

## Town Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM and/or following hearing and Town Meeting

November 15, 2023

APPROVED BY BOARD

### Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Joe Kuhn called the hearing to order at 7:12 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Jon Groeschl, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Andrea Ortlieb, residents: Ralph Schmid, Barbara Bittner\*, Patrick\* and Karen Plesh\* and Craig Rose\*. Non-residents: Chris Poppy. \*Indicates the person signed up for public comment.

Steve confirmed the meeting notices were posted.

Mark E. moved to approve the agenda. Jon 2<sup>nd</sup> and M/C.

Barbara Bittner residing at N5324 Hwy 55 shared concerns about the extreme amount of lightning on the new storage building and its health effects and effect on drivers amounting to light pollution on surrounding properties. She is petitioning for possible solutions such as motion sensors, lower intensity or other solutions as she has suffered migraine headaches and property value loss as a result of the current lighting installed.

Other public comments were deferred until later during the discussion of the item on the agenda.

Mark E. moved to approve the meeting minutes from October 26, 2023. Jon 2<sup>nd</sup> and M/C.

Mark E. moved to approve the 2024 budget. Jon 2<sup>nd</sup> and M/C.

Road Supervisor Report: Mowing is finished, Door 5 needs maintenance, 2 culverts need to be done and then he is ready for winter.

Konsin Beach Road: Road damage and plowing difficulties were discussed, it was conjectured the cost would be about \$40,000 to repair and no action taken.

Long & Moore Road damage: Joe reached out to a few local farmers and no one claimed responsibility or knowledge about how the damage to the road occurred near Moore Road's intersection. With the significant surface damage, water will penetrate the asphalt and deteriorate the road unless something is done per Mark T.

Letter of Credit: Joe reported it was renewed.

Twilight Beach Road Culvert: Joe explained he was contacted by residents about a culvert on their property that takes water from a culvert under Twilight Beach Road. Affected residents residing on the road, Patrick Plesh, Karen Plesh (N4157) and Craig Rose (N4151) were present spoke about the problems of sink holes above the culvert and the need to do something. No records were known or presented by anyone. Joe shared culverts located on private property would pose issues needing better understanding, documentation, and resolutions prior to decisions. Joe asked Mark T. to get some options, prices and/or proposals to better understand the scope of the issue but no actions or decisions were made by the board.

Lakeshore Drive Bridge: Joe reported an engineer was chosen and the project is slowly progressing. (Craig Rose, Karen Plesh and Patrick Plesh left at 7:27 PM)

Town Property and Non-town content advertising: Steve reported a request was received for advertising services/events on the town's website and he could find no policy on the subject. After general discussion, Mark E. moved to only allow Town of Stockbridge's official business to use the town's property for advertising and promotion and specifically prohibiting non-official business from using town property for promotion/advertising, public awareness campaigns, special events, education, training, etc. Joe 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C.

Comprehensive Plan update/reaffirmation: Jon moved to pass Ordinance 2023-3 as drafted to update the Comprehensive Plan with no changes and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Via roll call voice vote, Joe, Mark E. and Jon voted Aye, and 0 nays and abstentions. M/C.

Charge on tax bill of non-payment: Steve explained a property owner ordered a culvert and after repeated billing has not paid the invoice. Joe moved to place a special charge on the tax bill of the property owner of parcel 016-0000-0000000-059-0-181800-06-000L or W5385 Quinney Road for \$536.85. Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C.

Special Charges for garbage and recycling: Steve explained the contract with GFL calling for an increase in 2024 at the rate of the consumer price index (CPI) and the past practice of charging in arrears that if the board wanted to remain consistent with past practice the board may consider increasing the base fee to \$180.00 for one recycling cart and one trash cart on the 2024 tax bill to be collected in 2025. Joe moved to increase the base fee to \$180.00 for one recycling cart and one trash cart on the 2024 tax bill to be collected in 2025. Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C.

No CSMs to review.

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

LGIP account for FD capital funds: Andrea asked the board if holding the funds levied and intended for fire department capital improvements should be separated from general funds. After general discussion, Joe moved to open a separate account or subaccount with the state's LGIP fund to keep the funds generated via the levy allowance for municipalities with joint fire departments in the amount of \$8748.00 for the last two years and future levy allowances as indicated on the current line I of the Levy Limit Worksheet should also be deposited in this separate account and be restricted for use for future fire department capital expenses only such as a new truck. Jon 2<sup>nd</sup>. M/C.

Payment of bills: Mark E. moved to approve payment of all bills presented to the board. Jon 2<sup>nd</sup>. M/C.

Mark E. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM. Jon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk