

Town Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM

March 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 and Road Supervisor Mark Tasch. Approx. 20-30 residents and members of the public with the following signing up for public comment: Diane Hoerth, Michelle Thiel, Jennifer Nadler-Lont, Dave Hoerth, Jordan Knott, Scott Schneider, Junior Ecker, Chad Schneider, Don Ziegelbauer, Gerry Steffen and Josh Woelfel.

Steve confirmed the meeting notices were posted.

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

Public Comment: Diane Hoerth spoke about the adverse health effects from wind turbines and a case where the effects subsided during a 21-day shut down for someone living in the vicinity of the wind farm. Michelle Thiel spoke about “PFAS” chemicals on the blades of wind turbines and loss of such chemicals in the environment after installation and the Brown County declaration that the Shirley Wind Farm is a health hazard. Jennifer Nadler-Lont, a 22-year nurse, spoke about the effects of wind turbines in the realm of wholistic health, dementia, cardiac arrhythmia, and cancer being speeded up from infrasound created by the turbines. Dave Hoerth shared history from the last farm wind proposal 14 years ago that an often-promoted benefit of taxes would be offset by quadruple losses of any such gains promoted resulting from neighboring properties losses in value and subsequent reduced taxation. Jordan Knott of Invenergy (Phone: 402-320-5548, Email: Jordan.b.knott@gmail.com) shared his willingness to be approached by people to answer their questions. Scott Schneider declined to comment. Junior Ecker shared he was glad to see the conversation and shared his concern about the financial impact on his farm and could stand to gain approx. \$35,000.00 year for a turbine(s). Chad Schneider errantly signed up for public comment. Don Ziegelbauer stated wind turbines don't affect everyone the same similar to motion sickness on

a boat in the water and said people should not be mad at people rather the companies purposing such wind turbines and deferred his remaining time to Jennifer Nadler-Lont who continued sharing information about infrasound's ability to disturb the brain and can affect people and animals 4-6 miles away and the ineffectiveness of earplugs on infrasound and Josh Woelfel spoke asking the board to have a conversation and has concerns beyond health including road use, property value loss, rock ledge disturbance's affect on the underground aquifer.

Jon moved to approve the Feb. 13, 2024, minutes. Mark E. 2nd and M/C.

Wind Turbines: Joe stated he put the issue on the agenda in response to calls he has been getting and has concerns about road use for turbine installation and maintenance.

Land offer to purchase by the WI-DOT: Steve shared the WI DOT accepted the counter-offer from the town on both properties and the WI DOT is trying to reach an agreement with the tenant on the issue at this time.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: No news on Faro Springs Road lake access Joe reported. Mark T. reported he did not have any recommendations on Twilight Beach Road's culvert issue but did say it is 200 ft in length. Steve reported no response has been received regarding the letter to Jim Fett regarding the alleged mailbox damage. Joe explained the grant the town was awarded for the Lakeshore Drive bridge scheduled for replacement in 2026. Mark T. reported on the future logging at the end of Fairy Springs Road and had a conversation with Adam Backus at the county of a distant future cul-de-sac at the road's end. Mark T. did an inventory of all the 6' to 20' culverts for a possible grant as well as all other culverts and signs. He found some stone culverts. He saved the town \$100.00/culvert by not subcontracting the inventory process. Mark T. shared a need to someday expand the parking lot by the shed's south side to help traffic flow. Joe thought maybe leveling and prepping the surface in anticipation for a future grant would be a good idea. No action was taken on this issue. Mark T. asked the board for a thumb controller of the backhoe at a cost of approx. \$5,517.00. After general discussion, Jon moved to purchase the controller. Joe 2nd. M/C. In preparation for paving Long Road between Shady Lane and Quinney and Shady Lane east of Long

Road after general discussion (est. cost of \$25,000.00 for 7), Joe moved to replace the culverts. Mark E. 2nd. M/C. The paving cost would be estimated at approximately \$230,000.00/mile and thus would be approximately \$545,000.00 on Long Road and approximately \$113,000.00 on Shady Lane with shouldering being done by the town. Konsin Beach Road would have to be another time and just patched at this time was the consensus of the board.

Summer of 2024 road projects: Joe moved to advertise for bids to pave Long Road and Shady Lane as described above. Jon 2nd. M/C. ARIP Grant: Mark T. explained Mud Creek Road is the only one eligible for the town to apply for a very highly competitive grant and the town did apply but agricultural producers' letters of recommendation are vital to grant awarding likelihood.

CSM: Regarding Agnes and Darrell Mader (W4725 Hwy E) CSM review request, all board members had no objections to the creation of the new parcel but did object to ever wanting to hear in the future complaints about noise, lighting and road access as the parcel creation is near facilities that generate noise and light and sharing a driveway might sometimes have limited permanent practicality.

Christmas/Holiday Party: Mark T. reported the highway crew has limited availability and Joe decided to postpone the idea.

Future meetings/agenda items: The schedule was reviewed, and Joe shared the need to review board officials' compensation in the future and asked the clerk to pass along the neighboring community's policy to board members.

Treasurer's Report: Mark E. moved to approve the report. Jon 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 8:05 PM. Mark E. 2nd the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Phipps, Clerk

