

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 2015
7:00pm

Present: Lowell Hagen, Bob Strand, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

The minutes of the July 2, 2015 special town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – The Town received a thank you from Lakeland Animal Shelter for our donation.

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

1st Side Supervisor – Bob reported that Egnoski skimmed a high spot in front of Jim Harmon's house at no charge. Culverts are in on Millis and Island Road. Complaint that branches were over the lanes on Ridge Road. He cut them and they were chipped. Met with County road crew to discuss cutting down trees at Hi-Lo Road and County Trunk P because of limited visibility.

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm reported that he received a complaint about branches on Hackett Road where you're forced into oncoming traffic at the crest of a hill. Should be cut back. Stader Road and Millis Road guardrail/bridges are almost invisible because of weeds that need to be sprayed or cut back.

Chairman – Lowell reported that Ed McManaway questioned if there should be another new culvert on Island Road before we redo Island Road. Bob Strand said we should consider replacing that one.

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read report (see attached). Will put the speed trailer to the south of the dam on Kettle Moraine Drive where it goes down to 35 mph. Speed limit on country roads that aren't posted is 55mph, except rustic roads which are 35mph.

Certified Survey Map for Mischka (N8256 Esterly DW2400010) – Mark Miritz from Land-Mark Surveying surveyed property for Debra Mischka. She wishes to cut off 9 acres of wooded land from her large acreage to make a buildable lot. Norm made a motion to approve, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Operator license applications for 2015-2016 for Whitewater Country Club – Dennis Mullikin and Layne Benton applied for operator permits and will be working at the Whitewater Country Club. Background checks were completed on both applicants. Both background checks came back clear. Norm made a motion to accept both operator licenses requested, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance requests for Jacob (N7405 Ridge Road DMH00107): Larry Jacob has made changes based upon the town's concerns. He reviewed several design options and chose one that requires three variances.

1) Construct an addition and deck on the house 10.66' from the right-of-way and 3.92' from the side lot line – These changes to the variance amounts from the meeting agenda (14' and 3.6') were due to a roof overhang change. The garage will be attached, which will help with water distribution. Larry had a water study for water distribution and chose the best solution.

2) Grade changes and retaining walls 0' from the ordinary high water mark - Proposing to return to original grade pre-1963 construction. The entire south facing lower level of the cottage and rear (west) facing lower level of the garage have been redesigned to eliminate all ground level sliding patio doors from the original design due to grade considerations.

3) Deck in the shoreyard will be 0' from the ordinary high water mark and 0' from the side yard
Norm said that it looks good except water consultant letter mentions a swale. Would like it in writing that the swale will be put in along south property line. Neighbor to the south is in favor as long as no additional water runs to his property. The water from the driveway will be split with a crest. Bob asked if the neighbor

to the south knows that the garage will be closer to his property and that the silt fence will be in the neighbor's property. Larry has a letter of approval from the neighbor. Norm made a motion to approve all of the variances, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Amended Whitewater-Rice Lake Boat Launch Ordinance - Norm said that the original intent was to give the people in the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District exemption from paying a launch fee, but the DNR didn't approve of that in the original ordinance. Need to amend the ordinance to charge a smaller fee of \$4 per day or \$20 per year for residents of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District versus \$6 per day or \$30 per year for nonresidents. Norm made a motion to amend the ordinance, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of new town pick-up / plow / dump truck – Norm said that he'd like to write down what features we want in a truck, including engine size, dump box without fold down sides, no aluminum, 9' plow, 3500 with heavier springs, gas engine, automatic transmission, and 4-wheel drive. Bob will meet with Bob Harris and Steve tomorrow to put together criteria. We don't legally have to advertise for bids, but Lowell would like to get different prices. Would like to make purchase before the first snow and will hold public meeting of the electors at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 12 before our regular monthly town board meeting.

Other town business –Norm got a quote to repair the steel building siding from Wieland Siding LLC for \$1,950. Norm would like to see his work first. Bob thinks the bid is appropriate, but would like Tanis or someone else to get another bid. Lowell would like the work done this fall.

Public Input – Lillian Roy, GWLPOA President, which is not a taxing body, said their intent is to bring property owners together in a social environment to enjoy the lake. Their source of funding is the \$25 per household membership fee. They make annual donations to a variety of causes, including to the town for buoys, which has been the only source of funding for buoys. They're concerned that these are donations and not operating revenues for the town. They feel that the buoys are in pretty tough condition. They'd like the town to put town money into the town budget for buoys. They need repairs or replacements so that they're in better condition because it's a safety issue. Norm said that we did order caps that were replaced recently. Lowell said that this is the first we've heard of this, but we can make budget adjustments in 2016 for this if needed. Norm said that buoys can't be paid for with the DNR grant. Board questioned whether someone's been messing with the buoys because this is the first year we've had with the buoys moving. Bob said that the buoys are all the same length of chain and they drift if the buoys are placed in shallower water. Not enough buoys between the island and where Camp Joy has their place where there is only one buoy. The GWLPOA is most concerned about safety.

Pat Ross is concerned about the rental ordinance that breaks up communities and causes additional usage on roads. She's wondering why Alden Street hasn't been paved because it's very broken up.

Resident asked about holiday shooting in the City of Whitewater. Four people were shot with a BB gun. Twenty-one year old in custody and there's a warrant for a second person.

Resident asked about theft of ski equipment from a residence on Chapel in the Town of Richmond. Officer Otterbacher said to please report anything suspicious and trust your instincts. Larry Jacob said that he lost some yard equipment that was sitting out.

Art Schmitz from E. Lakeshore Drive said that several neighbors are asking about status of drainage. Bob said that next he has to dig in the east end of the culvert that goes toward John's house and get the standing pipe in. Then they'll proceed once they figure out what this stand pipe does.

Lillian mentioned that Lowell Wilson died last week at age 98.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:12pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer