

# Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes

## Wednesday, March 12, 2014

### 7:00pm

Present: Lowell Hagen, Rodney Wilson, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

The minutes of the February 12, 2014 town board meeting were reviewed. Rod Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Rodney. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – Carrie reminded voters that there is an election on 4/1/14 with the polls open from 7am-8am. Also, the next town annual meeting is Tuesday, April 15 beginning at 6:30pm with the monthly town board meeting to follow. Rod made a motion to accept the Clerk's reports as read, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

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

1<sup>st</sup> Side Supervisor – Rod reported that a 2002 International plow has been purchased. There is some sandblasting and painting that should be done this summer on plows. One ton truck has a 4 wheel drive issue that will need to be repaired or replace the truck.

2<sup>nd</sup> Side Supervisor – Norm got a complaint of 2 mailboxes being hit by plow on Crestview. He viewed them and the posts were knocked over, but the mailboxes were ok. Town should replace the posts in spring since the plow hit them versus the snow hitting them.

Chairman – None

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read report (see attached). Have the speed trailer that can be put on any road that we would like. Board suggested on east end of Willis Ray Road as well in front of the Town Hall. Also suggested Kettle Moraine Road near Clover Valley because there are a lot of walkers and cars go fast. Tim mentioned they will put it in from of Scenic Ridge as well.

Winter parking signs on E. Lakeshore Drive –Jim Harmon, who plows E. Lakeshore, said that it's hard to plow in winter because of parked cars. Lowell is concerned with putting "no parking Nov. - March" signs on lake side of road because some parking is needed. Tim said the Sheriff's Department can enforce the signs with \$25 parking tickets at officer discretion. Town has an ordinance stating that the tires have to be 6" off of roadway, which Sheriff can not enforce because State Statute says no tires on roadway, which can be enforced. Would like to send a letter with the parking ordinance information in the tax bill and put it on the website. Then if there is an issue we can call the Sheriff's Department.

Town cell phones – Bob would like to get a second town owned cell phone from US Cellular to be used by a snow plow driver as well as summer help. The cost after the phone purchase and activation fee is \$35 per month. Trac phones haven't had any reception. Rod made a motion to get a second US Cellular phone, seconded by Lowell. Motion carried unanimously.

State inspection required purchases – Rod was here during the state inspection and we need to buy a fire proof cabinet for flammable liquids. Upper area above the restrooms needs a railing with an engineering load baring test or we can move the boxes out of that area. Norm suggested taking signs out of the garage and put in the building across the street and put the boxes on shelves in that space. Also need MSDS, sign with safety rules, fiberglass ladders, and eye wash station. Most other small fixes have been taken care of. Rodney will make sure that all work gets done by April 24.

Storage building – Rodney is wondering if we are ever going to build a second storage building for the boat and possibly snow plows. Building could be unheated dirt floor 60' x 40' pole building where the fenced in area is now. Norm noted that there might be state specifications that must be followed. Will table for future discussion.

Road tour date – Norm suggested scheduling for Saturday, March 29. Have a special town board meeting at 8:00am with a road tour to immediately follow.

Town Hall Water Softener – We currently own a water softener that hasn't worked for years, but the board didn't feel it was necessary to get a new one because we don't do dishes or laundry. Norm noted that we might have a water issue because water recently backed up in the garage. He said the tanks need to be checked in spring.

Other town business – None

Public input – Resident mentioned to make sure that all outsourced workers or companies provide certificates of insurance to reduce town liability.

Adjourn to Closed Session - Norm made a motion to move into closed session, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously. Called to order. Present: Lowell Hagen, Norman Prusener, Rodney Wilson, Carrie Hintz

Completed Clerk/Treasurer annual review.

Adjourn back to open Town Board Meeting.

The board paid bills.

Rod made a motion to adjourn at 7:59pm, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer*