

Town Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM

September 11, 2024

APPROVED BY BOARD

Stockbridge Community Hall

Supervisor Jon Groeschl called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Jon Groeschl, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Andrea Ortlieb, Fire Chief Mike Funk Residents: Paul Kaestner*, Ann Kaestner, Jennifer Nadler-Lont, and Ralph Schmid. *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 comments: Paul Kaestner inquired about the town's involvement in driveway /right of way issues regarding water flow under the driveway on county highways and any ordinances about feral cats as it relates to the numerous cats in his neighborhood.

Approval of August 14, 2024 meeting minutes: Mark E. moved to approve as presented. Jon 2nd M/C.

Roads, Buildings and Equipment: Mark T. reported that 2 culverts on Lakeshore Drive near Quinney in the road are collapsing. He offered a 10-15 year estimated solution of using galvanized sheet metal to fix and asked for the board's approval. Jon moved to complete the repair with galvanized sheet metal. Mark E. 2nd M/C. A cable broke on the overhead door number 2 and came down on the backhoe causing some damage to the door and is being repaired. The invoice from NEA for paving Hickory Hills Road and Shady Lane came in under the proposed estimate. The invoice for Long Road has not been received yet. The shouldering on Long Road was not the best and Mark T. has reached out to NEA to discuss the areas where shouldering is minimal. The paving turned out fine. Mayflower Lane has no new information.

WISLER Report: The chair needs to sign the total length of the roads in the Town of Stockbridge as 58.88 miles. Mark T. explained the road ratings have been updated.

Mark T explained the shed parking lot and salt shed have been updated as previously discussed and calls to the regulating state authority seemed to be satisfied until the next regularly scheduled inspection by their contracted inspectors. Mark T. shared that there will be a very large load traveling over Faro Springs Road in the morning hours of the 13th and 16th which the DOT has approved and the contents of the load are unknown.

CSM Review: The board reviewed a CSM proposal from James and Laura Van Eperen at N3173 Ecker Lakeland Drive. No objections were stated. A second CSM proposal from Jim Ecker Farms, LLC on Lakeshore Drive was reviewed. No objections were stated. Jon moved to reply to the county that there are no objections to CSM proposals. Mark E. 2nd. M/C.

Forfeiture Ordinance, Wind Turbine Ordinance and the Road litter ordinance were tabled until next month since Chairperson Joe Kuhn was unable to attend tonight. Mark T. did ask for help and shared concerns about mud and debris on the roads and the time and costs all taxpayers are paying to remove debris left from commercial/agricultural traffic and the position the town is in if the Calumet County Sheriff's department calls informing the town of such hazards.

Right of way destruction: Mark T. reported fewer people are getting the required permits for activity in the Town's right-of-way and are destroying the ditches and equipment such as the mower when the grass is cut. Something needs to be done and asked the board to help in enforcing the ordinances. Mark T. reported often the person who correctly and proactively calls and asks about doing something in the right-of-way becomes frustrated because so many neighbors have already done what I have to tell the caller inquiring they cannot do in the right-of-way.

Yard waste disposal discussion was tabled until next month since Chairperson Joe Kuhn was unable to attend tonight.

Electrical update and WPS easement request: Steve explained the Town of Stockbridge has received an easement request for the upgrades at the fire station and provided a copy for board members to review and present at the next town elector meeting. Regarding the sealing of the station parking lot the issue was tabled to next month.

Rockland Beach Road neighbor's request for use of Town of Stockbridge adjacent property: No one was present to make the request and board asked the neighbor to come to a meeting where the item is on the agenda as it has been for the last 2 months and make their request at the meeting to fully understand the issue.

Communications: Steve reported a notice was received from the WI DOT about the right to appeal the DOT settlement to acquire part of property owned by Hilda Moon as it relates to the reconstruction of Hwy 55. An invitation from the Friends of Stony Brook about an upcoming open house at Stony Brook was received. Aurora National Life Assurance Company seeing Clearence Schroven. WI DNR seeking input on application(s) for Managed Forest Land.

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

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

205 S. Military Road rental agreement: A certificate for rental insurance has not been received and asked the board if a notice to vacate or acquire such insurance should be issued. After general discussion, Jon moved to notify the tenant to acquire renter's insurance naming the Town of Stockbridge as an additional insured or vacate the premises. Mark E. 2nd. M/C.

Mark E. moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Phipps, Clerk