

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 8, 2015
9:15am

Present: Lowell Hagen, Robert Strand, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

The minutes of the September 9, 2015 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Delmore Consulting PASER service contract – The board would like to hire Delmore Consulting for \$1200 to review the condition of all town roads and complete the DOT's PASER program for 2015. Jeff Delmore, owner, will also make a presentation to the board after reviewing the road conditions. Lowell would like Bob Harris to ride along with Jeff when he does the tour. Lowell made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

2016-2017 City of Whitewater Fire Department Contract – Chief Don Gregoire and two other fire department workers presented the new two-year contract totaling \$56,840 (\$26,440 in 2016 and \$30,400 in 2017). Whole department operating budget is over a million dollars per year. Rural operational budget went up about \$15,000 over the past year. Don said that the Town of Whitewater is 50% of all rural runs. They use their operating costs and their contingency account for new equipment and trucks so that the town doesn't get billed separately when the Fire Department makes a new big purchase. Need to put \$55,000 away each year for capital equipment. Neighboring fire departments charge more for coverage plus they charge separately for equipment. WFD doesn't get any federal or state funding unless they write grants. The 2% fire dues help cover training, inspections, and equipment. Carrie mentioned that the length of time between fire calls and the billing to the township is way too long and needs to be shortened up. Don said they're working on hiring a clerical person to help improve the billing timing. We said that the website should note there needs to be driving clearing for the fire trucks to get in to the properties. Norm made a motion to approve the 2-year contract as presented, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

2016-2017 TRIP road work project – We are eligible to apply for the 2016-2017 program year. Norm thinks we should do a big road and do part of it each year. Norm suggested Island Road east of Taylor Road. Bob suggested Woodward Road north of the railroad track, but Norm thinks Woodward should have a wedge because it's a low use road. Bob also suggested the bottom of Hill Drive where there is 150' that is junk. Payne & Dolan estimated \$20,000 to patch the three holes or \$180,000 to do the whole road. Norm made a motion to apply for TRIP to continue the Island Road project west of Hwy 89, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Spring N7553 Ridge Road rip rap retaining wall on town park property – Bob said that Bill Spring called about a willow tree on our park property. DNR would like tree in water left and county zoning said if it's in the water anyone can cut it out. Bill installed 30' of nice new rip rap on town property because Bill didn't know where his property line was. Norm said if there is something placed in the park, there could be a liability issue. Thought of selling that park property. Tabled to November.

Other town business – None

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 10:00am, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer