

Minutes:

Town of Stockton Board Meeting

Monday, August 14th, 2017

Town Hall, 7252 6th Street, Custer, WI

Immediately following the 6:30 pm Public Hearing

1. Call to Order by Chairman Mike Bronk at 6:41 pm, following the completion of the Public Hearing. Supervisor Jeanne Dodge, Supervisor Terry Johnson, Clerk Lauri Novotny and Treasurer Sandra Walters also present. Mr. Dale Marth was present as well.
2. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the agenda for August 14th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the minutes for the Regular Town Board Meeting of July 25th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the minutes for the Board of Review Meeting of July 26th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Anyone wishing to address the Board – Chairman Bronk informed the Board that Clerk Novotny received a call from a resident inquiring as to the possibility of installing street lights in the Custer Square subdivision. Supervisors Dodge and Johnson both indicated that the home owners are free to install yard lights and/or motion detectors on their own. Chairman Bronk agreed. It was also mentioned that it's not common practice to install street lights upon request nor were there many within rural areas. Clerk Novotny agreed to contact the individual and relay this information.
6. Solid Waste and Recycle Materials Bid Opening – Clerk Novotny reported that she's received two sealed bids for solid waste and recycle materials. She also indicated that Nick from Harter's had contacted her to say that he had a previous commitment and, therefore, wasn't able to attend the Board Meeting. Clerk Novotny stated that she was clear with individuals inquiring about the bids that the decision would not be made tonight but rather tonight was to open the bids and provide copies to Board Members so that they may review and be ready to discuss and make a decision at a subsequent meeting. Chairman Bronk then opened the first bid from Harter's Disposal. The bid included use of a 95 gallon cart and every other week recycling at a cost of \$11.65 per house per month with a fuel surcharge also being listed. Chairman Bronk proceeded to open the second bid received which was from Advanced Disposal. Their bid included use of a 95 gallon cart and every other week recycling at a cost of \$8.98 per unit per month plus \$2.50 per unit per month for recycling. Board members were given copies of the bids received. Clerk Novotny will add to a future agenda once the Board has had time to review in detail. Clerk Novotny will notify both bidders of the date and time of the meeting once the item is placed on the agenda.
7. Discussion of Possible Legal Action regarding personal property tax of Triple K Landscaping – Chairman Bronk thanked both Treasurer Sandra Walters and Clerk Lauri Novotny for their extensive work in trying to collect on the debt of personal property taxes owed to the Town from Triple K Landscaping. Board members were provided copies of the original tax bill as well as subsequent documentation regarding collection efforts. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to pursue small claims process regarding the collection of personal property tax and additional expenses incurred for Triple K Landscaping. Motion carried 3-0.
8. 2017 Road Work – Clerk Novotny reported that Jeff stated the road crew is in the process of working with the crew from American Asphalt to complete the work on Five Corners Rd. In addition, Jeff has been contacted by Scott Construction to begin the Kennedy Ave project as well. Chairman Bronk stated that the road crew has completed the excavating and leveling of several holes along 5th St. He stated that they are going to wait until later fall to pave in order to allow for the locations to settle.

9. Storm Recovery Update – Clerk Novotny reported to the Board that storm debris clean-up efforts continue. She has been in contact with Paul Reigel, Deputy Director Portage County Emergency Management, in regards to the storm clean-up efforts. Given the large amount of debris that still needs to be cleaned up, he has indicated that he has had this happen in the past and the State has allowed extensions. Road Foreman Jeff Herman believes it will take approximately two months to complete the debris clean-up. Mr. Reigel indicated that he would let the state know of the issue and timeline. Clerk Novotny will continue to track clean-up efforts and keep the County apprised of the progress. She also wanted to inform the Board that the Road Crew members have been doing a tremendous job of documenting not only the streets that they’ve been working on as far as debris clean up but providing photos as well which is beneficial when it comes to the State documentation requirements.
10. Town of Stockton Policy regarding Condemnation of Uninhabitable Buildings – Chairman Bronk referenced a list of addresses received from Assessor Todd Pauls in regards to a number of buildings within the Town that have buildings that are considered uninhabitable. Chairman Bronk indicated that the Board may want to proceed with a Road Tour or try to individually drive around to look at the various locations before the next meeting in order to be able to discuss the creation of a policy. He also stated that the Board could contact the corresponding land owners inquiring as to whether or not they would take care of the buildings in order to avoid the condemnation process. After much discussion, Chairman Bronk suggested that maybe the process should be driven by a written complaint by a surrounding land owner. Supervisors Dodge and Johnson agreed. Chairman Bronk inquired as to whether or not Portage County Social Services would get involved if there were individuals residing in the locations thought to be in need of condemnation. Supervisor Dodge stated that although Public Health has a role, they don’t typically get involved unless the locations are animal infested. Clerk Novotny stated that there is one location that she is aware of that a neighbor has complained and inquired as to how the Board would like to proceed. Chairman Bronk suggested a letter be sent to the owner of the property asking that he or she meet with the Town Board to discuss the issue. Clerk Novotny will draft a letter and send to the property owner with a copy to the individual concerned.
11. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve checks numbered 32532 to 32572 and ACH transaction number 170672 to 170675. Motion carried 3-0.
12. Clerks Report – Clerk Lauri Novotny reminded Board Members of the next meeting date which is August 28th, 2017.
13. Correspondence – Chairman Bronk shared a “Media Release” from Portage County Planning and Zoning in reference to the appointment of a Portage County Weed Commissioner. Chairman Bronk also referenced a Focus on Farming seminar presented by Portage and Wood County Farm Bureaus.
14. Chairman Bronk reminded members that future agenda items should be provided to the Clerk in advance.
15. Motion to adjourn (Dodge/Johnson) at 7:16 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Approved: August 28th, 2017
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