

**Minutes:**

**Town of Stockton Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 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.
2. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the agenda for November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the minutes for the Town Board Meeting of October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Motion (Johnson/Bronk) to approve the minutes for the Town Board Budget Meeting of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Anyone wishing to address the Board – Clerk Novotny indicated to the Board that she and Supervisor Jeanne Dodge attended the Wisconsin Towns Association Meeting which was held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017. She shared two pieces of information that was provided at the meeting. The first was created by WTA President Mike Pagel with public information in regards to the Portage County 2017 equalized values, EMS apportionment, municipal population estimate and 2016 EMS calls. The second was a document created by Portage County Finance in regards to some of the options that may be available as it relates to some of the options available for EMS in the 2019 and subsequent years. No one else came forth with questions or concerns.
6. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Condemnation of Uninhabitable Buildings – Town Chairman indicated that there has been previous discussions regarding a particular individual residing in a building that has been noted by the Town Assessor to be in need of condemnation as there is no running water and no electricity. Recently, the Town of Stockton Fire Department was called to a fire at the location and as indicated by Fire Chief Chris Kluck, the conditions were horrific. Supervisor Dodge indicated that the Town is responsible for the condemnation process and stated that legal advice is needed. Motion (Dodge/Bronk) to recommend that the Town of Stockton Chairman contact Attorney Brian Formella for legal presence as the Town of Stockton attorney and request his advice in the current situation. Motion carried 3-0.
7. 2017 Road Work – Chairman Bronk reported that the Road Crew has been installing snow fence; however, there are a few locations that the farmers still haven't harvested the corn crop so those locations, depending on the weather, may or may not have snow fence installed this season. He also indicated that the Road Crew recently has been utilizing cold mix to fix small patches along Oak Street and a few other areas as well. Lastly, the crew did go out to salt and sand on Saturday afternoon.
8. Chairman Bronk presented the application materials and fee received from one individual wishing to obtain a Town of Stockton Operator's license for the period November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Motion (Johnson/Bronk) to approve the renewal of Operator's License and to grant such license for issuance to Nikki Intribus. Motion carried 3-0.
9. Treasurer Sandy Walters presented the October 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 32733 to 32779 and ACH transaction number 170688 to 170692. Motion carried 3-0.
  
12. Clerks Report – Clerk Lauri Novotny reported to the Board that she recently attended the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association District Meeting. The topic of records retention was discussed in length. She reported that the Town of Stockton is in compliance with the State Statutes as well as the recommendations of the State of Wisconsin Historical Society. She also stated that during the meeting, Clerks were given election updates including a detailed explanation of the proposed E-Poll Book which would be available to municipalities that wish to purchase the equipment and software. The E-Poll Book would replace the existing paper poll book but Clerk Novotny felt that there are still too many questions to go ahead and purchase the equipment as it's still in the testing phase. The estimated cost per unit of the E-Poll Book would be between \$1,000 and \$1,500. At this time, it's not a requirement but in the future it may be.  
Clerk Novotny informed the Board that there are a total of four elections next year and that she's in the process of contacting election inspectors about their participation in the 2018-2019 election years as the Board needs to appoint the election inspectors for a two year term at the December Board Meeting.  
In addition, Clerk Novotny notified the Board that she's received information regarding the rescinded property taxes for 2014, which was paid to Charter Communications in 2015 in the amount of \$1,368.16. The determination by the State of Wisconsin Department of Revenue was that the rescinded tax issue was valid and, therefore, the Town will be receiving funds from the taxing jurisdictions for the portions that they owe by February 18, 2018. The jurisdictions include the State of Wisconsin, Portage County, The School District of Stevens Point and Mid-State Technical College. The total the Town can expect is \$1,168.48.  
Clerk Novotny informed the Board that she's received a copy of the Portage County 2017 Groundwater Management Plan. If Board Members would like a copy, she can print copies for them.  
Clerk Novotny reminded the Board that the Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget has been scheduled for Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm and the next Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
  
13. Correspondence – Chairman Bronk read aloud a note received from Mr. Robert Chojnowski in regards to the Improvements made at the Adams Lake Boat Launch. The Chairman also referenced a Notice of Public Hearing Portage County Board of Adjustment meeting to be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regarding the Judith Shewmake property on Red Fox Trail.
  
14. Chairman Bronk reminded members that future agenda items should be provided to the Clerk in advance.
  
15. Motion to adjourn (Dodge/Johnson) at 6:56 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Approved: November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Posted to file: November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017