

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 23, 2017
7:30am

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

Approval of agenda – Norm made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the March 15, 2017 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

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Review applications for the open part-time general laborer position – Board reviewed the four applications received so far. Michael Barr's application states he's available in June or July. He has a CDL and knows how to plow snow and use equipment, but doesn't have chainsaw experience. Lowell thinks he wants to work at the co-op in spring and fall based upon his job history. Bob will talk to reference Larry Hintz about him. Amanda Adsit has a temporary class B license and would like to get trained on the job if possible. Has equipment and snow plow experience. Steve Malone applied but told Bob Strand and Carrie that he's too busy. Cameron Aders told Carrie that he's a college student and is gone for the summer, not back until sometime in August. Norm made a motion to interview Adsit and Barr, contingent upon not receiving any additional applications by the March 31 deadline, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Interviews on Thursday, April 6 at 8:00am.

Reporting new commercial and agricultural buildings – Lowell and Carrie spoke with Gardiner Appraisal about how they find out about new commercial and agricultural buildings for appraisal purposes since the town doesn't issue permits. Bruce Gardiner said he catches a lot of them because he checks all farms annually, does a drive-by of all houses, and he gets zoning information from the county, but nothing from the state. He said the town board and roadman should report any of these types of improvements to Carrie to report to Gardiner. Bob said Greg Knoll building inspector suggested getting building permits for commercial. Norm said we used to charge a \$10 permit for all ag buildings but there weren't any inspections, but it went away because we went to the uniform dwelling code assessors. Will address with MZIS when we review all building permits and costs later this year.

Other town business – Lowell said we received a letter from the state DNR that the Ridge Road rip rap retaining wall permit is still incomplete. Carrie sent JNT a letter from Lowell stating that they need to get this taken care of. On another note, Norm said that JNT's liquor license could be pulled after 5 weeks if they don't open doors within that time frame after license is issued. Bob said the Lions Club was wondering about borrowing the town's chipper. Discussed liability and damage concerns, as well as setting a precedent for other town residence who might want to borrow town equipment. Bob made a motion not to loan it due to these reasons, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Road tour conducted.

Lowell made a motion to adjourn at 12:09pm, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer