

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 11, 2015
7:00pm

Present: Lowell Hagen, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

The minutes of the February 5, 2015 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 – Fire Chief Don Gregoire asked that we mention to residents to check with their insurance company about fire call coverage. Per John Pecha at American Family, about 95% of traditional policies pay up to \$500 for contracted fire fees for what could be a covered loss (not controlled burn, false ADT, CO2 calls, etc.). Generally can add an additional \$400 of coverage to get to the \$900 total for about \$8 per year. Of course coverage and costs vary by insurance company, so residents should contact their own insurance agent to get additional details.

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

1st Side Supervisor – None

2nd Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – None

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read the report (as attached). Two burglaries in the Township, so lock your houses and report anything suspicious.

Resolution for parking on Burr Oak Road - Norm reported that the County messed up when the lots were combined and a house was moved and now there are two non-conforming lots. County said the best thing to do is to take the road back that the town gave them except for where the house is located on the road and 2' around it to avoid an encroachment agreement. In doing that we had a survey done. One property owner is happy and the other wants to make sure he can park on the road and asked for it in writing from the town so he's proposing this parking resolution. Town wants to be able to run the 12' wide plow straight in. Both lots can park on the shoulder starting 7' from the center line of the road to each property line. That way the town can plow and the property owners can park in the cul-du-sac. Norm made a motion to accept the resolution as written, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Implementing boat launch fees on Whitewater Lake – Implementing boat launch fees will help Lake Management continue to get DNR grant moneys. Norm reported on a draft ordinance that the town would partner with Lake Management to maintain and collect boat launch fees at three public launches. Launch fees will be \$5 per day or \$25 per year. Lake Management District tax payers who have registered boats will be exempt. The Town and Lake Management will split the cost and the first money collected will go to pay for the installation and equipment costs. Money after that would be used by the town to maintain the boat launches. Norm will take this draft ordinance to the Lake Management Meeting tomorrow and will come back to the Town Board with additional information. Tabled to the next meeting.

Walworth County possible ordinance amendment relative to setbacks for buildings associated with agricultural animals - Norm thinks that it's a lot of rules and restrictions for those who want to have certain animals and it'll be a conditional use through Walworth County. Norm made a motion to

support the County's ordinance, seconded by Lowell. The board supports it because it allows smaller properties a limited number of animals. The board doesn't have any concerns or amendments with the proposed ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.

Road tour date – Tentatively set for Tuesday, March 3 at 8:00am, provided the snow is melted, but subject to change.

Other town business – Norm checked on the red Ford F-150 that is being repaired and they had to order transmission parts.

Public Input – Dan Holst suggested that the town shouldn't allow parking on Sherida because people are occasionally parking right on the road at the curve. Lowell suggested someone talk to them before we take further action.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 7:39pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer