

Town Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM

February 13, 2024

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. Residents: Amy Poppy, Chris Poppy, Josh Woelfel* and Tim Eldred. WI Department of Transportation staff: Jous Dorner, Ken Rovinski, Kristen Berg and Kent Gross. *Indicates the person signed up for public comment.

Steve confirmed the meeting notices were posted.

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

Public Comment: Josh Woelfel spoke about a recent communication he received from Invenergy regarding wind farm siting inquiries and asked the Town of Stockbridge Board to consider action to protect the town. He expressed an interest in seeing the board discuss the issue in the future.

Mark E. moved to approve the January 30, 2024 minutes. Jon 2nd and M/C.

WI DOT offers to purchase: General discussion occurred about the potential to reduce the size of future expansion at the town shed and its effect on the tenant at 205 S. Military Road. The board indicated it would be had to respond to an offer if the town hard to reach a settlement with the DOT as such would require a settlement with the tenant due to unknown terms with the tenant. Thus, Jous Dorner said she would take responsibility for the reaching an agreement with the tenant to release the tenant's interest in the subject property in the village. Kirsten Berg in response to questions, indicated all water downstream would be the responsibility of the property owner to handle with no assistance from the WI DOT and the DOT would not allow snow to be pushed on the subject properties. Construction within the subject properties and easements could continue until

June 30, 2027. After the board's discussion no action was taken with the idea it could be brought up again next month. WI DOT staff departed.

Chad Pelishek for the Village of Harrison arrived.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: Chad Pelishek gave a brief summary of the Faro Springs public lake access improvements: Improve ice rescues, supported by Harrison and Stockbridge Fire Departments, estimated total cost of \$70,000.00 with a \$35,000.00 commitment from the Village of Harrison. He did indicate most of the improvements would be in the village and asked for the support of the Town of Stockbridge in both approval and financial even if for an amount of \$5,000 to \$10,000.00. General discussion ensued with notable points being it was not a boat landing rather a lake access, prior lake access points within the town were not financially supported by the town and this would benefit more than just one municipalities residents. Joe moved to allow and support the application and construction of the lake access at the end of Faro Springs Road and the Town of Stockbridge is not pledging any financial support at this time. Mark E. 2nd M/C.

Twilight Beach Road culvert: No updates.

Mailbox Damage claim: Steve read a communication from Jim Fett requesting \$450.00 for damage to mailbox from a grader. After general discussion of other municipal policies, whether the grader made contact with the mailbox or the snow did and county policy; Mark E. moved to send a letter to Jim Fett stating the

following: Per the county's website the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials, municipal highway departments have no responsibility for fixing or replacing mailboxes that are damaged by municipal equipment in the performance of Road Maintenance/Winter Maintenance activities. You may find the above information at <https://calumetcounty.org/425/Mail-Boxes>.

While it has not been determined if the town equipment was or was not responsible for any damage to your mailbox, in the spirit of cooperation and goodwill the Town of Stockbridge board does offer you a standard metal mailbox installed by the town staff. This is common practice throughout the state when equipment does damage which we have not determined. Please return the enclosed form using the stamped addressed envelope accepting this offer if you would like the town to replace your mailbox. Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Lake Shore Drive Bridge: No updates.

Fairy Springs Road logging/turn around/cul-de- sac: Joe shared Calumet County would be logging the north end of the park and using the road to haul timber. After general discussion, no action taken.

Summer 2024 Road Projects: No change from the existing road plan was discussed.

Culvert Inventory: Outsourcing the inventory needed to apply for grant funding was discussed versus doing the work in house. After general discussion, Jon moved to allow Joe to make a decision in consultation with Mark Tasch on the issue. Mark E. 2nd M/C.

ARIP – Agricultural Road Improvement Program: Joe informed the board he told Mark T. to apply for the ARIP grants as Mark T. saw appropriate. No one objected.

Light Pollution: Joe spoke with Atty. Gary Jahn and there was nothing the town could do to help on the issue of light pollution retroactively and the two land owners will have to work it out together.

CSM Maps: none.

205 S. Military Road: Steve shared the tenants communicated rental duration may be extended, rent is current and has been to date, utilities are current except for \$1 +/- deficiency, recent plumbing repairs, scheduled chimney flashing repair and answered general questions.

Christmas/Holiday Party reschedule: After general discussion the following dates were suitable for all: April 26 or April 27. Joe would check with all involved and get back to everyone.

Alcohol Server License: An application was received from Talia Lafave. Joe moved to approve the application, Mark 2nd. M/C.

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

Communications: None.

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

Jon moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk