

Minutes:

Town of Stockton Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 26th, 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 Sandra Walters and Clerk Lauri Novotny also present. Representing the Emergency Services Team was Fire Chief Chris Kluck. Also in attendance was Building Inspector, Mike Bembenek, and Road Crew Member, Kathy Herman.
2. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the agenda for September 26th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the minutes for the regular Town Board Meeting of September 11th, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Anyone wishing to address the Board – No one came forth with questions or concerns.
5. Town of Stockton Building Permit Fee Schedule – Building Inspector Mike Bembenek indicated to the Board that the current fee schedule is based on market value with a minimum charge of \$85.00. He indicated that he would like to go to a more uniform fee schedule which would allow a more equitable schedule for both additions and remodels as well as new construction verses the current fee schedule. Chairman Bronk inquired as to the cost to the Town and was assured by Inspector Bembenek that the cost would not change for the Town. The Town would still obtain 10% of the funds collected with the Inspector retaining the same 90%. Treasurer Sandra Walters inquired as to the collection of the Parkland Dedication funds and was assured that those would still be collected at the time of the permit and forwarded to the Town. In addition, Inspector Bembenek mentioned that he would be able to have the checks written to him for the building inspection portion and to the Town for the Parkland Fee to eliminate the need for the Town to deposit checks then issue a check back to him for his services. Motion (Bronk/Johnson) to adopt the newly proposed building permit fee schedule with checks being issued directly to the Inspector for building permits with the exception that the Parkland Dedication Fee checks would be issued to and forwarded to the Town of Stockton on a regular basis. Motion carried 3-0.
6. Emergency Services Report: **Fire Chief General** – Fire Chief Chris Kluck reported to the Board that he has recently completed and submitted the Emergency Services budget for their review. He indicated that he continues to manage the budget with Clerk Novotny on a regular basis. In addition, he stated that the Fire Department members will be participating in required testing to include Fit Testing, Ladder Testing and Pump Testing. **Fire Report** – Chief Kluck reported that there haven't been any calls within the past month. He stated that the Department will be participating in Wild land Training shortly and that they are, once again, a finalist for a DNR grant. If received, he will be purchasing four radios at \$1,000 each. He has built that in to his 2018 budget as the grant is a 50/50 grant, therefore, the radios would be partially paid for by the Town as well as the DNR grant, if received. **EMS Report** – Deputy Chief Joe Brandt was unavailable, therefore, Chief Kluck reported on his behalf. He stated that the group recently hosted the Portage County EMS Banquet at Shooters in Plover. There were 76 individuals that attended which was significantly down from the typical 120 people.
7. Road Right of Way Wood Salvage Policy – Chairman Bronk referenced an email from the Town of Hull regarding the Road Right of Way Wood Salvage Policy issue. He stated that Supervisor Johnson had recently been contacted by a resident inquiring as to our policy which is why it's being reviewed. Supervisor Johnson stated that he was asked not only for the wood policy but if there is wood to buy or what happens to the wood that is a result of either storm damage or simply fallen trees in the Right of Way. Chairman Bronk indicated that it is his

understanding that the majority of the Towns leave it for the landowner. Road Crew member Kathy Herman stated that leaving the wood causes damage to the mower when trees are left in the ditch. Chairman Bronk stated that the Road Crew should be asking the land owner if they would like the wood prior to moving it to another location. Also, he stated that it would be difficult to decide how long we allow the wood to sit in the Right of Way before needing to go back to clean it up. At this time, the Town of Stockton does not have a policy relating to the wood that is obtained from the Road Right of Way. Chairman Bronk stated that he would like to inquire further of the Town of Hull as to how much wood they typically accumulate, how do they organize it, where do they store it and how much revenue does it generate for them. Clerk Lauri Novotny will reach out to the Town of Hull Clerk as well as other surrounding municipalities to inquire as to their policies for the Right of Way wood.

8. 2017 Road Work – Chairman Bronk reported that the Road Crew is working on the second pass of mowing in the ditch lines. He also reported that there was a recent incident involving a garbage truck on Smokey Road. There was minimal damage to the road which will be billed to Advanced Disposal.
9. Treasurer Sandy Walters presented the August 2017 Treasurer’s Report to the Board. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.
10. Chairman Bronk presented 2017 Budget vs. Actual Report.
11. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve checks numbered 32618 to 32642 and ACH transaction number 170681. Motion carried 3-0.
12. Clerks Report – Clerk Novotny reported to the Board that she has completed the Fall 2017 newsletter which will be mailed to residents shortly. She also stated that she is in the process of compiling information to be utilized for the 2018 Budget. The first scheduled Town Board Working Session for the 2018 Budget has been scheduled for Monday, October 16th at 5:30 pm. A second session will be scheduled at a later date as well as the Public Hearing portion of the 2018 Budget. She also reported that she’s completed the State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue Levy Limit Worksheet and has submitted it for the year. This information is necessary for the 2018 budget process.
13. Correspondence – Chairman Bronk shared two items received by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, both of which were notices regarding the 2017 and 2018 Shared Revenue values. In addition, a copy of the letter to the Town of New Hope was provided to the Board indicating that the Town of New Hope is to pay the Town of Stockton a total of \$4,626.10 for gravel and shouldering materials for Five Corner Rd. The Town of New Hope will also pay the Town of Stockton a total of \$13,265.67 by July 1st of 2018 per the agreement for the remainder of the Five Corner Rd project. Chairman Bronk also mentioned to the Board that he is in the process of working with area officials in regards to the State of Wisconsin TRIP program, a Committee that he’s been a Chairperson for since 2005. He stated he’s optimistic that the County should receive TRIP funds this year as there haven’t been funds awarded in recent years. Supervisor Dodge and Chairman Bronk discussed the possibility of continuing work on 4th St as part of the request for TRIP funding.
14. Chairman Bronk reminded members that future agenda items should be provided to the Clerk in advance.
15. Motion to adjourn (Bronk/Johnson) at 7:32 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Approved: October 9th, 2017
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