

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 10, 2017
7:00pm

Present: Lowell Hagen, Robert Strand, Norman Prusener, Donna Sherman

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

The minutes of the April 19, 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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Clerk report – None

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

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm said checking the lake about 4 inches below the apron – A Resident asked what the cut off was? It's about 1.6 inches. Permanent signs have been made resident said a lot of fisherman. Norm said that Saturday the buoys are going in.

1st Side Supervisor – Bob said the weather report for the next 7 days looks good and Hill drive construction will take place and should be completed in that time frame.

Chairman – None

Sheriff's Department Incident Report –There was no report given- Lowell made mention that Tim retired.

2017 Whitewater & Rice Lake Safety Patrol Contract – Donna stated that the contract is the same as last year per Carrie's review. Donna provided the board with the following: Total cost for wages in 2016 was \$ 12,742.19 plus safety patrol expenses were \$3,838.53 (not including buoys). Grant reimbursement for 2016 was \$11,282.06 given by DNR. Town of Richmond reimbursed us \$1,472.11. In 2017 we have \$18,000 budgeted for wages plus \$5,000 budgeted for supplies. Norm made a motion to approve the 2017 Whitewater & Rice Lake Safety Patrol Contract with the Walworth County Sheriff's Department, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Lowell did address the audience stating that he has had conversation with the Sheriffs Dept and they have said there have been minimal issues.

Hi-Lo Road and State Park Road discussion with DNR – Jim Jacklee spoke on behalf of the DNR. He has examples he said the state bought Taylor farm mentioned Ann had previously came with Paul and he once mentioned of camps on Hi Lo Rd. He said another example was Sherwood Forest in LaGrange there was 15 acres of total rd right away they took the Rd. at \$2,202 per mile and they ended up paying LaGrange the capitalized rate. He said they used \$2500 1.61 miles on Hi lo comes out to 12.88 acres which comes to approx \$32K (not sure what the capitalized rate would be). Jim said the DNR would purchase the right away and he has some supporting examples. Bob S. asked if we would maintain the road. Jim went on to say they would put a small parking lot on HWY P to help with hunters, campers, and hikers and shut off the entrance on P but Hi Lo Rd. would become strictly a

camping/camper access. Jim stated that Jeff prey is the planner. Lowell asked if there is a want for the DNR to purchase it, there is some steward ship 4 is was Jim said. The resolution would be we would dissolve it as a Road on maps just like the Sherwood forest example Bob asked the cost to get it dissolved would be at their expense. Jim said in most cases from an appraisal stand point the capitalization rate is run to determine value. Bob said if we were interested and the DNR was interested how long would this take Bob said a year Jim said could be done in a few months. Lowell said this all came about from the sale of property to Camp Joy – Jim said the other was under review. Bob asked the part of the road that is residential what is the plan on that. Jim said it would be given to us. Norm/Bob both said to be done as a separate transaction. It is a half a mile to total is 1.9 miles. A Resident (Vince) asked for point of clarification for the Camp Joy situation Lowell said we are not speaking about Camp Joy that is next on the agenda. Vince said the people took their time to voice their opinion at the Walworth county meeting. Bob said (Vince) it will be address at the next agenda item. Jim said he and Paul was working on Hi Lo Rd part of it. Norm said would it be up for discussion could there be a time that Jim and Ann would be up to discuss in a special meeting shortly. Bob said this is a good start – they are interested. Bob said we could possibly counter offer at a higher number Jim said it can be negotiated the best example was the Sherwood the road example. It was closed off. Bob asked how it gets plowed. Hunters use it the cul de sac would be on P use that as a parking. All the campers come into Kettle Moraine. Bob asked if would be gated in the winter the Hwy P parking lot would create the access for hunting and fishing. Jim said that Paul was not a fan because of the required stickers and people would not pay. Further discussion would take place.

Information from Camp Joy on purchase of Krahn property from DNR – John Moore, the Director of Camp Joy, introduced himself he came to address questions of the purchase a small portion of the Krahn property from the DNR. He said it is more than a property purchase but rather an exchange. The purchase proposal is not a new discussion they have been back and forth since Nov of 2014. The 10 acres north of Kettle Moraine drive (Lapham Peek). The sale details current crop land and buildings and the camp looks to them as a benefit. The DNR will take wetlands south of the camp. The 24 acre prop will be surveyed by the DNR. The prop sale and exchange is a win win for the children and for the DNR. The buildings will be repurposed for the youth and allows the camp the use it as a theme-heritage/agricultural. He said there have been kids that have never been in a farm building before. They are being good neighbors by having the ability to be indoors to take account for the noise factor. Further the DNR does not hold agricultural crop land so they feel it is of no value to them. The camp will use the buildings and they have groups ready to get them ready. Camp is used for all over including internationally. Having only one building to use currently this will expand their activity center and to stay ahead with the number of people using it. The camp will use an excellence type philosophy they will make it look sharp not an eye sore they will develop other programs to compliment the entire property everyone cares about the environment. The wetland property is a better fit for the DNR proposed as an exchange. This will increase economics in the Whitewater area. This will allow others to experience the outdoors such as international groups, recovering cancer patients. Support for deaf ladies retreat this was previously in Pigeon Forge TN. 2018 plans for a deaf Teen youth summer week previous held in the western states. Last year Camp drew from the mid west and other states as well as Canada, Ireland and Africa. John said that several Whitewater business partner with them Subway, Dominos Pizza, and Culvers they were thankful bringing summer customers due to the lack of college. During their out of state guest some of the 10 things to do was hiking the DNR trails. Some of their customers have asked about a Midwestern type marathon, a school field trip program within 2 hrs of the camp and felt it could be done. The school for the deaf from Delavan has been there at no cost to the school. Kettle Moraine science type lessons and partnering with the DNR to teach those science lessons John said this will be a good move for everyone. He is new here has 13 yrs law enforcement

background and 13 years of humanitarian work in Africa it is possible work with all. He likes a win win and to be able to provide for youth. He has had a great week intercity kids never seen what we have to offer and this will make a great society for all. This will help for a greater good.

Residence now spoke: a Resident who Represented the WW Lake area said The Lyons clubs has fishing trips – disadvantage kids come there it is lake very open and beneficial he was speaking on behalf of \$240 million of asset value around the lake and the surrounding Kettle Moraine area scenic dr. in any brochures you will see info referenced #4 Kettle Moraine Dr. Reference #1 of the top 5 drives is Kettle Moraine Dr.. Wikipedia says Kettle Moraine the scenic drive it is not commercialized. Of the \$240 million we see construction, teardown replacing with full size homes 40 % of the residence buys 2nd homes with the intent on retiring here. Seniors pardon that I am calling all of you Seniors as he address the audience those of you who have retired here it was their dream they do not want a party like Delevan Lake or Lauderdale going from bar to bar but people want a park like setting that they find here when they invest their money some of these folks it is their life savings if you look at the tax rules they buy with what they can and extend it to families and friends to buy a piece of it. They take turns over the property and that their values of the property will remain. The Government entity to skirt the rules they do not blame camp Joy. Another Resident Charlie Hackett asked the Lake Representative Do we pay taxes – Everyone pays takes #2 Camp Joy has been there for years we are good neighbors. Lake Representative said there are many people offering services that the area around spend a lot of money on the lake, landscapers and restaurants, tradesmen, many of the weekenders, their guests, tourists and many thousand more for Kettle Moraine. Resident Theresa spoke the way that the property lays out if Camp Joy takes property as proposed 1500 feet of wild life will disconnect so the exchange of wetland will not make up for it people come here for the greens around the lake she interviewed people that look for lake property it is different because of the entry way it is rural in a wildlife type of way not agriculture. Someone ask how many acres 58 acres currently how many usable it was said about 20 acres most of it is on the northern side little use for kids because of the road to cross most of the kids use the south side 28 acres the extra 14 acres they would get. To address the wildlife they see turkey deer Theresa said so does her neighbor right now it is mostly crop land they want to purchase they are getting a little of the woods their interest is the buildings.

Vince Ruso said he has been living there for 25 yrs on this property – he would appreciate it if he can comment on John’s speech very well done. A few items get to him he has friends who are members of camp Joy very good people not everyone likes him. He said he is frank and to the point, and has lived on the back side of this property. If anyone know anything about it he does it is a corridor for owls, badgers, all kinds of wildlife very special land – in John speech projects as being a good neighbors he projects to him they would like to build on some of that that with the agreement of building does The DNR want to build Mr. Jacklee He did not know – Vince said it would be a mistake if he did not – voice his opinion specific to last Saturday about guns going off all weekend long he said when he re- roofed his house there was a 22 shell lodged in his roof, the paint ball field everyone who goes down P and see the paint ball field. He is not going to sit quiet if the DNR wanted to build a welcome center he remembered that is what that is a violation Mr Jacklee said the sale is above his head. Vince wants this assembly to know he feels it is a travesty – Lake Community Representative said he appreciated John’s (Camp Joy director) report. Lowell stated he appreciated everyone’s input restated the township has no say. Theresa spoke again it was stated agricultural property, deer habitat land a really good habitat area and the DNR agreed that. Art (res) does the town collect taxes from the camp base 30 acres no taxes any structures we collect taxes on. Art 2nd question Do they pay towards lake management Norm said they donated. It was stated \$300/\$500/\$300 they have not contributed last? Gun fire on this property at any time was 400 rounds. Vince the total amount of the Krahn prop 88 acres 24 acres almost a 3rd. Regarding the lake management John was not aware of it being an entity not a lake owners or management this was the first he knew about it and would take care of it regarding the fire arms there is

a range – they follow the rules noon to 5 it is in writing are the hours. Art said he was unnerving he was on his pier it was rapid fire rapid rounds – Lowell asked what they are using they are 22 rifles and hand guns 22 hand guns Art has to apologize he will have to call it in because what he heard would not have been from a 22. Vince said many of us here have been around guns we know the difference between a 22 and a larger hand gun. Vince said no way. Bob said to call the sheriff there was disagreement about 100 feet vs 100 yards and Bob said to pick up the phone and call the sheriff to get the correct answer. Lowell again thanked everyone who shared their opinions

Chevy S10 repair work or truck replacement – Donna reminded them we have \$17,591 in our long-term truck and equipment fund. Norm suggested (Carrie) to send a letter out to local dealers to get a quote give them the basic details – Bob S asked how long have we had the dump truck also how many miles 24K miles on the dump truck. It was stated to look at an automatic ½ ton would be acceptable Bob Harris said something that could take over the place of the dump truck. Norm made a motion to have Carrie contact local car dealerships as well as the one we purchased the dump truck from in Janesville and get bids on a stripped down ½ ton automatic work truck by next Thursday Bob Seconded motion carries

Town Utility Policy Norm said this agreement did not have anything about bonding like when they put power lines in. Lowell said it needs to be reviewed by our lawyer Norm second.

Encroachment Agreement Procedure –Norm said this was for when people come in for parking facilities on lake front property we can have a little procedure to follow so they are not doing it twice. the conditions with the old ones the parking has to pitch away from the road they want paving material to let the water seep in. Bob S learned if the parking is on road there is no right away he thought they may need to check with the county but may need to have a zoning permit and survey – Norm said old ones were previously used. Our Lawyer would prepare it and review it and the resident would have to pay. Bob moved to adopt the written policy – Lowell asked if this should be reviewed by our lawyer first. Bob said Carrie was in touch with our Lawyer but he moved for it to be reviewed by our lawyer Seconded by Lowell. Motion carries.

Other town business – none

Public Input – Resident said it would have been nice to have a DNR Representative present. Lowell said they tried and they were not available.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:23pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Sherman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer