

Minutes:

Town of Stockton Board Meeting

Monday, June 27th, 2016

Town Hall, 7252 6th Street, Custer, WI

6:30 pm

1. Call to Order by Chairman Mike Bronk at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Jeanne Dodge, Supervisor Jerry Piesik, Treasurer Sandy Walters and Clerk Lauri Novotny also present. Representing the Emergency Services Team was Fire Chief Chris Kluck, Deputy Fire Chief Greg Jones and EMS Captain Trudy Peters. Mr. Tom Iverson, representing MI-Tech Services was also present.
2. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to approve the agenda for June 27th, 2016. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to approve the minutes for the regular Town Board Meeting of June 13th, 2016. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Anyone wishing to address the Board – No one came from the audience came forth with issues or concerns.
5. Chairman Bronk reported to the Board that we've received an easement request from Mi-Tech (on behalf of Amherst Telephone) to bury the fiber optic line around the outside of the cemetery at the corner of Cty HH and Burbank Road. Town of Stockton owns the parcel (Parcel No. 034-23-0906:27.02). Mr. Tom Iverson, representing MI-Tech informed the Board that MI-Tech in conjunction with Amherst Telephone is in the process of installing fiber optic from the Business Park to County J along County Highway HH. They are requesting the Town Board to approve the installation of the fiber optic to go around the Town-owned cemetery along County Highway HH and Burbank Rd. Construction may begin either late Fall this year or early spring next year. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to approve the request for MI-Tech to install fiber optic around the cemetery on Burbank and County Highway HH on the Town-owned property. Motion carried 3-0.
6. **Fire Chief General Report** – Chief Chris Kluck stated that he's in the process of working on some DNR grants which total about \$4,000 of which, if approved, the DNR would pay for half of the expenses submitted which includes the replacement of personal protection gear as well as the Smokey the Bear Fire Prevention sign. Chief Kluck has been trying to contact the Kizewski family in regards to placing the sign at the corner of Cty Hwy HH and Cty Hwy J as this would be a high traffic area and provide more visibility to the sign.
Chief Kluck and other Department members have been participating in public safety events within the community with the most recent one being the Stevens Point Air Show. While there, they gave away about 400 "kids' packs" which are items like fire hats, coloring books, stickers, etc. for the children as well as fly swatters and ice scrapers for the adults.
Chief Kluck is in the process of updating the Fire Department maps and has a new Fire Fighter starting on Wednesday.
He indicated that they've had a few false alarms lately and one tree fire which was a result of a downed power line. Going forward, Chief Kluck is going to enforce a policy that, in the case of a tree fire, the Department send the Brush Truck as opposed to the Engine as the Brush Truck has the capacity to take care of this type of fire without having to send the larger Engine.
Additionally, Chief Kluck stated that the new Engine is in service. He will provide photos to Clerk Novotny so the website can be updated as well.
Supervisor Piesik requested that the Fire Department moisten the freshly planted flowers in the Town of Stockton Park. Once the plants are established, the watering can be diminished.
Chief Kluck mentioned that he and his wife have a collection of antique fire items that he would like to place in a display case and keep at the Town Hall for residents to enjoy.
Lastly, Chief Kluck stated that the Fire Department will be participating in the July 3rd Parade in Stevens Point as well as performing a vehicle extrication at Riverfront Rendezvous.

EMS Report – EMS Captain Trudy Peters stated that their call volume has been down which means community members have been keeping themselves safe.

She also stated that they have a new trainee that will be starting the EMT course in August with an anticipated completion in May of 2017.

Captain Peters further indicated that all license renewals have taken place through the State of Wisconsin so the members are licensed thru 2018 as it's a two year licensure.

Captain Peters also informed the Board that the Portage County EMS Recognition Banquet will be hosted by the Town of Stockton in the Fall of 2017.

In closing, she provided an example of public education cards that the EMS individuals are able to leave with family members when they respond to a call. The cards provide resource information for seniors and adults with disabilities. Captain Peters provided some of the cards for Clerk Novotny to hand out to residents and community members that visit the Town Hall.

Fire Report – Deputy Fire Chief Greg Jones reported that local Police and Sheriff's Department members have been using the "Fire House" for training exercises. He stated that Jesse Disher has been informing the home owner of the training occurring as well.

7. Mower for Parks - Chairman Bronk indicated that two quotes have been provided to Clerk Novotny by the Road Crew Foreman. These quotes were not initiated by the Board but appear to be a suggestion for the Board's consideration. Chairman Bronk asked that the topic be postponed and placed on a future agenda to allow Road Crew personnel an opportunity to participate in the discussion as well as Parks Committee members if they so wish. Supervisor Dodge reminded the Board that if they intend to spend funds of this magnitude, it would require the sealed bid process to be enacted.
8. 2016 Road Work – Chairman Bronk reported that the Road Crew continues to work on crack filling as well as mowing alongside the roads. He indicated that Road Foreman, Jeff Herman, would like to have all roadsides mowed by the 4th of July. Chairman Bronk also stated that the Road Crew has been busy with a number of down trees lately due to storms.
9. In follow up to last meeting's discussion regarding the Train Ordinance, Clerk Novotny inquired as to the authority of the Town to adopt a no whistle blowing ordinance as well as the liability on the Town if such an ordinance is adopted. Chairman Bronk referenced the response from the Wisconsin Towns Association's Legal Department and stated that he does not believe that we have the financial resources to enact such an ordinance. Supervisor Dodge indicated that she believes that it is quite complicated and doesn't believe this is an issue that the Board should move forward with. Clerk Novotny will draft a letter to the individual who initially requested the Town adopt such ordinance and will also include the informational packet that was provided to the Board by the Legal Department. No further action taken.
10. The Board was presented with the application materials and associated fees received from five individuals wishing to obtain Town of Stockton Operator's licenses for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to approve the Operator's License application for Casey J. Bielen, Angela Fritz, Jessica J. Mace, Liza Newman and William P. Stremkowski and to grant such license for issuance. Motion carried 3-0.
11. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to approve checks numbered 31480 to 31498 and ACH transactions numbered 160586 to 160588. Motion carried 3-0.
12. Correspondence: Chairman Bronk provided Board Members with a Workshop Opportunity sent via the Portage County Emergency Management Director inviting members to participate in "Continuity of Government Operations Planning for Rural Communities Workshop" to be held in Durand, WI on August 17th, 2016.

Chairman Bronk provided a copy of a check received from the State of Wisconsin DNR for Managed Forest Land taxes collected. The check was in the amount of \$2,823.18.

Chairman Bronk also provided a copy of a check received from the State of Wisconsin DNR for "Annual Acreage Payment for Lands Enrolled under CFL, FCL and/OR MFL (Managed Forest Land) collected. The check was in the amount of \$974.96.

Chairman Bronk shared a letter that he received from the Town of Plover indicating that a "SLOW/CHILDREN" sign has been installed on Kennedy Avenue by the Town of Plover. He drafted a letter, which he read to the Board, then requested their approval to have Clerk Novotny type the letter and send it to the Town of Plover Board. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to grant permission for Clerk Novotny to type Chairman Bronk's letter and attach a copy of the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation Traffic Guides Manual, sending it to the Town of Plover Town Board. Motion carried 3-0.

The Board was notified by Chairman Bronk that the Town of Stockton has received a NSF (Non-Sufficient Funds) check from one of the local establishments. Treasurer Sandra Walters indicated that we have been charged \$10 by the bank for processing of the transaction. Clerk Novotny to draft a letter to request the funds be reimbursed as well as the \$10 bank fees. It was also noted that if the check has not cleared, Clerk Novotny will follow up with the establishment as this will impact the validity of their Class B Retail license as well as the individual Operator's Licenses which were paid for with this NSF check.

Chairman Bronk reviewed and distributed the Portage County Groundwater Citizens Advisory Committee Agenda and subsequent documentation for the upcoming meeting on June 30, 2016.

Lastly, Chairman Bronk shared information received from Patty Benedict, Administrative Secretary for the Land and Water Conservation Division, in regards to the June 28th, 2016 joint meeting of the Agriculture Extension and Education, Land and Water Conservation, and Planning and Zoning Committees. The purpose of the meeting states that it's to review the draft Farmland Preservation Plan.

13. Clerk Lauri Novotny reminded the Board of the Board Meeting that is scheduled for Monday, July 11th, 2016. She also indicated that previously requested Absentee Ballots have been mailed for the August 9th Partisan Primary Election. Clerk Novotny will be working on training of poll workers for the upcoming election and there are two new Election Inspectors that will be taking the training course on August 1st, 2016.
14. Chairman Bronk reminded members that any item wishing to be on a future agenda should be provided to the Clerk in advance.
15. Motion to adjourn (Dodge/Piesik) at 7:23 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Lauri Novotny, Town Clerk

Approved: July 11, 2016
Posted to file: July 12, 2016, LN