

Minutes:

Town of Stockton Board Meeting

Monday, September 12th, 2016

Town Hall, 7252 6th Street, Custer, WI

6:30 pm

1. Town of Stockton Board Meeting was called to Order by Chairman Mike Bronk at 6:30 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor Jerry Piesik, Treasurer Sandra Walters and Clerk Lauri Novotny also present. Supervisor Jeanne Dodge was present but came later in the meeting as she was attending a County Board Meeting. Chairman Bronk reminded the audience that there were still two of the three Board Members present (prior to Supervisor Dodge's arrival) and that any decision made is binding. Cindy Davis was present, representing the Town of Stockton Plan Commission. Deputy Fire Chief Greg Jones and Fire Captain Jesse Disher were present representing the Emergency Services Department. Shawn Stack, Steve Trzebiatowski, Nate Peterson and Jim McCarthy were also present.
2. Motion (Bronk/Piesik) to approve the agenda for September 12th, 2016. Motion carried 2-0.
3. Motion (Bronk/Piesik) to approve the minutes for the Regular Town Board Meeting of August 22nd, 2016. Motion carried 2-0.
4. Anyone wishing to address the Board – Mr. Steve Trzebiatowski stated that he would like to express his gratitude towards the Town Board and Road Crew for the road work on 4th Street.
5. Geo-Caching at the Town of Stockton Park & Town of Stockton Park Update – Chairman Bronk referenced the Town of Stockton Park Committee minutes in which they recommended the Board approve Geo-Caching at the Town of Stockton Park. Shawn Stack briefly explained to the audience that Geo-Caching utilizes GPS coordinates to locate specific items placed in various locations. Motion (Piesik/Bronk) to approve Tom & Shawn Stack Geo-Caching at the Town of Stockton Park. Motion carried 2-0.

Chairman Bronk also shared with audience members that there was a small potluck at the Town of Stockton Park on Saturday. He wanted to publically thank Terry Johnson, Jerry Piesik, Jim Dodge, Ray Olson and all of the volunteers that have worked very diligently to make the park what it is today.

6. Update regarding Comprehensive Plan Hearing on September 13th, 2016 – Plan Commission Chairperson, Cindy Davis, provided a brief overview of the Comprehensive Plan Meeting scheduled for September 13th, 2016. She indicated that there were no changes on the Future Land Use Map and also provided a draft of the Comprehensive Plan which will be available for the public to view and discuss during the Public Hearing tomorrow evening.
7. Discussion of Sale of Road Right of Way on Edgewood Road North – Chairman Bronk stated that it was recently brought to the attention of the Town Board by a land owner that a portion of Edgewood Rd North (0.74 acres, parcel #034-24-0922-06.02) was purchased by the Town back in 1960 for \$1.00. This portion of land, Chairman Bronk believes, was purchased in an attempt to allow the Town to straighten out the road at a later date. He referenced an email from Mr. Dennis Kitowski with an offer to purchase 0.74 acres of land from the Town of Stockton which is adjacent to his existing parcel. Mr. Kitowski offered the sum of \$10,000 per acre for the parcel identified in the GIS map with the intention of building a shed in the most desired location on their property. Chairman Bronk felt the \$10,000 per acre was a fair offer and indicated to the audience and Board Members that the location of this parcel and the proposed sale would not change the regular road right-of-way.

Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to accept payment of \$10,000 per acre for the parcel identified on the map by Mr. Kitowski. Motion carried 3-0. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to utilize Town funds to have the parcel surveyed to assure that the Town maintains a minimum of the 33-foot road right-of way. Motion carried 3-0.
8. Preliminary Plans for Providence Ag Remodel Project for Pesticide Chemical Storage – Chairman Bronk referenced plans received from Mr. Jim McCarthy, the contractor working on the project with Providence Ag, to

remodel the existing building to accommodate the state's standards for pesticide chemical storage. Mr. McCarthy provided an overall explanation of the project including the plans to apply for a State variance due to the chemical storage. He further explained the firewall installation as well as heat deflector process. The company along with McCarthy Construction requested a conditional approval from the Town of Stockton Fire Department to remodel the building per the State Building Inspector's guidelines and regulations.

Supervisor Piesik requested additional information regarding the storage and fire hazard of the chemicals that are to be stored in the facility as well as the procedure should a fire occur. Mr. Nate Peterson of Providence Ag explained the chemical storage containers as well as the State's strict regulations when it relates to the approval for such storage facilities.

Chairman Bronk indicated to the audience and Board Members that there has been correspondence between Portage County Planning & Zoning, our Town Building Inspector, the Plan Commission Chair as well as with our Town of Stockton Fire Department regarding the proposed remodel project. He further stated that each of the various entities have referred the approval of the project to the State as the level of expertise in this area is quite specific. Plan Commission Chair person, Cindy Davis, also stated that she's been in communication with Tracy Pelky at Portage County Planning & Zoning and that the property is zoned industrial which allows the company to participate in this type of storage per zoning ordinance.

Fire Department Captain Jesse Disher stated that the variance permit is being discussed with all parties and will contain specific information as to the regulations placed upon the entity by not only the State regulators but by our Fire Department as well. He stated that the Fire Department would also rely on the State's expertise in many areas. Deputy Fire Chief Greg Jones indicated that he will sign off on the form from the Fire Department's perspective for the variance request and will provide copies to Clerk Lauri Novotny for the Town files.

Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to approve the requested variance contingent upon the State of Wisconsin's approval as well as upon the Town of Stockton Fire Departments recommendations. Motion carried 3-0.

9. Fees for Published Notices – Chairman Bronk stated that there are times in which the Town is required to publish newspaper notices as well as notify surrounding land owners of various requests. This would include requests for Land Use Amendments, Public Hearing Notices as a result of a request as well as the postage associated with notification to surrounding land owners. Up to this point, the Town has covered the costs associated with the publication and postage but it would be in the best interest of the Town to recoup costs from the requesting party in such instances. The goal is to put in place a flat fee for Administrative Costs associated with the postage and photocopying of documents at the Plan Commission Level. In the event that the request requires publication, the exact cost of newspaper publication would also be the responsibility of the requestor. In addition, if postage and/or photocopying are necessary at the Town Board level, the requestor would be charged an Administrative Cost above and beyond that of the Plan Commission fees.

Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to postpone the Resolution at this time in order to re-write the document then place the item on the next Board Meeting Agenda. Motion carried 3-0.

10. Turnout for Transportation (Wisconsin Towns Association Discussion) – Chairman Bronk referenced a memo from the Wisconsin Towns Association regarding a "Turnout for Transportation: meeting that will be held on Thursday, September 29th at 7:00 pm at a location to be determined. Chairman Bronk stated that it is his belief that the request for specific infrastructure situations that are plaguing our Town would not necessarily apply to the Town of Stockton as we are independent and generally utilize funds as they are available. Therefore, at this time, the Town will not be sending examples to the Wisconsin Towns Association.
11. Transportation Funding Resolution – Chairman Bronk reported that we've been contacted via email from the Wisconsin Towns Association regarding the "Just Fix It" campaign in regards to transportation funding along with an example of a transportation funding resolution for the various Towns to adopt. The Resolution is to be sent to the State, encouraging the Legislature and Governor to send additional funds to the Wisconsin Towns. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to approve Resolution R-16-03 regarding the transportation funding. Motion carried 3-0.

12. 2016 Road Work – Chairman Bronk reported that the paving has been completed on both Bluff Rd and 4th Streets. The Road Crew is in the process of shouldering both of these roads. In addition, the second round of grass cutting along-side the road has commenced. Chairman Bronk also provided an update on the Town Hall Parking Lot asphalt maintenance. He spoke to Jeff Herman, Road Crew Foreman, felt that the materials were similar to the others and so he’s signed off on the estimate from Arrow Precision and is working with them to get the project completed.
13. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to approve checks numbered 31668 to 31717 and ACH transactions numbered 160605 to 160607. Motion carried 3-0.
14. 2017 Budget (scheduling of working sessions) – Chairman Bronk, Supervisor Dodge, Supervisor Piesik, Treasurer Walters and Clerk Novotny agreed upon two working sessions for the 2017 Budget as well as the Public Hearing which will be noticed at a later date. For the record, the working sessions are October 6th and October 17th beginning at 5pm and the Public Hearing will be on November 17th at 6:30 pm.
15. Correspondence – Chairman Bronk presented the Registration Form for the 69th Annual Wisconsin Towns Association Convention to be held in Stevens Point October 9th – 11th, 2016. Supervisor Dodge indicated she will be attending.

Clerk Novotny shared a Thank You card that was received from Scott Construction.
16. Clerk’s Report - Clerk Lauri Novotny informed the Board that the Wisconsin Towns Association Meeting at the Town of Lanark is scheduled for Monday, September 26th, 2016. Supervisor Piesik and Clerk Novotny will attend.

She also stated that the next Town Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, September 27th, 2016 to accommodate the Wisconsin Towns Association Meeting on the 26th.

Clerk Lauri Novotny provided a brief update as to the status of the Fall Newsletter indicating that it should be ready for mailing within the next couple of weeks and also referenced the Fall General Election information that will be included in the newsletter.

Clerk Lauri Novotny also mentioned that she’s recently received information regarding cell towers within the Town of Stockton. Chairman Bronk stated that he asked Clerk Novotny to contact Todd Pauls, of Pauls & Associates, Inc., in regards to the possibility of needing to collect personal property tax. Per Mr. Pauls, the Town is not required to charge additional fees to the parcel owners as the cell tower operators are regulated and charged fees by the State of Wisconsin.
17. Chairman Bronk reminded members that any item wishing to be on a future agenda should be provided to the Clerk in advance.
18. Motion to adjourn (Dodge/Bronk) at 8:12 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Lauri Novotny, Town Clerk

Approved: September 27th, 2016
Posted to File: September 28th, 2016, LN