

Minutes:

Town of Stockton Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 28th, 2017

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, Jerry Piesik, Treasurer Sandy Walters and Clerk Lauri Novotny also present. Representing the Emergency Services Team were Fire Chief Chris Kluck, Deputy Fire Chief Greg Jones and Officers Jesse Disher and Dean Voelker. Also present were community members Terry Johnson and Jim Hopp.
2. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to approve the agenda for March 28th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to approve the minutes for the Town Board Meeting of March 13th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Anyone wishing to address the Board – No one came forth with comments 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 on portions of Burr Oak Rd and portions of Custer Square. Diagrams were provided to Board Members for their review. Motion (Dodge/Piesik) to approve the request for MI-Tech to install fiber optic in the areas documented on Burr Oak Road and Custer Square. Motion carried 3-0.
6. Emergency Services Report:
Fire Chief General Report – Fire Chief Chris Kluck reported to the Board that they've received their fire engine back after the repairs were completed. He also brought in some of the actual parts that were defective and in need of repair to show the Board exactly what the impact was of the repairs. He indicated that the Department members have tested the pumps and they are near 2,000 gallons per minute with the rating being 1,500 gallons per minute so our pump is very strong according to Chief Kluck.
Chief Kluck indicated to the Board that he has recently made a decision to promote EMS member Joseph Brandt to the position of Deputy Chief of EMS. Joe comes to us with 30 years of experience in the Baltimore area as a battalion commander with the City of Baltimore Fire Department. Chief Kluck is confident that Deputy Chief Brandt will do an excellent job within this position.
In addition, Chief Kluck reported to the Board that the Department will be undergoing an ISO audit to try to improve the rating we currently have. The Town of Stockton Fire Department is currently rated at a seven as it relates to ISO standings. Chief Kluck is hoping to improve this as it has a direct correlation to homeowners' property insurance. Officers Dean Voelker and Jesse Disher will be working with the ISO auditor to complete this audit.
Also scheduled to be completed is a 2% Fire Dues Audit which will be handled by Deputy Fire Chief Greg Jones.
Fire Report – Chief Kluck reported to the Board that the Department has recently been called out to a couple of power poles down, some trees on power lines, and a significant barn fire in which they actually utilized mutual aid of a number of surrounding Departments. Chairman Bronk inquired as to why the Town of Stockton was billed for water from the Village of Plover for the barn fire. Chief Kluck explained that when fires are fought in areas where municipal water supply is utilized, it is customary for the municipality to bill the cost of the water to the homeowner. However, mutual aid Fire Departments bill the municipality directly in situations such as this so they are guaranteed funds are received. It is then the municipality's responsibility to obtain payment from the homeowner. This is typically turned in to the homeowner's insurance and paid in that manner. He further explained that there are three areas in which expenses are incurred which include the use of a backhoe, municipal water and fuel. The Town of Stockton doesn't have municipal water; therefore, we don't have a charge to pass on to the homeowner on behalf of our Fire Department. In the situation of the recent barn fire, the homeowner provided the back hoe so there wouldn't be an expense for that. However, Cooper Oil was

called to supply additional fuel to the Emergency Response vehicles as they needed to refuel in order to continue operating.

Chief Kluck also informed the Board that he has recently purchased two sets of turn out gear and expects to purchase two more sets rather soon. This is to replace gear that is close to expiration and was budgeted for as well.

Clerk Novotny inquired as to the status of the Fire Inspections and was told by Officer Jesse Disher that they are nearing completion with only eight remaining out of a total of fifty-nine inspections. He also indicated that the Department has obtained approval to continue to utilize the training house for the next few months with the expected controlled/training burn to take place next snowfall.

EMS Report – No additional update was provided for the EMS group.

7. Chairman Bronk reported to the Board that we've recently received the invoice for repairs on our Fire Engine. He stated that when we purchased the used engine, we knew that there were upgrades and repairs that would be needed. Originally it was felt that the repairs and updates would be near the ten-thousand mark and the budget would be sufficient but upon further investigation, the cost of the repairs was more than budgeted and, therefore, it is not feasible to absorb the cost within our budget. Chairman asked the Board to consider adding the repair costs to the capital expense loan. Motion (Dodge/Bronk) to add \$23,150.15 to the public safety loan with the funds being specific to the repairs for the Fire Department Engine. Motion carried 3-0.
8. Authorization of Loan Proceeds for Road Maintenance Equipment – Chairman Bronk notified the Board that Road Foreman Jeff Herman has requested a self-propelled crack router for road maintenance. He indicated that rather than purchasing one, Jeff prefers to test them out and make a recommendation after he does further research. Motion (Bronk/Dodge) to postpone the authorization of additional loan proceeds for road maintenance until further research and information is obtained. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Chairman Bronk presented 2016 Budget vs. Actual Report and Balance Sheet. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to declare the 2016 books closed. Motion carried 3-0.
10. Motion (Piesik/Dodge) to approve checks numbered 32182 to 32209 and ACH transaction number 170642 to 170643. Motion carried 3-0.
11. Clerks Report – Clerk Lauri Novotny reported to the Board that she's received a number of requests for evening hours for new voter registrations as well as absentee voting; therefore, she's made the decision to open the Clerk's Office on Wednesday, March 29th from 6-8pm in addition to the already scheduled Friday hours which are 8am-5pm.
She also indicated to the Board that the next Town Board Meeting will be scheduled for Monday, April 10th, 2017 with the Annual Meeting being held on Tuesday, April 18th at 7:00 pm.
12. Correspondence – Chairman Bronk shared an email received from Mike Pagel of the Wisconsin Towns Association with a forwarded email from Jen McNelly who is the Water Resource Specialist for Portage County. The email referenced an upcoming County-wide Water Quality Sampling Project as well as indicated a diagram with the sampling of the wells to be included. Secondly, Chairman Bronk shared a letter addressed to Clerk Lauri Novotny thanking her for the recent article about the snow plow drivers. The letter was complimenting the driver for his diligence and attention to detail. Next, Chairman Bronk shared a notice received from the Plover Wastewater Utility in regards to the application of solid waste to a field on 2nd Street in the Town of Stockton. The next piece of correspondence shared by Chairman Bronk was an article posted in the state-wide MABAS publication which is a communication piece for Fire/Rescue/EMS departments. It's an article specific to the recent barn fire on Kennedy Ave in the Town of Stockton and highlighted the various responding departments and their strong ability to take command and work together during mutual aid situations. Chairman Bronk then shared correspondence received from Steve Bradley, Portage County Conservationist, in regards to the Little Plover River Workgroup involving groundwater quantity. In addition, Chairman Bronk shared a Thank You note

that was received from the Lloyd Firkus family in response to their recent barn fire and appreciation for the help of those emergency personnel that responded to their situation. The family also sent a donation of \$50 in the form of a Portage County gift certificate which was presented to Chief Kluck earlier this week by Clerk Novotny. Lastly, Chairman Bronk provided Board Members with an email and accompanying document from Portage County Chief Deputy Dan Kontos in regards to the County's Animal Control Ordinance. He encouraged Board Members to review and notify Chief Deputy Kontos if they have any questions or concerns.

13. Chairman Bronk reminded members that future agenda items should be provided to the Clerk in advance.

14. Motion to adjourn (Dodge/Piesik) at 7:14 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Approved: April 10th, 2017
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