

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 13, 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 November 8, 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 reported that tax bills were mailed December 1. Received \$14,190.20 this week in TRIP money for Island Road project. Received an email from Captain Dave Gerber of the Walworth County Sheriff's Office stating that they haven't received many applicants for the 2018 safety patrol. They're opening applications up again until January 5<sup>th</sup>. He noted that applications are also down for full time deputy sheriff in Walworth County and all of the neighboring counties as well.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Side Supervisor – None

1<sup>st</sup> Side Supervisor – None

Chairman - Lowell received two complaints. One was about speeding by the lake and he suggested we put out the Sheriff's speed sign next spring. Second complaint was from a property owner on Hwy 59 to see if she could install a wood burning stove to burn pallets. Lowell told her he didn't know of any law against it and she should contact her insurance company. Norm suggested she call the building inspector.

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Ian Martin read the report (see attached). Ira hasn't seen the house checks increase yet. One fatal motor vehicle accident on Hwy 12 was determined to be a suicide.

April 7, 2018 UWW Cycling Club / USA Cycling ride approval and liability – Casey said there will be 100-150 racers on the loop at a time. Norm said that they can't stop traffic unless there is police presence. Casey will be in touch with the Sheriff's Department regarding traffic stoppages once he gets the town's approval to use the roads. Ira said volunteers can monitor smaller intersections and a Sheriff will monitor busier intersections. Carrie provided our usual list of items needed and they responded that they will be going through USA Cycling for a permit and USA Cycling also will provide a certificate of insurance with Town of Whitewater listed as additionally insured. Board also requests a letter stating that the town will be reimbursed for any injuries where the person doesn't pay their ambulance bill. Casey will get the paperwork. Norm made a motion that if we get all the paperwork submitted, we give them permission. Seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

August 4, 2018 NMSS Best Dam Bike Tour approval and liability - NMSS has planned their annual bike ride going through the township. Carrie will send a letter requesting 1) that traffic not be stopped along the bike route, 2) that we receive a certificate of insurance, and 3) that we receive a letter stating that the MS Bike Ride will be responsible for paying any and all unpaid ambulance bills resulting during the bike ride where riders get injured and then do not pay their bills. Norm made a motion to give them permission as long as we have the paperwork for liability covered, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Kettle Moraine Drive Snowmobile Trail Request – Carrie received a call from Ray Baker, who is part of Snowseekers Snowmobile Club. He's wondering if the town would consider designating about 1 mile of Kettle Moraine Drive from the lake to Lakeview school as a snowmobile trail. He said that the current trail goes over the lake, but when the lake isn't safe, the riders go on Kettle Moraine Drive instead. Bob said Ray is trying to prepare for future years. Bob suggested he look into the history of the trail and see if they can reopen the north-south trail in the woods parallel to Kettle Moraine Drive. Or he suggested going down Clover Valley to Engel where the ditches are wider to Townline Road. Ray will look into those options. If Ray wants to pursue Kettle Moraine Drive, Bob said he'd like to see if the Kettle Moraine Drive property owners would like this trail in front of their homes. Lowell agrees those are the best bet. Norm made a motion to table until further notice, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Temporary Liquor License for the Lion's Club – Bob made a motion to approve the liquor license for the Lion's Club, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Schutt Bartender application – Bob said Daniel is the Treasurer for the Lions Club, is a licensed bartender, and will be on site to sell cans of beer. Norm made a motion to issue the one day license, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

2018 Fire & EMS / Ambulance contract with Whitewater Fire Department, Inc. - Carrie said that the 2018 Fire standby fees are \$35,000 and the EMS standby fees are \$22,554. The fire standby fees were \$30,400 in 2017, \$26,440 in 2016, and \$22,990 in 2015. The EMS standby fees were \$18,685 in 2017, 15,068 in 2016 and \$17,387 in 2015. They'll go up again in 2019. Norm said the only problem is that they want two payments in one year. Carrie will make sure that they know we'll pay them January 2018 and January 2019. Norm made a motion to sign the contract, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Election Workers for 2018-2019 (Claudia Holst, Barbara Cowsert, Donna Kollwelter, Mary Salverson, Jamie Gunther, Ruth Flescher) – The Republican Party submitted Claudia Holst and Barbara Cowsert. No list received from the Democratic party. Lowell made a motion to appoint all of them as written, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Christmas bonuses – Norm made a motion to pay Christmas bonuses as follows: Sean Blatten \$100, Bob \$150, Tim \$100, Loren \$100, Wayne \$100, Mandy \$100, June Sherman \$50, Carrie \$150, and Donna \$50, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Yesterday Carrie received an email from SafeBuilt regarding 30 open building permits. The meeting minutes from September 13 said the board was okay with SafeBuilt transferring open unexpired permits over to MZIS (Municipal Zoning and Inspection Service) to complete. MZIS wants to receive and review all inspection reports and paperwork for all incomplete permits before agreeing to it. MZIS would reserve the right to review all of this prior to agreeing to take over the permits to ensure that they aren't taking over any permits that seem to have issues, lawsuits, etc. that MZIS would be walking into. Today the board confirmed SafeBuilt can transfer over the 30 open permits to MZIS. As previously discussed, MZIS must receive whatever paperwork they require and approve the transfer. Basically the Town of Whitewater wants to be hands-off on this transfer, including the payment from SafeBuilt to MZIS for their services.

Public input – None

The board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 7:43pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer*