

Minutes:

Town of Stockton Board Meeting

Monday, October 22nd, 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 Department was Deputy Fire Chief Randy Shirek. Also present were Cindy Davis, Ray Olson, Jerry Piesik, Chris Obodzinski, Mike Obodzinski, Amy Helmrick, Jordan Helmrick and April Herman.
2. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the agenda for October 22nd, 2018. Motion carried 3-0.
3. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve the minutes for the Budget Discussion Meeting of October 8th, 2018. Motion carried 3-0.
4. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the minutes for the Regular Town of Stockton Town Board Meeting of October 8th, 2018. Motion carried 3-0.
5. Anyone wishing to address the Board – Mr. Jerry Piesik spoke to the Board regarding his dismay that the Town Board sold the 1961 Red Snow Plow. Supervisor Dodge stated that although she wasn't in favor of selling the truck, the ongoing maintenance for a piece of equipment such as this one was something that the Town wasn't interested in pursuing. Chairman Bronk indicated that the truck hasn't been started since the 2005 celebration and with limited storage space, the fact that the truck was not road worthy and that it required two individuals to operate it, he didn't feel that it was practical for Town use any longer. Chairman Bronk thanked Mr. Piesik for his thoughts.
6. Emergency Services Report - **Fire Chief General Report** – Fire Chief Chris Kluck was not in attendance; therefore, no report was given. **Fire Report:** Deputy Fire Chief Randy Shirek reported to the Board that the Department has had a relative calm period recently. However, late September they responded to five fire calls. In October, they've responded to a propane tank leak, a mutual aid request for a silo fire in Amherst and an ambulance assist. **EMS Report:** Deputy Chief Joe Brandt was not in attendance; therefore, no report was given.
7. Town of Stockton Parks Discussion – Chairman Bronk referred to an email that was received recently from a Town resident inquiring as to the improvements planned for the park in the Lone Pine subdivision. Supervisor Johnson stated that the Town has been focused pretty heavily on the Town of Stockton Park. Supervisor Dodge indicated that in previous years, some subdivision residents indicated that they had no interest in developing the local parks or having kids congregate in the local park, therefore, the Town of Stockton Park has been more prevalently developed. In addition, Supervisor Dodge mentioned that previous Road Foreman Jeff Herman had placed soccer fields in some of the local parks which were destroyed which is why the main focus is the Town of Stockton Park. Ms. April Herman spoke to the Board regarding the Lone Pine Park. She stated that there are a number of children ages 5-12 in the area. She indicated that they can ride their bikes to the local park whereas the Town of Stockton Park is further for them. She also stated that she believes the slide is unsafe and would like to see some updating done to the park near her home. Ray Olson of the Parks Committee volunteered to review the area parks. Clerk Novotny received information from Mr. Jim Dodge, Parks Committee Member, requesting that the Board review and approve the purchase of a "Little Library" for the Town of Stockton Park. Committee Members Jerry Piesik and Ray Olsen stated that they had not discussed this as a committee and asked the Town Board to hold off on the decision at this time. Supervisor Johnson suggested that the discussion and decision be tabled until after the Parks Committee has time to discuss as a group.
8. Discussion of landowner offer to sell property adjacent to the Town of Stockton Park at 3341 Custer Road – Chairman Bronk stated that the land owners were in attendance, Chris and Mike Obodzinski. They are placing

their home up for sale. Before meeting with a realtor or listing elsewhere, they approached the Town of Stockton to inquire as to whether or not the Town would be interested as it is adjacent to the Town of Stockton Park. Chairman Bronk stated that it is a five-acre parcel. He provided a large map of the area which was available for the Board and audience to review. Chairman Bronk indicated that the owners were unsure of the value at the time of the communication to the Town nor were they clear on what price they would be asking. Chairman Bronk agreed to split the cost of the appraisal to determine an accurate value of the property. Per Chairman Bronk, the appraisal came back with an estimated value of \$193,000.00. Chairman Bronk and the owners agree that the value isn't worth \$193,000.00. He indicated that there aren't a lot of comparable areas that were able to be utilized in the value. The owners have offered the parcel to the Town of Stockton for \$140,000.00. Chairman Bronk stated that he is not necessarily an advocate for this but indicated that it gives the Town options as far as expansion of the Town of Stockton Park is concerned. He stated that the house does add value to the Town, however, the well, septic and garage may have future value. Supervisor Dodge indicated that she was resistant to agree to the purchase without the legal process which includes public input. In addition, she stated that the contour of the land isn't conducive to the natural expansion of the park area. Chairman Bronk stated that if the land owners are under a time crunch and in the interest of a fast sale, since the Town cannot promise one way or the other, he doesn't feel it would be fair to delay a sale in the event that the Town decision is not to purchase the property. Per Chris Obodzinski, they are interested in selling it as soon as possible and indicated that they don't have the time to research and invest in a lengthy timeline. She indicated that they would forward to a realtor and thanked the Town for their discussion. Motion (Bronk/Johnson) to respectfully decline the offer to purchase land located at 3341 Custer Rd, at this time. Motion carried 3-0.

9. 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 October 22nd, 2018 to June 30, 2019. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to approve the request of Operator's License and to grant such license for issuance to Jeff Stelk. Motion carried 3-0.
10. 2018 Road Work – Chairman Bronk reported that American Asphalt has had to push back their schedule of the 6th St project due to rain delays. The final grade and paving should occur this week. He stated that the Road Crew continues to work on grass cutting and brushing and preparing the plows for winter.
11. Community Center Future Plans – Chairman Bronk stated that there have been no offers as of yet. He stated that he received an email from the realtor that indicated that there was an interested party but no offer has been made.
12. Treasurer Sandra Walters presented the September 2018 Treasurer's Report to the Board. Motion (Johnson/Dodge) to accept the report as submitted. Motion carried 3-0.
13. Chairman Bronk presented 2018 Budget vs. Actual Report.
14. Closing of Chase Bank Account – Treasurer Walters requested the Board to consider closing the Chase Bank account. She stated that this account is only used for tax deposits and was probably set up long ago prior to the advancement of online banking. Treasurer Walters stated that she has discussed with the County Treasurer who indicated that the deposit can be made to another banking establishment other than Chase Bank. Treasurer Walters stated that Chase Bank is not in a convenient location and it is often difficult to utilize funds that are deposited there as she needs to write a check to transfer funds to Huntington Bank then wait for them to

release the hold on the funds before we can write checks out. Redirecting funds to Huntington Money Market will also provided a higher interest rate than we've had with Chase Bank and will be more efficient for both the Clerk and Treasurer to view account information as Chase Bank was slower in providing statements each month. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to close the Chase Bank Account and move funds to Huntington Bank. Motion carried 3-0.

15. Motion (Dodge/Johnson) to approve checks numbered 33624 to 33646 and ACH transaction number 180755. Motion carried 3-0.
16. Clerks Report – Clerk Novotny stated that she has been actively involved in preparing for the upcoming General Election. The Town residents have been very receptive to the absentee voting process as well. Clerk Novotny reminded Board Members as well as the audience that she will be holding evening hours on Wednesday, October 24th, 2018 from 5-7pm as well as will be in the office from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm on Friday, November 2nd, 2018. That is the last day that new registrations and/or absentee requests may be handled prior to Election Day which is Tuesday, November 6th, 2018. Clerk Novotny reported that she will be attending an Election Security Training session in Waupaca on Monday, October 29th in the morning along with Chief Election Inspector Cindy Davis. Lastly, Clerk Novotny indicated that the next Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 13th, 2018 as the Wisconsin Towns Association Meeting is scheduled in the Town of New Hope for Monday, Monday, November 12th, 2018.
17. Correspondence – Chairman Bronk referred to a memo received from the Portage County UW-Extension Office inviting Board Members to an Open House on November 8th, 2018. Chairman Bronk also shared a copy of the Bill of Sale from the sale of the 1961 FWD Truck.
18. Chairman Bronk reminded members that future agenda items should be provided to the Clerk in advance.
19. Motion to adjourn (Johnson/Bronk) at 7:18 pm. Motion carried 3-0.

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

Approved: November 13th, 2018
Posted to file: November 14th, 2018