

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 8, 2016
7:00pm

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

Clerk report - The minutes of the June 2, 2016 special town board meeting were reviewed. Bob made a change that the repair of the culvert by Pete's Tire was made by Bob Strand, not Bob Harris. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes with this change, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer report - Carrie read the account balances. Norm made a motion to accept the treasurer report as written, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

1st Side Supervisor - Bob Strand got a call from Terrance Freeman that the lawn at N7599 E. Lakeshore Drive hasn't been mowed yet this year. Bob is trying to contact the owner. No town ordinance or zoning ordinance regarding this. Art Schmitz is putting in a concrete driveway and wanted approval to trim up asphalt to get a nice straight cut, which Bob approved. Art has drain tile on north and south side of new home with catch basins to help move the water coming across E. Lakeshore Drive.

2nd Side Supervisor - None

Chairman - Lowell had a call that Howard Road north of Bluff has some pot holes in it. Half of the road belongs to the town and half to the city. Bob Strand had seen the potholes as well and Bob Harris already patched them. Bob Strand would like to note for the 2017 road tour that Howard Road north of Bluff Road north of Innovation Parkway needs to work.

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read the report (see attached). Reminder to report anything suspicious.

Ehlen rezone request at N7537 McCabe (DW3600002) – Jeff Ehlen is seeking to rezone 10.78 acres of farmland from C-2 to A-1 so he can do a farm separation and sell the buildings off to his daughter and son-in-law while he'll keep the woods and farmland. Not looking for another building site. Norm said that he's going to have trouble getting it passed at the county because they want to keep conservancy land as is. Bob made a motion to accept the petition for the amendment, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed 2-1.

“Class B” Intoxicating Liquor and Retail Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverages License renewal applications received from Fuzzy Pig, Whitewater Country Club, and JNT Parkside Marina, LLC for 2016-2017 – The board reviewed the applications from the three current license holders. Representatives from The Whitewater Country Club and JNT were present. Lowell inspected the Country Club and everything passed. Minor problems with fire inspection, but the form said it would all be repaired or replaced. Kiefer said that's been taken care of and he has a handyman coming in next week to do repairs. Kiefer said they'll be open year-round. Health Department will be there soon to approve the kitchen and then they'll start serving food. Norm made a motion to grant the renewal of the Country Club. Bob seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Lowell also inspected the Fuzzy Pig and Mr. Kraus said they're basically using the liquor license for the fall haunts. Restaurant is closed currently because they don't have a cook. Everything seemed fine. Bob made a motion to approve The Fuzzy Pig license, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously. JNT's owner Jeff Widner said that his partner finally found a builder, though not a local one. J&M Construction in Elkhorn is going to do the work. They are re-doing the bid right now and within 3 months they'll have permits pulled from the county and work will begin. Anderson Group representative present. Bob made a motion to approve the application, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed 2-1. Jeff said he's willing to sign the same agreement he's signed in previous years.

Operator/bartender license applications for 2016-2017 – Received six operator permit applications for the Fuzzy Pig (Pamela Krause, Richard Kraus Jr., and Lana Kropf) and for the Whitewater Country Club (Kiefer Sullivan, Amanda Van Duyn, and Dana Bealhen Lesperance). Background checks were completed on all applicants. Three of the applicants were previously issued licenses in the Town of Whitewater. Norm made a motion to approve all six operator licenses requested, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

2016 road bids – Four sealed bids were opened at a special meeting on June 2 from Scott Construction, Frank Bros, Wolf Paving, and Payne & Dolan. Board reviewed bids and Bob made the following motion:

- Award project #1 Alden Court to Wolf Paving for \$5,275.25,
- skip #2 Anderson Road right now because it isn't as important and because he'd like to save some money toward E. Lakeshore Drive,
- award project #3 Bradley Court to Payne & Dolan for \$14,559.72,
- award project #4 Burr Oak to Frank Brothers at \$4655.00,
- skip #5 Converse Road because it's already been patched,
- hold for a month on #6 Hill Drive because Norm said it's eroding. He'd like to get a price on putting a concrete pad all the way across 40' up and a rock retaining wall at the shorefront. It would be \$2000 in concrete plus a retaining wall and then patch the holes. It would likely be much less than our current bids. Eight or nine years ago we took it out because it was crowned and then put it in concave so there is a seam in the center that is causing some of the problem. If they repave it, do they have a machine that bends so they can lay it at once so there isn't a seam down the center? Bob said he's okay putting it off for now,
- skip #7 Island Road,
- award #8 Little Acorn to Frank Brothers for \$2,700.00,
- award #9 Pine Knolls to Wolf Paving for \$13,921.60,
- award #10 Ridge Road to Frank Brothers for \$3600.00. Possibly need to have Larry Jacob pay for part of that work due to his construction when it's complete,
- hold off on #11 Howard Road to next year,
- award #12 Millis Road to Scott Construction for \$6,932.20,
- skip #13 Anderson and Clover Valley intersection because Bob Harris can take care of it,
- skip alternate project #1 Pine Knolls,
- award alternate project #2 Island Road to Payne & Dolan for \$82,247.98.
- Norm said we can buy patch wherever we want. Due to having to haul it long distances, the cheapest price isn't always best. Someone suggested checking with the county for purchasing patch.
- We have budgeted \$190,000 but already have expenses plus another \$5000 for crack filling and \$8275 for tree removal. Also need more funds for shouldering and patching. Bob's motion totaled \$133,891.75, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Agreement with neighboring municipalities on road work and maintenance – Lowell would like an agreement in writing with the City of Whitewater, La Grange Township, Richmond Township, and Rock County to clarify what work we each do. Can send a letter to each municipality with what we think we do.

Gardiner Appraisal contract – The June 2016- May 2018 contracted rate is staying the same. Norm made a motion to accept their new contract for another two years at the same price, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Sale of old riding lawn mower – Lowell said we should get it running best we can with a for sale sign out front or on Wisconsin Surplus. Lowell made a motion to sell it out front with an asking price at \$250, accepting nothing less than \$200, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Lillian Roy said that the lake buoys were put out a couple of weeks ago and there are gaps throughout the lake where we need additional buoys. Bob Strand said we put out 123, which is

what we put out usually. Jeff Widner said there are still some buoys sitting at the park. Lillian Roy said Rich Charts has gotten requests for more buoys. Lowell said that we've been given the job of putting them in because no one else wants to do it and every year people aren't happy because buoys aren't placed where they want. Norm said we checked with the Coast Guard and the DNR and they said that the safety patrol officer is the one who has the authority to determine the placement. This year Sean is in the beginning stage of numbering and GPS-ing the buoy locations. Lowell said complaints should go through us and Carrie will forward to Sean the Safety Patrol Officer. Norm said that one problem is that people who complain give their address, but problems might be at a neighbor, and there aren't any addresses from the lakeside. Would like a note on Whitewater-Rice Lake Facebook page and on the Town Website that it would be helpful to have home addresses on the lakeshore in case of an emergency. Jim Harmon said that there are buoys on the north shore of Rice Lake that were on shore all winter. Lillian also asked how much the town budgeted of town money for new buoys, which Carrie said is \$1500.

Henry Kinson said that years ago the homeowners on Woodchuck Alley, a private drive, got the same chip and seal price as the town got. They'd like to coordinate their work with the town to get a good price. Norm said that in the past we got a per mile price but now we get a bid on each job. Can get a chip and seal unit price. Lowell will contact those companies to help them out.

Public input – Resident said that Ridge Road was mowed very well today.

The board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer