

Town Board Meeting Minutes

7:30 PM

January 10, 2024

APPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Chairman Joe Kuhn called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Jon Groeschl, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Andrea Ortlieb, Road Supervisor Mark Tasch. Residents: Ralph Schmid, Annie von Neupert, Amy Poppy, 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 2nd and M/C.

Public Comment: None.

Jon moved to approve the December 13, 2023 minutes. Mark 2nd and M/C.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: Mark Tasch reported the resident at N3224 Tower Road put stakes in the town right of way and he removed them and placed the stakes by the property owner's mailbox and did attempt to reach out to the property owner twice. Mark shared people are also pushing snow into the town's right of way and after general discussion the board said he should drop off a letter at the property owner's door and proceed to call the sheriff's office if the action does not stop. The town board approved such a letter as moved by Joe. K and 2nd by Jon and M/C. The board signed an original for letter for Mark T. to copy as needed. Mark T. reported that trees have grown into the right of way on Lake Shore Drive and may need to be significantly cut back. After general discussion no objection was noted for Mark to notify the property owner and give the owner the first choice to prune the trees out of the town's right of way and then prune the trees if the property owner fails to prune the trees in as reasonable amount of time so as not to extend into the town's right of way.

Twilight Beach Road: Joe presented a proposal from PSE Excavating for an estimated amount of \$3,750.00 for excavation only not including pipe/culvert, land

surveyor to draft legal description, easement drafting by an attorney, easement recording fees or any other costs in regard to the complaint from resident(s) previously about the collapsing pipe draining water from the ditch but running on private property. After general discussion, no decision was made other than to table the issue until the April 2024 meeting.

Light Pollution: After general discussion about the town's authority, abilities and possible outcomes, Mark E. moved to have Joe reach out the town's attorney for consultation. Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

No certified survey maps to review.

Election Inspector Appointments: Steve received/offered the following nominees for appointment: Republican Party affiliation: Al Breit, Diane Breit, Randee Schmanski and Sherry Klein. Unaffiliated: Betty Sabel, Sandy Bowe, Joan Schoen, JoAnn Lakin, Sandy Krueger, Jim Younger, Marvin Thiel, Gail Thiel, Jim Hooyman, Chris Poppy and Amy Poppy.

Joe K. moved to appoint all of the nominees as election inspectors, Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Drop Box for tax payments: Andrea researched the idea to accommodate some requests however after reviewing the loss of federal laws governing non-USPS delivery via a town owned drop box and other difficulties such as municipality jurisdictional confusion and thought it best to continue with the status quo whereas taxpayers who have concerns about the mail delivery efficiency can use certified-mail or other commercial carriers where delivery receipt can be confirmed if the taxpayer needs such services. Joe moved to continue to receive tax payment by mail only. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Future Meeting dates: The February meeting was moved to Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2024.

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

Communications: Steve reported he attended a webinar by the Medical College of Wisconsin regarding upcoming changes that will likely affect the issuance of liquor licenses, communications from the WI Counties Assoc. about a grant for bridge and culvert assessments and a letter from A.J. Reif forwarded to the board promoting grant usage for internet service expansion in the town. Steve also

thanked Chairman Joe Kuhn for his donation to the Town of Stockbridge for training in snowplow operation.

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

Mark E. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 PM. Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk