

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 5, 2014
7:00pm

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

The minutes of the April 15, 2014 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Rodney. The motion passed unanimously.

Operator license applications – Two applicants, Jordan A. Hoffman and Bradley W. Panek, applied for operator permits and will be working at the Whitewater Country Club. The board reviewed the applications and background checks. Rod made a motion to approve the operator license to Jordan Hoffman, but not Bradley Panek due to his background check, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Whitewater/Rice Lake Management grant support letter – The board reviewed a letter to the DNR in support of the Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District's request for financial assistance from the Waterways Commission for the purpose of acquiring weed harvesting equipment. Norm said that they are applying for a 50/50 grant on a \$140,000 piece of equipment. They need Town of Whitewater and Richmond's blessing. Norm made a motion to give them the Town's blessing to apply for the grant, seconded by Rodney. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of fuel transfer tank and trailer to haul it – With the Safety Patrol boat changing locations, the board considered purchasing a 30-gallon tank online for \$350. Rodney suggested not purchasing the fuel tank and either paying the premium at the marina or pulling the boat out and taking it to the gas station to fill up. Norm made a motion to not purchase the tank, seconded by Rodney. Motion passed unanimously.

Mailbox damage policy – Carrie checked with other municipalities for snow plow mailbox damage policies. Most limit the reimbursement value and / or type of replacement and require that the original installation meet USPS specifications. Board decided that a Town Board member or roadman must first verify that our plow hit the mailbox and that the town is responsible. The town will then reimburse a maximum of \$75 with receipt for materials and / or labor, similar to the East Troy policy, as long as the original mailbox was installed per USPS specifications. Carrie to put together a policy for approval.

2014 road work – Rod put together a list of suggested projects based upon road tour priority and estimated costs based upon 2013 bid pricing. Will have contractors bid on specific projects this year. Rod to put together a proposal form for bids on projects. Can wait to ask for bids on sand/salt.

Other town business – Norm reported that the surveyor needs to pound stakes and complete survey for Burr Oak. Then can provide to attorney.

Brush cutting – Rented for 4 weeks and all work is about done and looks really good. Billed DNR for State Park Road brush cutting work.

Rod asked if someday the town would want to consider giving Hi-Lo Road to the DNR for their campground and town could take State Park Road if mileage is similar.

Rod made a motion to adjourn at 7:41pm, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer