

Town of Stockton Annual Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 18th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Town of Stockton Town Hall

7252 6th Street, Custer, WI

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order:

Chairman, Mike Bronk called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The list of attendees is attached which included eleven Town of Stockton residents including Chairman Mike Bronk and Clerk Lauri Novotny. There were also two non-Town residents in attendance.

2. Method of Voting:

Motion (Michael Bronk/Sandra Walters) to continue to use “by majority show of hands” as the method of voting. Motion carried by majority show of hands.

2. Approval of April 19th, 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes:

Motion (Terry Johnson/James Dodge) to approve the minutes as written. Motion carried by majority show of hands.

5. 2016 Annual Financial Report:

Chairman Bronk reviewed the budgeted and actual income and expenses by category in 2016 using the attached “2016 Town of Stockton Financial Summary.” Total Income and Expenditures/Reserves were each reported as \$1,070,224.00 for the year. He further provided a brief description of the items included within the particular categories in order to provide the public with a better understanding of the overall financial summary. A budget deficit of \$1,681.00 resulted at the end of 2016 which was used to fund accounts restricted for future road, fire and EMS expenditures. Chairman Bronk invited any questions of the Town Electors. No one came forth with questions or concerns regarding the 2016 Annual Financial Report.

Chairman Bronk provided a “Thank You” to the residents of the Town of Stockton for allowing him to serve as Chairman. He indicated that he was elected to the Town Board in 2005 and has been Chairman since 2007. He also wished to commend Supervisors Piesik & Dodge for their continued support and dedication to the Town Board over the recent years and the past term. Chairman Dodge also wished to thank Clerk Novotny for her diligence and organizational skills that have tremendously assisted the Town Board and other aspects of the Town. He indicated that she is “the most organized person” he knows. He thanked Treasurer Walters for her continued efforts and noted that there haven’t been issues with balancing of the books. Chairman Bronk recognized Plan Commission Chair Cindy Davis for all of the time she’s spent outside of meetings on the Comprehensive Plan and other duties related to the Plan Commission. In addition, he noted that Plan Commission Members have also made up a large portion of the success of the group including recently elected Supervisor Terry Johnson who was previously a Plan Commission Member. Chairman Bronk acknowledged the Road Crew including Jeff and Kathy Herman, Brian Zimmerman and Christopher Kizewski for their continued dedication. He indicated that they take their duties very seriously and this dedication is shown in the condition of our Town roads which, he believes, are the best roads in the County. In closing, Chairman Bronk commended Fire Chief Chris Kluck and Deputy Fire Chief Greg Jones who have both worked tremendously on the organization and continued success of the Department.

6. Fire Department/EMS Reports:

Fire Chief Chris Kluck reported to the audience that in 2016, there were a total of forty (40) fire calls of which thirty-six (36) were within the Town of Stockton. There were thirty-nine (39) EMS calls. He also reported that within the first quarter of 2017, there have been twenty (20) fire calls thus far. He stated that there are currently twenty-one (21) Fire Department Members with two (2) individuals new to the Department and currently on probation. There are seven (7) EMS members with three (3) new recruits in process. Chief Kluck mentioned that he currently has two Deputy Fire Chiefs, Greg Jones and Joseph Brandt. He also thanked the Town Board for taking a “Leap of Faith” in allowing him to come in and work with the Department. He stated

that the Department is now regarded as one of the strongest in the Portage County area. Chief Kluck also stated that the Department has an automatic aid agreement with Park Ridge as well as Amherst Fire Departments. He was proud to report that the Departments, in turn, work as one Department in this instance rather than individual Departments. This has been a tremendous help in fire situations especially as it related to the recent barn fire on Kennedy Avenue. Chief Kluck stated that the Department continues to improve. They continue to train. They continue to recruit. He also wished to echo the sentiments of Chairman Bronk as it relates to Clerk Novotny and her phenomenal skills not only on a personal level but her tremendous professional and organizational skills. He stated that she has a large part in the success of the Department. Chief Kluck stated that the Department failed last year's audit, however, with the continued efforts of people like Clerk Novotny, Deputy Chief Jones and other officers of the Department, he proudly reported that the audit for this year was passed with "flying colors". In addition, the ISO (Insurance Service Office) audit which rates Fire Departments for purposes of homeowner/property insurances was recently completed. This is an audit that has not been completed since 2007 which provided a seven rating on a 1 to 10 scale. The lower the number, the better it is for premiums. He reported that the audit was necessary based on the reorganization and new equipment that has been attained by the Department. It is his hope that the rating will go down which will, in turn, impact residents of the Town in terms of a decrease in the property/homeowners insurance premiums. He did indicate that the rating takes a number of months so he does not yet have the results to share.

- 7. Road Work for 2017:** Chairman Bronk reported that typically the annual Road Tour is completed by the Annual Meeting, however, with the possibility of new Board Members due to the recent election, it was postponed and will take place this Friday, April 21st at 7:00 am. He stated that there are two joint projects to be reviewed this year with one of them being the seal coating of a portion of Kennedy Ave and the other being the repaving of a section of 5 Corner Road. These are with the Towns of Plover and New Hope, respectively. He also indicated that as time and money allows, the Road Crew will continue with widening of 4th St which includes removal of brush, trees, rocks and boulders. Chairman Bronk stated that Spring road work typically begins with crack filling and then they move on to seal coating which is planned for this year as well. As the year progresses, Chairman Bronk encouraged attendees to check the Town of Stockton website, watch meeting agendas and/or attend Town Board Meetings for further updates. He also encouraged residents and attendees to contact himself, Clerk Novotny, the Road Crew and/or Town Supervisors if there are any concerns that they notice that need to be addressed throughout the year.

8. Items Brought Up By the Town Residents:

Mr. Mike Skibba inquired as to whether or not the Town of Stockton currently has a Noise Ordinance. He indicated that he has concerns and would like to find out how to address them. Chairman Bronk responded that Clerk Novotny has been reviewing all Ordinances; however, the Town of Stockton does not currently have a Noise Ordinance. Chairman Bronk also stated that the challenge with an ordinance such as this involves the enforcement of such ordinance. First, he stated, we would have to be able to physically measure the noise and, secondly, we would have to hire someone to enforce the ordinance. Mr. Skibba understood. Further discussion lead to the following motion. **Motion** (Mike Skibba/Kathy Herman) to advise the Board to make citizens aware of the excessive noise and to be considerate of others around them through the use of an upcoming newsletter article. Motion carried by a majority show of hands.

9. Next Annual Town Meeting Date & Time:

The 2018 Annual Meeting of the Town Electors will be held on the third Tuesday of April at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall.

- 11. Motion** (Terry Johnson/Mike Bronk) to adjourn at 7:35 pm. Motion carried by a majority show of hands.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lauri Novotny, Town Clerk

Approved: _____
Posted: _____