

Minutes:

Town of Stockton Board Meeting

Monday, February 13th, 2017

Town Hall, 7252 6th Street, Custer, WI

6:30 pm

1. Call to Order by Chairman Michael Bronk at 6:30 pm. Supervisor Jeanne Dodge, Jerry Piesik, Treasurer Sandy Walters and Clerk Lauri Novotny also present. Sandy Zastrow, John Francis and Dennis Kitowski were also present as community members.
2. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to approve the agenda for February 13th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Piesik/Bronk) to approve the minutes for the regular Town Board Meeting of January 24th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Anyone wishing to address the Board – No one came forth with issues or concerns.
5. Guidelines & Discussion of placement of “Free Little Library” in the Town of Stockton – Chairman Bronk referenced a handout created by Clerk Lauri Novotny in regards to a request received by Mrs. Sandy Zastrow. She requested permission to have her niece’s husband, Mr. John Francis, construct a Free Little Library which she would like to place near the entrance to Custer Square Park. Mrs. Zastrow would be the custodian of the Little Library. She also indicated to the Board that she would register the library with the website <https://littlefreelibrary.org> once approved and installed. She would like to do this in memory of her husband as a way to give back to the community in a way that she found beneficial to her and her family during her husband’s hospitalization in Madison. Supervisor Dodge indicated that this would be an asset to the community. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to give permission to install a Free Little Library in Custer Square Park for public use and Mrs. Zastrow to be the custodian. Motion carried 3-0. Supervisor Dodge wanted to publically thank Mrs. Zastrow, in advance, for her contribution to the community.
6. Discussion of Sale of Right of Way on Edgewood Road North – Chairman Bronk shared a survey map of the Edgewood Road property in question. He indicated that during previous Board Meetings the Board was under the assumption that the parcel was about $\frac{3}{4}$ of an acre. The original discussion was based on an offer to purchase from Mr. Dennis Kitowski for a price of \$10,000 per acre. Subsequently, the parcel was surveyed by Point of Beginning and it was found to be only about $\frac{1}{4}$ of an acre and not the $\frac{3}{4}$ as previously indicated. For this reason, Chairman Bronk suggested that the Town ask Mr. Kitowski to provide payment to the Town of Stockton for the amount of \$1,850 which is the amount of the survey cost from Point of Beginning as well as ask Mr. Kitowski to fund any other costs involved regarding a Quit Claim Deed for parcel #034-24-0922-06.02. Chairman Bronk also noted that the parcel was deeded to the Town of Stockton for a purchase price of \$1.00 a number of years ago and the small strip of land serves no purpose to the Town. Mr. Kitowski was present and stated he is willing to pay the \$1,850 and any additional costs associated with the deed transfer. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to accept the cost of the survey from Mr. Kitowski along with any other associated filing charges for the Edgewood Road parcel. Motion carried 3-0. Chairman Bronk indicated that Mr. Kitowski’s son is a realtor and has agreed to assist Mr. Kitowski in proceeding with the paperwork necessary for a Quit Claim Deed.
7. Discussion regarding Town of Grant EMS Resolution – Chairman Bronk referenced the “Town of Grant et al. vs. Portage County Case No. 15-CV-176” as well as the Wisconsin Towns Association document received titled “Resolution to Support Private/Public Partnerships for Equitable Ambulance Service in Portage County, Wisconsin”. He expressed concerns that the service is not ever going to be equitable for everyone involved and he believes that the Town is served well by the current system. Supervisor Dodge indicated that she is planning to attend the 4:30 pm session of the EMS Committee this Thursday as they will also be covering this topic. Motion (Dodge/Bronk) to take action NOT in support of the EMS Resolution to Support Private/Public Partnerships for Equitable Ambulance Service in Portage County, Wisconsin. This is to specifically address the Town of Stockton’s opposition to the suggested resolution. Motion carried 3-0.

8. Protocol for computer server password – Chairman Bronk stated that there have been some ongoing challenges for Clerk Lauri Novotny in using and updating the office computer. Treasurer Sandy Walters also indicated she’s been experiencing difficulty with updating the computer due to lack of administrative access. Supervisor Piesik indicated that there are two levels of security involved, both user and administrator. After lengthy discussion, Supervisor Piesik agreed to provide Clerk Novotny with an administration authorization password. Chairman Bronk reiterated that the administrative password is to be kept confidential for security purposes.
9. Treasurer Sandy Walters presented the January 2017 Treasurer’s Report to the Board. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.
10. Chairman Bronk presented 2017 Budget vs. Actual Report.
11. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to approve checks numbered 32071 to 32114 and ACH transactions numbered 170634 to 170637. Motion carried 3-0.
12. Clerks Report – Clerk Lauri Novotny informed the Board that the 2016 Form CT is in process with Jeff Kropp of Accounting Workshop. He’s nearly finished.
13. Correspondence - Chairman Bronk shared information received from the Little Plover River Workgroup in regards to their meeting of January 26th, 2017, upcoming meeting on March 14th and their Updated project description and status report of the Little Plover River.
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 7:22 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Lauri Novotny, Town of Stockton Municipal Clerk

Approved: February 27th, 2017
Posted to file: February 28th, 2017