# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE TOWN OF STURGIS HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF APRIL 2024

A regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the Town of Sturgis was held at 6:00 o'clock on the 2nd Day of April 2024 at the Town Hall, the aforesaid being the time and place for the meeting of the officers present: Leah Brown, Mayor; Jerry Bean, Susie McClelland, Amanda Ware, Lori Ann Carpenter, Aldermen; Laura Smith, Mayor Pro Tem; Mandy Page, Town Clerk; Doug Hamilton, Police Chief.

Absent: Caroline Commer, Attorney; Jeff Foster, Water Operator.

The meeting was duly opened and called to order by Mayor, Leah Brown. Opening prayer by Leah Brown.

#### ORDER – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Amanda Ware. The board approved the minutes for March 2024.

Jerry Bean --- Yea

Laura Smith --- Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

#### **ORDER – DOCKETT CLAIMS**

Upon motion made by Susie McClelland and seconded by Amanda Ware. Unanimously carried. The board approved to pay the listed bills for March 2024.

Jerry Bean -- Yea

Laura Smith --- Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter--- Yea

<sup>\*</sup>Police & Water Reports were given.

<sup>\*</sup>Water Report was sent by Jeff Foster and handed out to Board.

## ORDER- POLICE CHIEF CONFERENCE

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to allow the Police Chief, Doug Hamilton to attend the Police Chief's Conference in Biloxi on June 17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

# ORDER- MML CONFERENCE FOR MAYOR

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to allow Mayor Leah Brown to attend Annual MML Conference in Biloxi on June 24<sup>th</sup>- 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

#### ORDER-POST OFFICE PARKING

Upon motion made by Lori Ann Carpenter and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to allow the post office mail truck to park on Town property.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

<sup>\*</sup>Discussion on mail truck delivery and damage to road on town property. Also, county work crew is scheduled to fix the damage to the road behind the town hall.

<sup>\*</sup>Discussion of handicap parking in front on Post Office. Handicap sign has been posted but also need paint markings on pavement. County will fix the pavement.

## ORDER- HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Upon motion made by Jerry Bean and seconded by Laura Smith. Unanimously carried. The board voted to make a handicap accessible parking spot in front of the Post Office. Town Ordinance will be recorded as # 120 and fines to be determined by Town judge. There is a sign there now but a painted marking will be added soon.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

#### **ORDER- COMMUNITY MARKET**

Upon motion made by Amanda Ware and seconded by Laura Smith. Unanimously carried. The board voted to host the Sturgis Community Market from May to August 2024.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

\*Discussion on road for the lagoon through park (between field & race track). Race track dirt can possibly be used for the road. Shorter route through park than old road and Town could have their own access. Fund monies could supply rock for shore line. Current road may be damaged by trucks bringing rocks. Possibly easement allowance.

#### ORDER-BIDS ON NEW ROAD TO LAGOON

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Amanda Ware. Unanimously carried. The board voted to start the bid process for construction of the new road for the lagoon.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

- \*Discussion of the ballfield readiness for the Tee Ball games & practices. Field has been striped & bases placed. Concession stand will be open and Town supported.
- \*Discussion on the request to clean-up trees from the county & roads like Sturgis/West Point Road.
- \* Discussion of rumble strips & speed bumps on streets in town. To have a speed bump added to street, 100% of residents on that street will have to sign a petition and that agreement sent to the County Supervisor.

#### **ORDER-ADJOURN**

Upon motion made by Laura Smith and seconded by Susie McClelland. Unanimously carried. The board voted to adjourn with no further business.

Jerry Bean---Yea

Amanda Ware---Yea

Lori Ann Carpenter---Yea

Laura Smith---Yea

Susie McClelland---Yea

ATTEST:

MANDY JONES PAGE

**TOWN CLERK** 

LEAH BROWN

**MAYOR**