

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 12, 2017
7:00pm

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 June 14, 2017 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – Carrie said that Walworth County declared a state of emergency this afternoon due to the heavy rains and flooding.

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

2nd Side Supervisor – In the past few weeks Norm received two complaints about sand on West Lakeshore and State Park Road. Last night Norm met with volunteers about problems on the lake and he'll talk about it later in the meeting.

1st Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – Lowell had a follow-up call saying that the buoys are fixed and he thanked the town.

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Sargent Ira Martin read report (see attached). In La Grange Township there was a daylight burglary this week. There are a lot of unlocked car break-ins again. Please lock your car doors and don't leave any valuable property visible. Call the Sheriff's Department if anything seems suspicious. He asked his department to start enforcing the parking ordinance for vehicles parked on the street. Lawn services, UPS, etc. parking in the road isn't illegal as long as there is 15 feet for cars to pass and drivers have to be available to move their vehicles. He'll check if they can make a generic warning paper or sticker as a polite notice of the law. Property owners can call the Sheriff's Department with any parking complaints so they can address it. E. Lakeshore Drive residents have noticed squad cars driving right past and around these cars without taking any action. Concerned that this is a problem in case of an emergency. Need another E. Lakeshore speed limit sign that was taken down during road work. Also a sign should be replaced in front of Castelvechi's house. Suggested putting speed trailer on E. Lakeshore Drive at Larry's Road, State Park and Ridge Road, as well as the straight stretch on Engel Road near the flowing well.

Whitewater Lake Safety Discussion – Norm said he met with volunteers from the property owners association last night to identify problems: 1) buoys, 2) number of tickets, 3) amount of safety patrol hours. The buoys have been the biggest problem. We have three different responsible parties and it's difficult to coordinate. Some buoys break loose on the chains and it causes chaos. A lot of the drifters have bad chains. When buoys come out in September, they'd like the Town to cut off the chains, measure, and replace chain so they're ready to go in spring. We lost the chain and anchor on some of the brand new buoys. We'd need 2000' of chain if we do all of the buoys. We need to take care of the buoys, put them in right, and use the right anchors. Second, the group thought we need more tickets and less warnings. Property owners want them to get tougher on the violators. Need to get space location shots of buoys for proper future placement. Rich Charts said that the buoy location were helter skelter this year and it was hard to enforce the rules. We need to get the buoys in the right locations and then enforce the rules with tickets. Rich and the Roys gets reports of issues, checks them, and often report to

Norm. Art Schmitz and his wife and the Clevens would help out. Gail Shelbourn thinks the property owners association is the right avenue. When there are buoy problems, people can leave a message at the town hall and Bob Harris can go out in the police boat and fix it. Another property owner said that when the police boat is parked at JNT, then the lake is chaos with people breaking the rules. Rich Charts invited the board to the August 26th for the annual lake district meeting and then the GWLPOA annual meeting at Lakeview School at 8am. Norm said the third problem is that we're just about at flood stage. We're up 3/8" this afternoon. We are so close to being mandatory no wake, and with most of the rest of the county being no wake, we should do the same. Rich Charts said Delavan is feverishly dropping the dam so they can reopen Saturday morning. Norm is worried other water people will come from other lakes to use ours if it's not slow /no wake. Ski Team would still like to have their show Saturday and it's fireworks Saturday. Tonight's storm should be the last for the weekend. The lake tends to drop at a fairly fast rate once the rain stops. Norm would like to go slow / no wake and review again Saturday morning depending upon water levels at that time. Norm said we don't have a big water shed, but we have springs that are fed by the kettles. The water will come up on shore, some boats could float away, pier panels can float away and sink. There can be permanent erosion that can't be repaired. Either way we'll have some people upset. Gail Shelbourn said the dynamics of the lake have changed in the last 10 years with bigger boats and bigger wakes for wake surfing, which causes more damage. Volume begins mid-day on Friday. Rich said the property owners group and lake management would support closing it now and reassess reopening on Saturday morning. Lowell doesn't think there will be a lot of traffic Thursday or Friday. Norm made a motion to check the State Park Road dam water level at 8am Thursday morning. If it's over 1.6, then close it and re-asses on Saturday morning. Norm said there's a mark on the dam where there's a point where the lake can be closed per law.

Review quotes for cutting dead trees in the town right-of-way – We received two hourly quotes from Krizsan's and Will's Tree Service and Will's was cheaper. Norm made a motion to hire Will's Tree Service for any work we can't do ourselves, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Norm said there are trees on town property that need to be taken down by our crew.

New town computer for clerk/treasurer – Carrie said the desktop computer is 6 years old and acts up. She'd like to purchase a new computer and software so that it can be set up before the busy tax and election seasons begin. Carrie said we have money in our office equipment money market. Lowell made a motion to spend up to \$1500 for a new computer and software, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Bob asked if Carrie can send the lake safety concern email from Patrick Braun to the Safety Patrol. Carrie received a complaint that there are people leaving their bulk collection items out at the beginning of each month. Is there anything the town can do? Norm said to make a copy of the ordinance that prohibits this and send a letter to the property owner. Norm said there's a fine. The letter can say that they should remove the items at the curb until the bulk pick up week per town ordinance.

Art Schmitz thanked the board for the great job on E. Lakeshore Drive ditching project. With all of these rains, it's been working great. Lowell said Bob Strand did a great job pushing for that.

Chad Malicki's driveway needs to be paved as part of the E. Lakeshore ditching project. Frank's will do the work for \$1490 in conjunction with the Ridge Road project. Carrie to tell Larry Jacob he has one week to get Ridge Road ready for the work and then Carrie to schedule with Frank Brothers.

Public Input – Property owner asked if it's possible to pick up the stones on Ridge Road from the salt / sand from winter. Needs sweeping. Bob will talk to Bob Harris tomorrow.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:22pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer