

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 11, 2016
7:00pm

Present: Lowell Hagen, Robert Strand, Norman Prusener, Laura Koplinski

The minutes of the April 20, 2016 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – None

Treasurer report – Laura 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 new part-time employees are doing well. Ridge road clean up.

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm reported that he received a complaint about pulling boats out at Hwy P and Kettle Moraine Drive. Patch on E. Lakeshore Drive didn't blend with other road.

Chairman – None

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

Conditional use, variance, and zoning requests for Bembenek at W8055 Bay View (DW 2600006) – Eugene and Irene Bembenek are requesting a variance for a lodge 21.2' from a side property line. They are also seeking a conditional use permit for a single family residence to operate as a lodge to allow short-term rentals. They have lights on the garage, front door and upper / lower patio doors. Parking is available in front of the garage and driveway. The house is served by septic. Garbage is picked up by John's Disposal. They'd allow up to 6 people and require quiet hours after 11:00pm. They are also requesting a rezone from R-1 to R-4 to allow for short-term rentals. Property owners live next door to the subject property and monitor all activity of guests. Norm recommend accepting R-4 zoning and variance of 21.2', Bob seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Conditional use request for Pyne at N7695 Pine Knolls (DLS 00032) – Mr. Pyne is requesting a conditional use permit for a bed & breakfast. He will rent out the property using AirBNB while being compliant with the Bed & Breakfast standards of Wisconsin, Walworth County, and Whitewater. Initially the rental would be available April to October, but eventually could become year-round once a furnace is installed. The property consists of a 660 square foot cabin, while the garage and crawlspace will be locked during rentals. This property will be owner occupied during the rentals and no meals will be served. The cabin will permit no more than 6 guests at one time. Renters will park in the driveway. There is a private well and septic, and John's Disposal handles the garbage. No dogs will be allowed and there will not be any employees. Mr. Pyne said he is going to sleep on the premises in his truck and he didn't plan on serving breakfast. Bob made a motion to deny conditional use, second by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Variance request for William & Patricia Hite at N7566 W. Lakeshore Drive (DMP 00018) – The Hite's are back with a modified plan requesting to remove the existing patios, but retain fire pit, retaining walls and a landing, approximately 40 square feet, up to the ordinary high water mark. The representative, Kyle Croft, said that he recommended more plants, shrubs around fire pit, extend steps and separate stacked stones. Norm said that he had a problem because anybody else comes to the town before doing the project. If the town ok's the revisions after the project is done, that sets a precedence for others to do the work first and get approval later. Norm made a motion to deny the request as presented, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Boathouse request for Shelbourn at W8144 R&W Townline Road (DW 3400015) – Gale and Dawn Shelbourn are requesting to construct a boathouse on a vacant lot where they previously had a boathouse that they tore down. Gale presented two letters of support from neighbors. Norm moved to approve, Lowell second. Bob abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

Campbell encroachment at N7431 Ridge Road (DMH 00102) – Mr. Campbell is looking to add a gate next to the garage, at the top of the steps, which is situated on land which is part of an encroachment agreement with the Town of Whitewater. Board said it can't be horizontal to the lake. Gate will only be showing. Norm moved to ok a wooded gate, Bob second. Motion passed unanimously.

Guardrail work - Motion by Norm to have Walworth County do the three guardrails on Clover Valley, Island Road W. of 89 and Stader Road, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Island Road grading work - Norm recommends to supply gravel to fill the holes and let Bob Harris fill. Bob Strand will talk with Bob Harris.

E. Lakeshore Drive road project – A lot of interest at the informational session on Saturday, May 7. Big concern is how it's going to get paid for. Norm recommended starting at Cruse Lane with a possible retention pond and a storm sewer running from the pond and piping down to the lake. Carrie to check with DNR for possible Cruse Lane boat launch grants for retention pond and with the gas company for written procedure for excavating / ditching above an existing gas line.

Other town business – Bob Strand mentioned Woodchuck Alley resurface to tag along on. Richmond Township would like to share proceeds from boat launch boxes. Norm said that after expenses are paid, Richmond will get some money from the profits of the collection box on a road that Richmond maintains. These funds are to be used to maintain the boat launch only.

Public Input – Claudia Holst suggested a speed limit sign on E. Lakeshore Drive about 200' north of Shereda. Board will put up a speed limit sign. Residents asked about the stagnant pond on Bay View and Alden and if we could use mosquito traps for eggs to prevent from hatching. Bob suggested adding fill to it, this was mentioned on road tour. Norm said to ask Carrie to look into DNR rules for putting vegetable oil on the standing water. Hill Dr. needs repairs which will be addressed this summer. Oak Street to be added to brushing list near 7940.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:45pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Laura Koplinski, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer