

December 11, 2024, Town of Stockbridge Board meeting

APPROVED

Chairman Joe Kuhn called the hearing to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Supervisors Mark Ecker, Jon Groeschl, Clerk Steve Phipps, Treasurer Andrea Ortlieb, Road Supervisor Mark Tasch and residents: Ralph Schmid, Amy Poppy, Chris Poppy. *indicates signed up for public comment.

Steve confirmed hearing notices were posted.

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

Building Inspector: Jon had conversations with Brian Witkowski and Brian issued an email rescinding his termination notice of the existing contract. After general discussion, Jon moved to accept the rescission and continue receiving services with Brian Witkowski. Mark 2nd M/C.

No one signed up for public comment.

Mark E. moved to approve the minutes of the November 13th informational meeting regarding the bridge replacement on Lakeshore Dr. and the regular town board meeting. Jon 2nd M/C.

Non CDL position part-time position: No new information.

Hwy EE UTV/ATV usage: Joe reported the county has made no movement on the issue.

Truck: Jon moved to purchase a new plow/dump truck. Mark E. 2nd. M/C.

Two-Year Road Plan update: After general discussion, Jon moved to schedule pulverizing, grinding and re-surfacing with a 3.5 inch layer of hot asphalt and replace underlying culverts in 2025 on: Hill Road from Hwy 55 to Long Road; Moehn Road from Hwy 55 to Carney Road and in 2026 Moore Road from Hwy 55 to Long Road and Mud Creek Road. Mark E. 2nd. M/C.

Road Maintenance positions compensation review: Joe moved at 7:25 PM for the board to go into closed session to discuss employment compensation and

performance evaluation with the clerk. Mark E. 2nd. Via a roll call vote with Jon, Mark E and Joe all voting ayes. The motion passed.

General discussion about staff performance and compensation and market conditions to retain qualified staff. Jon moved at 7:35 PM to go into open session. Mark E. 2nd Via a roll call vote with Jon, Mark E and Joe all voting ayes. The motion passed. In open session, Joe moved to increase the road supervisor's compensation rate 25 cents/hour and the part-time staff exempting the assistant part-time road supervisor 50 cents/hour starting with the first payroll period payable in 2025. Mark E. 2nd. M/C.

CSM: No submissions.

Sealing of Fire Station/Hall parking lot: Mark T. reported Scott's quoted about \$12,000.00 to pave the back lot and \$18,000.00 to pave the front lot. After general discussion about ownership of the various lots and their respective boundaries no action was taken.

Alcohol Operator License: Steve reported a receipt of an application from Nicole Verstegen via the Fish Tail Inn. No records found nor reported relative to the position. Joe moved to approve the granting of the operator's license. Mark 2nd. M/C.

Daanen-Janssen Quarry: Joe reported a request from Michel's to reach out to the Town of Stockbridge's attorney at Michel's expense to discuss the town's licensing ordinances. After general discussion about the potential to create moral conflicts/hazards with such actions the town board took no action.

Communications: Steve reported a communication from GFL staff about carpet being left in piles outside the carts and GFL does not pick that up, a full page ad in the Tri-County News about wind energy advocacy from Renew Wisconsin, Harrison reported their was bid awarded to Joe Mader Construction to construct an emergency access at the end of Faro Springs Road, Associated Appraisal assessment adjustment to a home on Vans Road that had a fire and a WI DOT letter of award of damages against a private property owner involving the reconstruction of Hwy 55.

Innovation Planning Grant: Steve reported that after hearing no updates nor interest since the joint October meeting, Ted Parsons, Village Clerk, reached out with regard to the village's interest in exploring consolidating services in so far the grant creates no-obligation with no cost to each respective community so long as the village applied and administers the grant. After general discussion, Joe moved to apply for the grant honoring the request from the village to administrator the application and gives the village permission to proceed with the application so long as the town incurs no costs and has no obligations to proceed with any consolidation(s) after and if receiving said grant. Mark E. 2nd. M/C.

January's regular town board meeting will be Tuesday, January 14, 2025 due to scheduling conflicts. And, the town caucus will be Tuesday, January 21, 2025 both at 7 PM.

Treasurer's Report: Joe 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.

Mark E. moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Jon 2nd the motion. M/C.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Phipps, Clerk