

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2015
7:00pm

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

The minutes of the October 8, 2015 special town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – Carrie noted that there will not be an increase in the garbage and recycling special assessment for 2016. It will remain at \$178.80 per household.

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

1st Side Supervisor – None

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm reported that 7416 Ridge Road owners are putting in a driveway to the garage. On the far north side they have giant rocks higher than the pavement right up to the road. Plow will hit them for sure and there won't be any place to put the snow. Town to send a letter.

Chairman – None

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read report (see attached).

Zehner-Fons variance request at N7580 Ridge Road – Karl Holtermann, the architectural designer, presented to the County Board of Adjustment this morning. They are proposing to tear down a single story sunroom addition that was put in without a permit by the previous owner because there isn't a foundation. March 2015 variance approval from county would have allowed them to use the footprint of the sunroom as a deck plus granted another 10' deck area west of the sunroom. Now hoping to go beyond the length of the house for a wrap-around deck. Looking to remove sunroom and build a lower level deck with sliding doors on both ends of the house. Grade changes are only on the sides of the house. Would lower grade no more than 2' on both ends for the sliding doors. Town had previously given permission to go up, but not increase footprint. Lower deck will go out 12' while sunroom is just over 12'. They will not expand the volume of the house, but rather just have more flat surface deck area since the lot is so pitched. Would remove all upper floor decks that are surrounding three sides of the house. There is a deck between the house and lake halfway down the hill which will be cut in half to make it more in compliance with the public's interest. Norm said they're already closer to the lake than both neighbors. Measuring from the shoreland, theirs juts out further so they're really pushing their request. Norm made a motion to grant the 55.48' foot setback and grade changes requested, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Killion encroachment agreement at N7817 E. Lakeshore Drive – Norm said that there are problems with the agreement. Nothing noted to pitch it away from the road. The agreement is only three paragraphs and doesn't apply to future owners and nothing in writing that we can record against the deed to show what he's talking about. It's too broad. We can provide an example for them to review. Norm would move to tell them that the encroachment agreement doesn't meet the town's specifications for information we're going to need for the future. Seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Operator license for Lana Kropf at Fuzzy Pig – Background check came back clear. Norm made a motion to grant the operator's licenses, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

W8080 Bay View Drive plantings in the road right-of-way – Norm said that the issue previously raised with plantings on our park access isn't an issue. He found the stakes and the owner's trees are on his property. However, on the street side he has several trees planted on town property. Norm make a motion to have the town send a letter to remove the trees or move them to property owner's property. Lowell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Burke water drainage issues at N7617 E. Lakeshore Drive – Burke's neighbors have a big culvert and swail in their yard, but it's not working out. There are about 10 houses on E. Lakeshore on both sides of Cruse Lane that are having water problems. The ditch system isn't working. Norm suggests that we look into putting in a storm sewer for those 10 lots. Get an engineer to design a storm sewer to take that water and go all the way down the side of the boat landing property and dump right into the lake. Engineer would have to figure out how to capture the water coming off of the road. If there is real high water in the lake, flooding could still occur but we can't prevent that. The property owners would have a special assessment to pay for the storm sewer and make their property livable. Our town lot would likely be included and the town would have to pay part of the cost. Could notify affected property owners and hold a hearing on it. Norm said that on Blue Spring Lake they've got a nice boat landing with storm sewers in the low areas and everything is nice. Norm said we should do it right and he'll get an estimate on the cost of an engineer. Tabled to November.

2016 Ambulance contract – Lowell stated that our 2016 cost of \$15,068 will be about \$2,300 less than the 2015 cost. Norm made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Town employer drug and alcohol policy – Lowell said that we reviewed policies from other towns and trucking companies and created an employer drug and alcohol policy for the Town of Whitewater. It covers controlled substances, reasonable cause, and everything else necessary. Norm made a motion to adopt the policy, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Lowell said last year the safety patrol boat was stored in Mrs. Homburg's heated, bug treated barn for \$300 for the winter. Lowell made a motion to have Mrs. Homburg store the boat for \$300 again this coming winter, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Art Schmitz asked about water issues north of Cruse Lane on E. Lakeshore Drive. Bob Strand is still working on it.

Public input – Claudia Holst thanked Bob Harris for cleaning up garbage on Burr Oak in the ditch. Also asked about branches on Hackett Road from Burr Oak to Larry Lane. Board said Bob should go around the lake one more time and chip any remaining piles. Norm said Ridge Road is looking crappy. There's decking laying by the road. Need to put a note at the houses or send a letter.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 7:46pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer