

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 15, 2014
6:50pm

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

The minutes of the March 29, 2014 special town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Rodney. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – Carrie read an email from a resident thanking the town for filling the pot holes on Glacial Drive and taking care of the tree branch on Engel Road in a very timely manner.

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

1st Side Supervisor – Rod reported that he went to the Lions Club meeting to discuss parking the Safety Patrol boat there instead of at the marina to reduce costs and they were in favor of it. They would like the Town to put up a “Sheriff’s Parking Only” sign in the parking lot. Town is out trimming trees and cutting brush with the rented brush cutter. We have 160 hours to use it. Resident contacted Rodney who said he would be willing to pay more in taxes if we bought more road salt.

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm reported one complaint on Glacial Drive about 2 pine trees on town property that are blocking the stop sign. Trees need to be trimmed on the bottom 4-6’ to see the stop sign. Suggested sending a letter or talking to the adjoining property owner prior to trimming because they planted the trees. Rodney will talk to the resident before trimming.

Chairman – None

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

Variance for Drays property (W7765 Bluff Road) – Resident was in to the town last year for a different approval, which was granted, but recently the County told her she has another problem. She now needs a variance for 6” to continue with her project. Lowell noted that the CSM states that this lot line adjustment between the adjoining land owners does not create any additional lots and the original parcels are not reduced below minimum size. Norm made a motion to accept the lot line adjustment between Lot 1 of CSM 1684 and lots 1 and 2 of CSM 4096 as presented, seconded by Rodney. Motion passed unanimously.

Board of Review alternates and ordinance – Norm made a motion to approve the ordinance as written, adding the Town Clerk as the first alternate and giving the Town Clerk the authority to solicit and appoint other alternates and maintain the list. Motion seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

2014 Safety Patrol Contract – Sean noted that we received the 2013 DNR grant check, which included the hours Bob worked on the boat. Total received for the grant was \$17,615.25, which was more than we’ve received in the past. Can claim the boat depreciation for 3 more years at \$1,500 per year. In the process of hiring 3 more deputies after losing 2 deputies. Have training in May and will start patrolling May 23rd. The 2014 contract request is for \$18,500 for hourly wages, including FICA and Worker’s Compensation. Rodney made a motion to accept, seconded by Norm. Motion carried unanimously. Have a 2-day May boating safety class at the Town Hall that is open to anyone at a cost of \$10 per person. Suggest parents attend with children. In Wisconsin those born after Jan. 1, 1989 must have boater’s safety license, but it’s a good refresher for all ages. Those born before 1/1/89 are grandfathered in. Can sign up online at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/boat/>. Sean’s only concerns with moving the Safety Patrol boat from the marina to the

Lion's Club are the security and vandalism of the boat, trash disposal and rest room availability. Safety Patrol will have a key to the Lion's Club. Rodney said that the Lion's Club vote was unanimous to approve. The Board and Town would like to thank Sean for the work he puts into the Safety Patrol and DNR Grant writing.

2014 Safety Patrol boat storage –The pier that we have needs to be moved to the Lion's Club one time and at the end of the year it can be stored on their bank. Bob's going to fix the pier. Rod made a motion to move the pier for the 2014 season to the Lion's Club, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

2014 Road Tour and Road Bids – Board went on a road tour on March 29 to determine work for 2014. For five ditching and culvert areas, Norm made some drawings that could be sent out for bids on specific projects. Norm also computed length for Reliance road, Millis Road and Flowing well parking area. Will advertise for bids for this work. Advertise for seal, blacktop and crack filling bids on specific projects on other roads. Put a road program together for specific work and then put that out for bid for each specific project. Shouldering we'll do ourselves. Island Road east and west of Hwy 89 we should wait until we can get a TRIP government grant next year. Need to prioritize road work prior to getting bids. Rod to put a list together and then we'll have a special board meeting.

Broom purchase – Multiple bids were reviewed. Rodney made a motion to buy the 7' wide front mount broom for \$5,371 from Johnson Tractor, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Cost of new construction state seal – We currently charge \$30 and need to order new seals, which cost us over \$30 each. Per Independent Inspectors, most municipalities charge residents \$35-\$40 each and he suggested we charge \$40. Norm made a motion to increase to \$40 each, seconded by Rodney. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – None

Public input – Resident asked if additional brush cutting will continue on East Lakeshore Drive. Rodney said yes that we will do it with the rented cutter throughout the township over the next few weeks.

The board paid bills.

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

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer