

Minutes:

Town of Stockton Board Meeting

Monday, May 8th, 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, Supervisor Terry Johnson, Treasurer Sandy Walters and Clerk Lauri Novotny also present. There were also a number of citizens present which included Jerry Piesik, Keith Bronk, Alyssa Wierzba, Cindy Davis, Jim Hopp, Jim Zach, Steve Van Horn, Hans Schabel and Jim Dodge.
2. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the agenda for May 8th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the minutes for the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 10th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the minutes for the Road Tour Town Board Meeting of April 21st, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the minutes for the Regular Town Board Meeting of April 21st, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
6. Anyone wishing to address the Board – Chairman Bronk stated that he’s been notified of children not using the port-a-potty at the Town of Stockton Park properly. He verified with Clerk Novotny that the facility is still serviced on a monthly basis which is correct. Chairman Bronk stated that this issue relates back to parent responsibility. No one came forth with other issues or concerns.
7. Chairman Bronk stated, for the record, that he would be abstaining from the next two agenda topic votes as well discussion involving the topics. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to call the Public Hearing to Order. Motion carried 2-0. No one came forth with comments or concerns. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to close the public hearing. Motion carried 2-0. Discussion between Supervisors Dodge and Johnson reported that a total of forty-five surrounding land owners were notified previously with no opposition from neighbors. Supervisor Dodge indicated that she was not aware of any negative comments from Portage County Planning and Zoning as well. Supervisor Dodge mentioned that she believed it was the intent of Mr. Wierzba, the previous land owner, to subdivide as there is already residential development taking place in the Ridgeland subdivision. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the request to change the land use from L-3 to Residential for parcel number 034-24-0933-02.01. Motion carried 2-0.
8. Chairman Bronk continued to abstain from this item as it is in direct correlation to the above item. Cindy Davis, Plan Commission Chair, stated that in discussion with Tracy Pelky of Portage County Planning & Zoning, he recommended that the white building be removed. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the requested change of A-3 to R-1 with the understanding that the white pole shed be removed. Motion carried 2-0. Clerk Novotny will forward information regarding the motions to Tracy Pelky at Portage County Planning and Zoning for further review and consideration at the County level.
9. Chairman Bronk referenced a copy of the Parks Committee Meeting Minutes of Monday, April 24th, 2017. The minutes indicate that preparations are being made to plant flower seeds in the park. Further discussion regarding the use of Town equipment was held with Chairman Bronk indicating that he felt that if Town equipment was needed, the Park Committee should work directly with Road Foreman Jeff Herman to facilitate the equipment use. Supervisor Dodge recommended that use of Town equipment rather than personal equipment whenever possible. Supervisor Johnson agreed. Chairman Bronk suggested that if there is a need for

non-Town owned equipment to be utilized that the Park Committee prepare information for the Board indicating a rental of personal equipment thus removing responsibility of the Town for normal wear and tear repairs. Chairman Bronk suggested a meeting with the Town Board, Park Committee members as well as Road Foreman Jeff Herman to discuss details of the Town equipment use. The meeting will be scheduled and noticed appropriately.

10. Chairman Bronk deferred discussion to Supervisor Dodge regarding the discussion of Portage County Highway Dept roadside clearing on County Highway I. Supervisor Dodge indicated that she had recently been made aware of Jim Zach's concerns regarding the clearing of trees along County Highway I. Jim Zach provided Board members with a copy of the Brushing Policy from the Portage County Highway Department. Mr. Zach further explained that he was under the impression from an oral agreement, back in 2000, that the County Highway Department that they were going to use discretion as to what trees would be cut and how far in to the road right-of-way. He also indicated that the brushing wouldn't occur until fall but that the Brushing Policy would be discussed as a future agenda item by Portage County. Chairman Bronk stated that, per a verbal discussion with Mr. Nathan Check, there is a policy but it "sounds like there's some wiggle room". Supervisor Dodge suggested that Jim Zach and surrounding land owners contact the Portage County Sheriff's Department to inquire as to the number of accidents on that particular County Highway. Mr. Steve Van Horn reported to the Board that he has spoken directly to an individual doing the field work who indicated that they're planning to cut "everything within 30 feet of the center line". His concern is that there are specific trees that may not need to be cut. Chairman Bronk reiterated that it was his impression that a representative from the County has agreed to meet with residents with concerns. Clerk Novotny will draft a letter to Mr. Nathan Check asking that the County Highway Department keep the Town of Stockton Board informed and updated as to the agenda in which the policy revisions are to be discussed. He suggested the land owners who have concerns contact the County on their own as well.
11. Chairman Bronk presented the application materials and fee received from the MREA (Midwest Renewable Energy Association) to obtain a temporary Class "B" picnic licenses for the event scheduled on June 15-18, 2017. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the Temporary Class "B" License request by the MREA for the event scheduled on June 15-18, 2017 and to grant such licenses for issuance. Motion carried 3-0.
12. Chairman Bronk presented the application materials and fee received from three individuals wishing to obtain Town of Stockton Operator's licenses for the period of May 8th, 2017 to June 30th, 2017. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the Operator's Licenses and to grant such license for issuance to Anne Hylla, Vincent Miresse and Laura R. Utke. Motion carried 3-0.
13. 2017 Road Work – Chairman Bronk presented the Board with two published notices relating to upcoming road bids; one for the joint Town of Plover/Town of Stockton Kennedy road project and the other for seal coating, cold and hot mix. He also asked Clerk Novotny to invite the Town of New Hope to the next Board Meeting to discuss the repairs to Five Corner Road. Chairman Bronk stated that the Road Crew will begin crack filling this week.
14. 2017 Budget Line Item Transfers – Chairman Bronk stated that there are a couple of line items that Clerk Novotny has brought to his attention that need budget adjustments. The first is the category of Shop Equipment. Initially, the Board didn't budget much in this category but our Road Foreman, Jeff Herman, has been spending quite a bit on hydraulic hose repairs for the snow plows and other Town equipment. Foreman Herman recently purchased a hydraulic hose machine that will allow the Road Crew to make their own hydraulic hoses rather than purchasing from a vendor. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to transfer \$4,350.00 from Capital Outlay Highway Equipment to Shop Equipment. Motion Carried 3-0. In addition, with the purchase of the 2015 Ford F550 truck and vehicle insurance rate increases, the category of Auto & Liability Insurance under Road Maintenance did not meet the originally budgeted value. Motion (Bronk/Johnson) to transfer \$2,386.40 from Road Repair Materials & Service to Auto Liability Insurance. Motion carried 3-0. Lastly, the category of Animal

Control which is the amount we pay Portage County for our Animal Control contract came in higher than anticipated. Motion (Johnson/Bronk) to transfer \$1,077.41 from Unrestricted Funds to Animal Control which will result in an amended budget in this category. Motion carried 3-0.

15. Road Maintenance Capital Purchase – Chairman Bronk notified the Board that Road Foreman Jeff Herman has requested a self-propelled crack router for road maintenance. Jeff is still working on trying out a model so this item is being placed on hold at this time.
16. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve checks numbered 32295 to 32360 and ACH transaction number 170647 to 170654. Motion carried 3-0.
17. Clerks Report – Clerk Lauri Novotny reminded the Board that the next Wisconsin Towns Meeting will be held at the Town of Grant on Monday, May 22d. Thus, the Town of Stockton Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017.
18. Correspondence – Chairman Bronk shared a letter received from Mr. Carl L. Frisque, Fire Protection Coordinator for the state of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services indicated that the Stockton Fire Department was in compliance with the 2% fire dues program. The auditor stated, “It is the opinion of this auditor that the Stockton Fire Dept. is in substantial compliance with the State of Wisconsin SPS. 314, Fire Prevention code and the 2% fire dues program. Great records substantial improvement over last year, keep up the good work.” Mr. Frisque specifically commended “Deputy Chief Gregory Jones, Captain Dean Voelker, and Captain Jesse Disher for their professionalism and courtesy” which was extended to Mr. Frisque during the audit.
In addition, the Town of Stockton received reimbursement of \$1,005.76 from the Firkus family for water utilized during the mutual aid barn fire.
Also Fire Department related, the Town of Stockton received \$2,114.49 from the State of Wisconsin in response to Chief Kluck’s response for a DNR grant for the Smokey the Bear Fire Conditions sign, personal protective equipment and Forest Fire Suppression Tools.
Chairman Bronk also shared with the Board a recent notice from the Portage County Planning and Zoning Committee regarding the Portage County Wireless Telecommunication Facility Ordinance Amendments. He indicated the next meeting is on May 16th and encouraged members to attend if they so desire.
Chairman Bronk provided the Board with a letter from Portage County Planning and Zoning, directed to Town of Stockton residents, Brian and Felicia Kinney, in regards to Inoperable Motor Vehicles.
Finally, Chairman Bronk shared information indicating that the Town of Stockton has received reimbursement from the Firkus family for diesel fuel utilized during the barn fire on Kennedy a couple of months ago.
19. Chairman Bronk reminded members that future agenda items should be provided to the Clerk in advance.
20. Motion to adjourn (Jones/Dodge) at 7:35 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Approved: May 23rd, 2017
Posted to file: May 24th, 2017