

**Minutes:**

**Town of Stockton Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**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, Clerk Lauri Novotny and Treasurer Sandra Walters also present. Representing the Emergency Services Team were Fire Chief Chris Kluck, Deputy Fire Chief Randy Shirek, Deputy Fire/EMS Chief Joe Brandt. Jim Hopp was also present.
2. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the agenda for March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the minutes for the regular Town Board Meeting of March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Anyone wishing to address the Board – Clerk Lauri Novotny mentioned to the Board that the recent Portage County Sheriff's Department Tactical SWAT Team Training was held last week at the Town of Stockton and she was extremely impressed with the deputies involved. The training included utilizing the Town Hall, the garage area, the Fire/EMS area as well as the storage buildings and Town of Stockton Park. No one else came forward with questions or concerns.
5. Emergency Services Report:  
**Fire Chief General Report** – Fire Chief Chris Kluck reported to the Board that Randy Shirek recently accepted the Deputy Chief position after a 90-day trial period. Deputy Chief Shirek continues to work with the officers to review and replace Fire Fighter safety related gear and equipment. Chief Kluck mentioned that the Sheriff's Department has reported that they've taken over management of the Emergency Management of Portage County. Chief Kluck stated that the Fire Chiefs Association has gone on record as opposing the transition mainly due to incident command as well as some potential funding issues. Chief Kluck stated that Jeremy Spencer has re-instated the Department Facebook page which has been very informational. He also stated that both Chief Deputy Shirek and Chief Deputy Brandt have been working with members to perform air pack drills in order to meet training requirements. **Fire Report** – Deputy Chief Shirek reported that March started out slow with just one motor vehicle accident. However, as the Department was assisting with the Shamrock Shuffle at Clancey's, they received three calls that day including one that was a mutual aid to Iola. Deputy Chief Shirek also stated that since March 17<sup>th</sup>, they've had an additional six fires with one being a grass fire that burned 2 ½ acres. They also responded to a brush fire in the early morning hours on Monday. He stated that the fire danger is currently set at "high". **EMS Report** – Chief Deputy Brandt reported that the EMS team is going to participate in a joint training with the Fire Department next month. He stated that they will be training together twice a year. He also stated that the EMS group assisted with the Shamrock Shuffle and that there were no medical needs during the event. Deputy Chief Brandt indicated that the 2017 EMS Grant has been closed out with funds arriving already. He reported to the Board that the call volume continues to be about 3-5 calls per month. He also stated that the EMS monthly meetings have been changed to more of an educational topic training verses the typical meeting format of the past. In addition, Deputy Chief stated that he has obtained tentative approval from MSTC to hold an Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) course as he's an instructor. They have ten members interested including five Fire Fighters and need a minimum of twelve to hold the course. Deputy Chief Brandt also stated that the EMS team has seven members currently but adding more members after the completion of the EMR course would be very beneficial to the community. Clerk Lauri Novotny inquired as to the possibility of having an EMS member available during the November general election as that election has a large turnout projected. Deputy Chief Brandt asked Clerk Novotny to remind him via email but felt that it could be staffed with our EMS members that day.
6. 2018 Road Work – Chairman Mike Bronk reported that the Road Crew has continued with brushing on 4<sup>th</sup> Street in preparation for the widening of the road. He stated that a letter had been sent to impacted land owners previous to the work being started. He also indicated that our Road Foreman reached out to a local tree service for assistance with some of the larger, taller trees but has not received a response. Road Foreman Jeff Herman has reached out to another tree service and is waiting for a response. Chairman Bronk stated that he's noticed quite a few roads that are

cracking due to weather and that a semi load of crack fill has been ordered. Clerk Novotny indicated that delivery is scheduled for this Wednesday. Scheduling of the Road Tour was discussed but not scheduled as the weather and road conditions continue to masquerade the appearance of the roads at this time.

7. Purchase of new Road Crew Tool Truck – Chairman Bronk reported to the Board that Road Foreman Jeff Herman’s truck has several hundred thousand miles on it and is in need of updating. He indicated that the Board approved \$80,000 worth of borrowing to keep the current levy in place. There were two trucks found locally which are a 2018 Ford F350 for \$43,900 and a 2017 Ford F350 for \$43,100, both located at Scaffidi Motors in Stevens Point. Chairman Bronk indicated that a lift gate and running boards and/or steps would be needed as well for either truck. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to purchase a 2017 Ford F350 Super Duty truck to include a lift gate and running boards/steps not to exceed the price of the quoted truck, the lift gate and the additional running boards or steps. Clerk Novotny to work with International Bank of Amherst on the loan documentation. Motion carried 3-0.
8. Community Center Maintenance Update – Chairman Bronk reported to the Board that he left a message with the attorney and has not yet received a response. He will follow up again and report back to the Board once he has further information from the attorney.
9. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve checks numbered 33073 to 33095 and ACH transaction number 180716. Motion carried 3-0.
10. Clerks Report – Clerk Novotny indicated to the Board that she’s had a lot of positive feedback to having the Clerk issue dog licenses during regular business hours. Residents have commented that they like the Saturday hours for licensing but the option of coming in during the week and/or placing documents in the locked box outside the door is also very convenient for them. Clerk Lauri Novotny reported to the Board that the Spring Election is scheduled to take place on Tuesday. She will be available on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 8am-5pm for residents that wish to vote absentee and/or register to vote. No absentee or voter registration can take place on the Monday prior to the election. The next Town Board Meeting will be held on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
11. Correspondence – Chairman Bronk shared a letter from the Wisconsin DOT indicating that the US Highway 10 corridor study is officially closed and that they are no longer pursuing a future location for US Highway 10. Chairman Bronk also referenced a letter written to RSC Properties LLC from Portage County Planning and Zoning relating to an addition that was constructed on a shed without a proper zoning permit. This parcel is located at 6576 1<sup>st</sup> St in Plover. Lastly, Chairman Bronk made reference to the Wisconsin Towns Association Meeting that was held in the Town of Stockton last night. Ms. Patty Dreier, Portage County Executive, reported on the Municipal EMS Survey which was shared at the meeting. All of the Town of Stockton Board Members were present at the meeting. Chairman Bronk thanked Clerk Novotny for the tremendous job she did in organizing and preparing for last night’s Wisconsin Towns Association Meeting held at the Stockton Town Hall.
12. Chairman Bronk reminded members that future agenda items should be provided to the Clerk in advance.
13. Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Bronk) at 7:17 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
Lauri Novotny, Town Clerk

Approved: April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Posted to file: April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018