

**TOWN OF STOCKHOLM**  
**JANUARY 10, 2024**

**Town of Stockholm Caucus**

Chair Joey Edlin was unwell and stood aside for the Caucus. Clerk Martha Black called the Caucus to order at 7.15 pm January 10, 2024. Present were Joey Edlin, Joshua Liberty Sundance Steele, Vicki Nelson, Ron Knuth, Paul Olson, Jayne Edwards, Randy Edwards, Ted Fisher and Martha Black, all residents of the Town of Stockholm.

Martha Black explained the Caucus procedures and then called for nominations for the Office of 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor. Vicki Nelson nominated Ron Knuth for 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor. Martha Black, acting Chair, called the motion out of order and once more called for nominations for 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor. Vicki Nelson nominated Jim Riesgraf for 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor. Ron Knuth seconded the motion. Martha Black, acting Chair, called 3 times for any other nominations, and hearing none announced that nominations for 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor of the Town of Stockholm was now closed.

Martha Black, acting Chair, then called for nominations for the office of 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor. Vicki Nelson nominated Ron Knuth for 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor. Sundance Steele seconded the nomination. Martha Black, acting Chair, called three times for any other nominations, and hearing none announced that nominations for 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor were now closed.

Having nominated candidates to both offices, acting Chair Martha Black called for a motion to adjourn the Town of Stockholm Caucus. Vicki Nelson made a motion to adjourn, Ron Knuth seconded the motion. Caucus adjourned at 7.19.

**REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF STOCKHOLM  
January 10, 2024**

The Regular Monthly Board meeting was called to order at 7.20 pm, Wednesday, January 10th, 2024 at the Fire Hall in Lund W1498 County Rd CC Stockholm.

1. Roll call and Confirmation of Notice: Present: Joe Edlin, Chair, Joshua Sundance Steele, 1<sup>st</sup> Supervisor, Vicki Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Supervisor, Ron Knuth, 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisor, Absent: Jim Riesgraf 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisor. Joey Edlin moved to have someone else chair the meeting as he was feeling unwell. Vicki Nelson seconded the motion. Ron Knuth moved for Sundance Steele to chair the monthly Board meeting. Vicki Nelson seconded the motion. All in favor, Sundance Steele took over as Chair of the Monthly Meeting.

This meeting was noticed in accordance with Wis. Statute §985.02(2)(a) on the Town website January 1<sup>st</sup> and the Town Notice Board on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

2. Approval of December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes: Ron Knuth made a motion to approve the December monthly board meeting minutes with a correction to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Supervisors in roll call. Vicki Nelson seconded the motion to approve the minutes with the correction. All in favor, motion carries.
3. Treasurer's Report: Barry Terpstra read the Treasurer's Report as submitted by the Treasurer on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024:

On December 31, 2023 the balances in the Town's Accounts were as follows:

General account - \$41,637.25  
Money Market - \$1,016.53  
Rock Fund – \$6,021.80  
ARPA Fund - \$20,901.57

Vicki Nelson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report. Ron Knuth seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

4. Citizen's Concerns—none.

5. Public update, discussion and possible action on status and next steps for the nuisance ordinance violation at N3188 O'Tool Rd: Acting Chair Sundance Steele explained that the Board went to the property on Monday and noted the clean-up, with the understanding that some things are still in progress and need to be cleaned up more. Sundance Steele said it was his view that the property is not a nuisance and no longer in violation of the ordinance. Ron Knuth and Vicki Nelson agreed. Sundance Steele stressed that the Board is not trying to make money off this ordeal, and said that the Board will seek to reduce the fines, although the fines need to include the costs to the Town. The Clerk Martha Black will be in touch with our lawyer to discuss next steps.
6. Discussion and possible action on contracting new Zoning Administrator: Cedar Corp presented their information to the Town Board and Plan Commission last month, and as a member of both Sundance Steele feels their services would be beneficial to the Town and an investment into the future but would need to make sure that we can afford it and wanted to see the costs before voting to contract with them. Ted Fisher, chair of the Plan Commission, spoke to the cost benefits of avoiding lawsuits. The Board will need to decide what the budget for Comprehensive Planning and Zoning administration will be, and what part of that budget the Plan Commission will use. The Board decided to postpone any decisions for another month to get more information on costs and how much funds might be relocated for this. The Clerk Martha Black will come up with the most information possible on potential costs for contracting with Cedar Corp.
7. Progress report, discussion and possible action on proposed new Town road Hazel Lane: Joey Edlin reported that his private drive is ready for inspection and invited the Board to inspect the road. The Clerk will schedule with the Board a time to do that before our next meeting, depending on snow cover.
8. Update on Pepin Ambulance service: Clerk Martha Black spoke with Tina Cook, director of the Pepin Ambulance. Tina clarified that the Pepin Ambulance does transfers to the Red Wing Mayo hospital. However, it depends on the status of the patient and how stable they are. If a patient is in critical condition such as a cardiac arrest or stroke, their protocol is to take patients to the closest ER. To do otherwise they have to clear it with their medical director Doctor Spano at Saint Elizabeth's, and insurance may not cover that trip or the extra miles of that trip. Patients might then be transferred once they reach the closest ER but the Ambulance's job is to get people to medical care and they have protocols in place to do that.

9. Road Maintenance Update: None this month.
10. Clerk's Update on Administration and Finances: The Plan Commission has discussed additional payments for the Plan Commission secretary to cover the writing of the updated Comprehensive Plan. Sundance Steele pointed out that a well written and presented Plan will save us money when we get it reviewed. Both Sundance Steele, Town Board Representative to the Plan Commission, and Ted Fisher, Chair of the Plan Commission, spoke to Plan Commission Secretary W. Geoffrey Black's qualifications and skills to write a clear and well-crafted Town Plan that reflects our unique characteristics. The Clerk will add an item to next month's agenda to determine the type and amount of the Secretary's additional pay. The Clerk reminded the Board that the Towns Association District Meetings are coming up and are an opportunity to do Board of Review training. She will forward more information about these opportunities on to the Board. Finally, she passed along Kevin Shriver's thanks for the Board's persistent efforts with the Nuisance Ordinance violation.
11. Pay Bills: Vicki Nelson made a motion to pay the bills. Ron Knuth seconded the motion. All in favor, so moved.
12. Adjournment: Ron Knuth made a motion to adjourn the regular monthly board meeting. Joey Edlin seconded the motion. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7.53

APPROVED by the Board February 14th, 2024

Martha Black, Clerk  
Town of Stockholm