve said he would research it. Mark E. and Jon G. supported the idea of an ordinance being offered at the next meeting of the town residents and requested Steve notice a proposed ordinance appropriately if records could not be located showing authority previously granted.

No CSMs to review.

Comprehensive Plan Update: General discussion occurred about the merits of joining the county's planning or the town updating the existing comprehensive plan independently. Mark E. moved to update the town's comprehensive plan independently and if the process became too difficult join the county's efforts and advertise for appointment for citizen member(s) to the committee. Jon 2nd. M/C.

Liquor Licenses: Steve read the following applications for licensing: Lakeview RV Park and Cabins, The Quinney Quencher, Fishtail Inn, MAK's Shanty and Winnebago Eastshore Conservation Club. No pending objections had been received. Mark E. moved to issue the liquor licenses and Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Steve read the operator licenses applications received. Mark E. moved to issue the liquor licenses and Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Confidentiality of private entities income and expense assessor records: After all board members having had the ordinance for a month and time to review with the assessor, Mark Ecker moved to pass the ordinance 2023-1 as follows:

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION ABOUT INCOME AND EXPENSES REQUESTED BY THE ASSESSOR IN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT MATTERS IN THE Town of Stockbridge.

WHEREAS, as part of the Budget Adjustment Act, 1997 Wisconsin Act 237, a number of significant changes regarding property tax assessment appeals and Board of Review procedures were enacted; and

WHEREAS, at Section 279(K) of 1997 Wisconsin Act 237, § 70.47(7)(af) of the Wisconsin Statutes was created; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. § 70.47(7)(af) requires that the municipality provide by ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the Assessor under Wis. Stat. § 70.47(7)(af), and shall provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of the court,

NOW, THEREFORE, the *Town* of Stockbridge, Calumet County, Wisconsin, ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Whenever the Assessor, in the performance of the Assessor's duties, requests or obtains income and expense information, the information that is provided to the Assessor shall be held by the Assessor on a confidential basis, except, however, that the information may be revealed to and used by persons: in the discharge of duties imposed by law; in the discharge of duties imposed by office (including, but not limited to, use by the Assessor in performance of official duties of the Assessor's office and use by the Board of Review in performance of its official duties); or pursuant to a court order. Income and expense information provided to the Assessor under Wis. Stat. § 70.47(7)(af), unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is, per Wis. Stat. § 70.47(7)(af), not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1).

SECTION 2: SEVERABILITY - The several sections of this ordinance are declared to be severable. If any section or portion thereof shall be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, unlawful or unenforceable, such decision shall apply only to the specific section or portion thereof directly specified in the decision and shall not affect the validity of any other provisions, sections or portions thereof of the ordinance. The remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect. Any other ordinances whose terms are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed as to those terms that conflict.

SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE - This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law.

Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Correspondences: Steve indicated he received a letter from Rep. Ty Boddin that it was anticipated state aid to municipalities would be increased this year.

Policy on Public Comment: General Discussion about the advantages and disadvantages of time and procedures. Joe sought input from the board as to what they would like. After general discussion, all board members agreed a good standing policy would be for members of the public to present their comments in 3 minutes or less and the total of all people who sign up for public comment should not exceed 30 minutes in total. In the event that more than 10 people sign-up for

public comment, the chair can decide to pro-rata reduce everyone's time limit so as all public comment does not exceed 30 minutes or call a special meeting in future so as to allow everyone 3 minutes of public comment at a special meeting at the chair's discretion.

Future meetings were noted and the August meeting date was changed to the 3rd Wednesday of the month due to a conflict.

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

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

Mark moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk