

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

7:00pm

Present: Lowell Hagen, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

Absent: Rodney Wilson

The minutes of the November 20, 2014 special town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – None

Treasurer report – Carrie read the account balances. Norm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

1st Side Supervisor – None

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm received two complaints about icy roads on Kettle Moraine drive East of Highway P.

Chairman – Resident on Hill Drive called him about the road not being cleared. Salter motor on the truck died after one pass. Lowell got a local man to go plow and salt / sand. Resident was happy.

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read report (see attached).

Town letter regarding lake ordinances to be distributed to realtors – Lillian Roy presented a letter from a subgroup of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management that they would like the Whitewater Town Board and Richmond Town board to approve. The letter would be distributed along with the town and DNR lake ordinances by realtors and commercial establishments on the lake (like JNT, the campground, etc.) when they are renting lake materials. Norm made a motion to endorse the letter and packet, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Meyer variance requests at W8080 Bay View Drive – Meyer's attorney is asking for a 2-part variance due to a pending sale of the property. First, the garage was inspected by the Walworth County zoning officer upon construction in 1987, but no survey was required at that time. However, upon reviewing the surveys now, it appears that they were measuring off of the center of the roadway instead of the lot line and the garage is .7 feet from the lot line. They are asking for a 9.3 foot variance for the garage street yard setback since they built it with county approval in 1987. Second, there is a brick patio that sits off to the side of the house. The surveyor of the 1999 survey provided an affidavit showing a 77' distance from the shoreline to the screen porch. That distance in the 2014 survey shows only 67'. There was a loss of 10' of property at the shoreline due to natural causes since 1999. They are requesting a 23' variance for this brick patio. Zoning doesn't require a permit for this type of patio, so the property owner thought he was ok because he didn't know about this 10' loss of property. Norm inspected the property and the small patio. Norm made a motion to approve both variances on the patio and garage as requested, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Husbandry Law – Walworth County sent a letter regarding Implementation of Wisconsin Act 377 – Weight and Length Limits for Implements of Husbandry (IoH) and Agricultural Commercial Vehicles (Ag CMVs). Trying to set standards by which farmers can haul loaded trailers for manure haulers on county and town roads. IoHs and Ag vehicles adhere to a 92,000 gross weight and an axle weight of 23,000 pounds per axle, which is 15% higher than previously allowed weights. They are trying to get uniformity across the county. Lowell went to a meeting and the majority of people were choosing Option E (Opt In State Statute 348.15(9)(f)2(a)). It's been adopted by the state and ok'd by the WTA and ok'd by County. Norm made a

motion to go with option E and adopt a resolution be uniform with the county's rules, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Town worker's compensation insurance renewal question – Horton Insurance submitted a quote for 2015 with an upgrade option. For an additional \$75 in annual premium, we can increase our limits from 100,000/500,000/100,000 (Wisconsin statutory limits) to 500,000/500,000/500,000. Norm made a motion to increase the limits to 500,000/500,000/500,000 for an additional \$75, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Reliance Road speed limit - The Kurlinski's asked if the speed limit could be reduced from 55 mph on Reliance Road. Mr. Kurlinski thanked the county for putting the speed trailer out there. He feels it raised the awareness of the actual speed limit. Tim Otterbacher reported that the trailer was out for 8-9 days 24 hours per day. There was a lot of traffic on that road and the average speed was in the low 30's with the highest speed being 69 by one car. Norm said that if he thought it would help at all, he would look into lowering the speed limit. However, he doesn't feel that lowering the speed limit will make people go any slower than they already are. If the Kurlinski's would like we can make visibility better by cleaning up the right-of-way near the Kurlinski's house to improve the line of vision. Lowell feels the same way since the speed trailer didn't show any evidence that people are speeding. Tim Otterbacher can put the speed trailer out again in spring without the posted speed. Kurlinski's might fence in the entire yard, as they had originally planned when they purchased the house.

Purchase of pick-up truck – No discussion.

Christmas bonuses – Norm made a motion to pay a \$100 bonus to Sean Blatten for all of the extra work that he does for the Lake Association without being paid. Norm also motioned to pay a Christmas bonus of Bob \$150, Steve \$100, John \$100, Loren \$100, June Sherman \$50, and Carrie \$100. Lowell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Lowell said that we got a new motor for the sander and it's installed and back to working.

Rod is in the hospital at present. If he would resign before the spring election in December or January, Norm would prefer not to appoint someone. If we do, we should advertise. Neither Lowell nor Norm feel that we should appoint either of the people currently running for that position in the April 2015 election.

Public Input – Claudia Holst said that there isn't a speed limit sign on E. Lakeshore between Sherida and Highway P to the north. Cars are going way over the 25 mph speed limit and she'd like a sign installed. Stop sign at Larry Road and E. Lakeshore is faded and no reflective tape on the post. Norm said that we should check all road signs during the road tour in 2015.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer