

**Minutes:**

**Town of Stockton Board Meeting**

**Monday, November 27<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. Representing the Emergency Services Team were Fire Chief Chris Kluck and Jesse Disher.
2. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the agenda for November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the minutes for the regular Town Board Meeting of November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the minutes for the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2018 Town of Stockton Budget of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the minutes for the Special Town Meeting of the Stockton Electors of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
6. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the minutes for the Town Board Meeting of November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.
7. Anyone wishing to address the Board – No one came forth with comments or concerns.
8. Emergency Services Report: **Fire Chief General** – Fire Chief Chris Kluck reported to the Board that there are two new potential fire department candidates which, if approved, will bring the new fire fighter total for the year to eight members. The total members continues to be between 23-24. Chief Kluck also stated that the training house on Edgewood is scheduled to be burned on Saturday. The Department has invited all Departments within the County to participate and there will be a rehab ambulance on site for the EMS members to be able to monitor fire fighters during the live burn exercise. Chief Kluck wanted to acknowledge Officers Dean Voelker and Jesse Disher for their contribution, going above and beyond to prepare the house including mowing of a potential hazardous hay field that surrounded the house. He indicated that as a whole, all Officers have really stepped up and made a significant impact on the Department which is a direct reflection of their dedication and professionalism. **Fire Report** – Chief Kluck reported that there were three calls during the last month, two of which were mutual aid calls. **EMS Report** – Chief Kluck stated that Chief Deputy Joe Brandt continues to work with the EMS team. He stated that they are in the process of certifying Dennis Lepak to have him added to the EMS Department. That will bring the total members to eight.
9. Fire Department Future Space Needs – Fire Chief Chris Kluck shared preliminary plans for a possible Emergency Services Department expansion. There were two options presented both of which included the addition of offices, conference rooms, training rooms, truck bays, kitchenette as well as showering and restroom facilities. Chief Kluck indicated that the plans were conceptual drawings for the Board to review and discuss in the future. Plans will be located in Clerk Lauri Novotny's office for all to view at their leisure.
10. Budget Line Item Transfers – Chairman Bronk stated that the Town of Stockton Fire Chief Chris Kluck has indicated that they need to replace their thermal imaging cameras. Chief Kluck obtained approval from the State to allow this to be covered under their 2% Fire Dues and has requested that the Board approve the transfer of \$6,787.80 from the Restricted Fund Balance for the 2% Fire Dues to the 2017 Budget Line Item 2% Dues to cover

the cost of this item. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the transfer of funds as proposed from the Restricted Funds Balance 2% Fire Dues to the Budget Line Item 2% Dues. Motion carried 3-0.

11. 2017 Road Work – Chairman Bronk reported that the Road Crew has recently been working on plow maintenance and the installation of additional snow fence in preparation for the upcoming winter season.
12. Implements of Husbandry was discussed which governs the Agricultural Commercial Motor Vehicle operations on Town of Stockton Roads. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to leave the Implements of Husbandry Option F in place, therefore, making no changes for the 2018 calendar year. Motion carried 3-0.
13. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Treasurer’s Bond for Tax Receipts was discussed. Treasurer Sandra Walters reminded the Board Members that the Town doesn’t collect property taxes, the payments are sent directly to the County Treasurer. Clerk Novotny indicated that the County Treasurer requested a copy of either the Town’s Surety Bond or an Ordinance in lieu of the Bond. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to adopt Ordinance O-17-05 exempting the Town from obtaining a Surety Bond for tax collection. Motion carried 3-0.
14. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve checks numbered 32780 to 32800 and ACH transaction number 170693 to 170695. Motion carried 3-0.
15. Clerks Report – Clerk Lauri Novotny reported to the Board that she recently forwarded all pertinent information relating to the calculation of property taxes to the County Treasurer. Treasurer Sandy Walters also forwarded information relating to the garbage/recycling special assessments to the County. She stated that she received verification from the County that taxes have been printed. Therefore, Clerk Novotny was able to complete the State of Wisconsin Statement of Taxes today making all tax information completed for the 2017 calendar year. In addition, Clerk Novotny reminded Board Members that she will be on vacation beginning on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, returning to the office on Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. With that in mind, she also stated that the next Town of Stockton Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm.
16. Correspondence – Chairman Bronk shared a Notice of Public Hearing to Amend the Portage County Zoning Ordinance Text which is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. He also referenced a notice received from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue which provided the State School Levy Tax Credit and Estimated Major State Aids for 2017, payable in 2018. Chairman Bronk shared a Notice of Equalized Value School Tax Rate Use for 2017 First Dollar Credit Calculation received from the State as well. Lastly, he shared the Wisconsin Department of Revenue Notice of Equalized Value School Tax Rate Use for 2017 Lottery Credit Calculation.
17. Chairman Bronk reminded members that future agenda items should be provided to the Clerk in advance.
18. Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Dodge) at 7:12 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Approved: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Posted to file: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017