

## Town Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 PM

October 9, 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, Road Supervisor Mark Tasch, Fire Chief Mike Funk Residents: Paul Kaestner, Ann Kaestner, and Ralph Schmid and Rural Insurance representatives Randy and Macy Pingel. \*Denotes signed up for public comment.

Steve confirmed the meeting notices were posted.

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

Public comments: None

Mark E. moved to approve September 11, 2024 meeting minutes. Jon 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C.

Rural Insurance agents Randy and Macey Pingel went over the policies insuring the town. After general discussion of policy limits and coverage, the former landfill site was added to the policy, drivers were reviewed and Randy shared people stopping at the clerk and treasurer's homes for Town of Stockbridge business would be covered for liability claims.

REACH Proclamation request: No one was present from the organization. No discussion or action.

Roads, buildings and equipment: Mark T. reported there is about 3 weeks of mowing left, culvert replacement has started on Lakeshore Dr., a culvert on Hickory Hills needs maintenance or replacement and described a wedging repair as a short-term repair and the short-term repair was approved by all board members. Shop door is still not useable, but repairs are ordered. A consideration for part-time NON-CDL staff position(s) was requested and Joe asked the item to be placed on the next agenda. Damage occurred on the newly paved Hickory Hills Road by a traveler and to the user credit did acknowledge the damage and incident and a repair is being ordered.

**Mayflower Road culverts:** After looking at the upcoming cash flow with the treasurer and Mark T's. estimate of \$15,000.00 +/- for the replacement Joe moved and Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> to replace the culverts as Mark T's. schedule permits. M/C.

No CSMs for review.

**Building Inspector replacement:** Steve shared the letter received by the town and many neighboring communities informing us the building inspector is resigning effective Jan. 1, 2025. Joe has started to look for one. The effect on the possibly non-compliant multi-family building in the old motel came up and Joe asked it to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Forfeiture Ordinance:** Tabled to next month.

**Wind Ordinance:** Joe shared communications with the Town's Attorney Gary Jahn and sees no action at the present time the best route considering other municipalities being subjected to notices of litigation with the sample ordinances often cited as a cure to the issue and the adopting municipality's subsequent rescission of the ordinance upon legal challenges. The Town of Stockbridge has spent approximately \$3000.00 on legal fees with Atty Gary Jahn to assist on this issue and has ordinance(s) that address the issue.

**Road Litter Ordinance:** The Town of Rantoul's fee schedule was presented. After general discussion, Joe moved to adopt the schedule as follows:

	TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE		
	SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR ROAD AND RIGHT OF WAY CLEANING SERVICES		
	EFFECTIVE: October 9, 2024		
<b><u>EQUIPMENT</u></b>			
Single axle truck		\$80/hr	
Tractor/mower		\$160/hr	
Truck & tool		\$105/hr	
Grader		\$160/hr	
JD Tractor/loader		\$105/hr	
Tandem Axle		\$90/hr	
Tandem Axle/tool		\$100/hr	
Road Maintenance Staff	\$50/hr		
**Calls from the sheriff, residents, or landowners for unscheduled road and right of way mess cleanups,			
which will be a minimum \$300/call, plus \$100/hr thereafter. This fee includes vehicle and truck cleanup.			

Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C.

Right-of-Way Destruction Ordinance: Tabled to next month.

Resolution to exceed levy limit for joint fire department and use 2023 unused levy carryforward in 2024: After general discussion, Joe moved to: increase the levy limit otherwise applicable to the town under s. [66.0602](#), Wis. stats., in the amount that may be exceeded to pay for charges assessed by Stockbridge Community Fire Department, but only to the extent that the amount levied to pay for such charges would cause the town to exceed the limit that is otherwise applicable under s. [66.0602](#), Wis. stats. Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C via a roll call vote. Joe K. Aye, Mark E. Aye and Jon G. Aye.

After general discussion, Joe move to: Include in the 2024 levy the 2023 unused percentage in this year's allowable increase of \$4,981.00 in the levy as reflected on line 8 of the 2024 levy limit worksheet. Mark E. 2<sup>nd</sup> M/C via a roll call vote. Joe K. Aye, Mark E. Aye and Jon G. Aye.

Yard Waste Disposal: Joe mentioned he talked to some village board members about sharing the village's site. Steve mentioned consulting Eric Beuchel who has provided services to town residents in the past would be another option. Joe would look into the issue in the future.

Fire Station electrical generator and WPS easement request to fire station – no action and no news.

**Rockland Beach Beach Road resident request:** Sean Wayne and Michelle Carlini’s October 8, 2024, letter detailing the need to use concrete instead of black top for their driveway in the right-of-way was distributed. After general discussion, no action was taken.

**Communications:** Steve reported that Calumet County Land and Water Conservation Dept. supplied a summary of the recent well testing program results and Kerber Rose Technology’s services to the Town of Stockbridge will now be acquired by Sprinter IT.

Treasurer’s Report: Jon moved to approve the report. Mark E. 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.

205 S. Military Road rental agreement: A certificate for rental insurance has been received.

Mark E. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 PM. Jon 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Phipps, Clerk