

Approved on July 18, 2023
VILLAGE & TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE
1st QUARTER 2023 JOINT MEETING
APRIL 25, 2023 6:30 p.m.
COMMUNITY HALL – 175 S. MILITARY ROAD

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Village President Tim Lemke. Present on behalf of the Village are Trustees Paul Bruckner, Steven Jacobs, Nick Kuhn, Ann Propson, Greg Zickuhr and Village Clerk, Ted Parsons. Absent Marilyn Behnke. Present on behalf of the Town are Chair Joe Kuhn, Supervisor Mark Ecker, Town Clerk Steve Phipps and Town Treasurer Andrea Ortlieb. 2nd Trustee position for the Town is vacant pending appointment. Also present, Fire Chief Mike Funk and 1st Responder's Captain Kathy Stadtmueller.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE was recited.

OPEN MEETING NOTICES verification of compliance was given by both Clerks.

AGENDA: **Motion** to approve by Zickuhr, second by N Kuhn. M/C

MINUTES of the January 25, 2023 joint meeting: **Motion** by N Kuhn to approve, second by Propson. M/C.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

1st QUARTER 2023 FINANCIALS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY HALL: Village Clerk presented the financial breakout showing totals of \$34,487.19 for the Fire Department and \$2,910.42 for the Community Hall. **Motion** by J Kuhn to approve payment of \$22,809.62 by the Town to the Village for the balance of the Town's share of expenses for the Fire department and Community Hall, second by Ecker. M/C

1st QUARTER 2023 FINANCIALS FOR 1st RESPONDERS: Town Clerk presented the Stockbridge First Responders expense report totaling \$6,862.501. **Motion** by Propson to approve payment of \$2,205.92 by the Village to the Town for Village's share of expenses for the First Responders, second by Bruckner. M/C

FIRST RESPONDER CAPTAIN REPORT: Captain Stadtmueller presented the 1st Responder's Report showing total calls of 12 for the quarter (9 Town, 3 Village) with 8 medical, 2 MVA and 2 cancelled. Membership report 13 active, 0 probationary, 0 LOA and resignation of Sue Schiesel on 01/23/23. Stadtmueller noted they are allowed up to 20 members. Treasurer's report showed a balance \$19,522.81

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT: Fire Chief Funk presented the Fire Department Report. Current roster of 39 members with 1 new applicant and 1 resignation due to residency. 12 fire calls in the 1st (6 Town, 2 Village, 4 mutual aid). Treasurer's report showed fund raising account balances of \$5,723.28 in checking and \$77,780.25 in savings. Funk noted end of Firefighter One classes and expressed thanks for everyone's cooperation in scheduling use of the hall. There was a cost of \$400.00 for 5 state certifications that Funk indicated was not expected and unbudgeted. Following board discussion, **Motion** by Ecker for the cost to be included as a shared Community Hall expense, second by Propson. M/C

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Discussion on problems with touchless faucets in kitchen and restrooms. Bruckner to have replaced with standard faucets.

OLD BUSINESS: Verification was requested that John Bodinger had successfully completed the safety training course that had been placed as a contingency to his approval as an officer at the January 25 joint meeting. Funk clarified that Bodinger's election was as Lieutenant, not Safety Officer but that he had completed the training course.

Lemke opened discussion regarding the previously established fire department fundraising accounts and an opinion provided to the previous Town Chair by the town's legal counsel that these accounts required authorization by ordinance under State Statute 66.0608. Funk expressed disagreement with that opinion based on his interpretation of statute that a municipality "may" enact an ordinance but it is not required. J Kuhn to consult with town counsel for clarification. In conjunction with this, Funk advised that, although there appeared to have been one in the past, no records were able to be located regarding a valid tax ID associated with the existing fundraising accounts so the fire department had applied for and received their own federal tax ID number and this has now been associated with those accounts. This is not related in any way to the establishment of an independent non-profit fundraising organization. He also requested the ability for Stadtmueller to be approved as an authorized signer on the First Responder's existing designated fundraising account. **Motion** by J Kuhn to approve Stadtmueller as signatory, second by Jacobs. M/C

Discussion on the topics of SPS 330 Health Certifications and Physical Qualifications and establishing a Fire Commission were tabled pending review of the current joint fire department contract by both boards.

NEW BUSINESS: Funk presented proposals for the installation of a receiver to allow the current warning siren to be remotely activated by Calumet County (who currently does for 8 communities) and advised the advantages over the current method requiring someone to do this manually. There was discussion regarding the overall effectiveness and coverage of the warning system, the pros and cons of a new vs refurbished system, and consensus that this was not fire department specific but a public safety benefit which would be funded jointly through the Community Hall. **Motion** by Ecker for the purchase of the refurbished system from Sheboygan Warning Systems, second by Jacobs. M/C

NEXT MEETING: Quarterly Joint Meeting – Tuesday, July 18, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall.

ADJOURN: **Motion** to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by N Kuhn, second by Propson. M/C

Submitted by;

Ted Parsons
Village Clerk Treasurer