

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 2015
6:40pm

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

The minutes of the April 6, 2015 special 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 342 ballots were cast at the April 7 election. Bob Strand won the 1st Side Supervisor position.

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

1st Side Supervisor – Norm congratulated our new supervisor. Report of a complaint on E. Lakeshore Drive for a truck and trailer being parked on the shoulder for about a week, including an electric cord running to the home. It's okay to park off the road in the town right-of-way during the day but shouldn't be kept or stored there overnight. The town has sent a letter to Mr. Felland in the past regarding items stored there overnight. Norm asked that we send a second letter and then ask the sheriff's department to watch for it if it doesn't get moved.

2nd Side Supervisor – Bob stated that he'd like to thank the voters who came out and voted. He's going to work with Bob Harris regularly to keep on top of what needs to get done. Looking forward to learning a lot.

Chairman – None

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

D&J Gifts conditional use boat storage request at W8744 Parker Road – Mr. Klumb stated that the property has been in the family for about 15 years and was notified of improper outdoor storage. Currently zoned A4 and has a farm implement storage conditional use permit. Requesting to recreational vehicle and boat outside storage. No request for lifts or piers, but boats on trailers only. No future plans for them to start selling boats from the property, but rather just for winter storage of boats. Currently 25 boats on that property. Currently rent all three buildings but they only want to rent one building for inside storage this coming year. Only expecting to have indoor storage, but would still like approval for outdoor storage just in case. County asked for clarification regarding maintenance on the boats, but the only thing they would do is vacuum a boat on the property. County also asked if there is stacking of the boats either inside or outside and there isn't. Norm was worried about the positioning of the storing. He'd like to see a line drawn from the front of the closest building on 12 to the most northern building and the boats stored in back of that line. He doesn't think they should be stored close where they can be seen from the road. Residents expressed concerns over blue wrap and it was suggested white wrap could be used. It's elevated so you don't see much from the road. No letter of recommendation from the house to the north whether or not they approve. Bob said that what's there is well maintained and looks presentable and if the storage is to the back, the neighbor would see everything. There is a renter living in the house who can keep an eye on the property. Also made a case that half mile down the road on highway 12 there is another boat storage facility that isn't in as good of condition. However, Norm noted that the county said that the facility down the road is in violation of their conditional use with their outdoor storage. Lowell wants to investigate what the other storage facility has as their conditional use so that the two facilities can be consistent with the internal and external storage approval. Mr. Klumb's meeting at Walworth County is May 21. Norm made a motion to table to the May 13 meeting, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

2015 Whitewater & Rice Lake Safety Patrol contract – Sean stated that the contract is the same as last year with a budget of \$18,500. Audit was great and we were in the 72% reimbursement range which is one of the highest in the state and is higher than we budgeted for. Budgeted reimbursement of \$18,000 and received

\$18,745.58 plus Richmond Township pays about 19%. Total cost is about \$27,000 per year. Main issue this year was lack of life jackets on boats, but no major issues like OWI or drowning. There will be another boater's safety course in May and possibly another class mid-summer. Norm thanked Sean for doing a nice job. Norm made a motion to approve the contract with the Walworth County Sheriff's Department, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

2015 Minneiska Ski Team request – Randy Bueschel, new Ski Team President, requested permission to hold practices at the State Park beach May 16 through September 5 on Saturdays 8-11am and Sundays 9-12. Shows are Saturdays at Scenic Ridge from May 23 through Sept. 5 with varying times based upon sunset. Requesting Wednesday night jump practice at Scenic Ridge from 5-7pm and Saturdays at 3pm prior to the shows. This is the 42nd year as a ski team. Norm had a concern with the 8am Saturday practice time because the fisherman can't come out until 9am. He'd recommend a 9am start time on Saturdays so everything conforms with the other lake rules. Norm noted that the only rules we can permission to not obey are to have more than 2 skiers per boat and to go clockwise instead of counter-clockwise. Can't give permission to not have safety equipment on every boat. Last year there were issues where Ridge Road property owners couldn't get boats away from their docks because of the ski team. Last year there were issues with the ski team not following the rules and the ski team needs to contact us to work it out any issues with the Safety Patrol. Sean commented that last year he had meetings with Lillian Roy to understand what the ski team wanted and what they can expect from the water patrol. Randy said that they've had many meetings about last year's issues and they shouldn't expect any issues this year. Bob Strand has a concern with the traffic on Townline Road where it turns into one lane of traffic. The ski team does take action to keep the road safe and hasn't had issues in the past 4-5 years. Bob made a motion to let them continue as they had with the amended start time of 9am on Saturdays, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Implementing Whitewater-Rice Lakes boat launch fee ordinance – Reviewed the ordinance at a previous meeting and now an amended version has been approved by the Lake Management. In order to get the DNR grant they need to order 3 signs at \$640 each. Bob wondered how many locals versus non-locals come and unload their boats. Lake Management will be in charge of monitoring the money boxes and Safety Patrol can enforce as well. Norm made a motion to approve and sign the ordinance, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

May 30th town road use for Whitewater K9 5K/10K race – This is a new request to use Clover Valley Road from the end of Wisconsin to Anderson on Saturday, May 30th. Lowell made a motion to allow use as long as they send us proper paperwork of insurance and coverage of ambulance costs, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Garbage can at Flowing Well – Bob Strand said that the Lions Club would like to provide and maintain a lined permanent garbage can at the flowing well. They would have members who live nearby that will maintain it. Norm is concerned that it will become a place to dump stuff because that is the problem we've had in the past, but Bob is hoping that the garbage can will encourage people not to litter. Mr. Anderson actually owns the park, so Bob will ask him for permission. If it gets to be a dump site we'll remove it. Norm made a motion to approve as long as Mr. Anderson approves it, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Millis Road Bridge guardrail replacement – We received a bid from Century Fence of \$1895. Norm said that we've had Walworth County do it in the past. There isn't a lot that needs to be fixed and Norm is wondering if we can buy the supplies from the county and have our guys do it. Bob suggested getting a quote from Walworth County. Tabled to next meeting.

Retaining wall in town right-of-way at N7659 E. Lakeshore Drive – Bob reported that the individual plugged the town's culvert and built a retaining wall on top of it last year. When the house was built a 4" pipe was added to the culvert end to push the water down the lot line. Last November the town sent the property owner a letter saying she had 30 days to remove the retaining wall, but it still hasn't been taken down. Lowell said that late last November he gave the property owner permission to wait until spring to tear it out. Carrie will send a follow-up letter saying that they have 60 days to remove the retaining wall or request an encroachment agreement for the retaining wall and, either way, open the culvert and put back to its original condition. After the culvert is opened we can reassess the water situation and need for ditching on E.

Lakeshore Drive. There's also an issue with the parking pads that are in the town right-of-way all along E. Lakeshore and that is also causing water issues.

Crack filling on Woodward, Kettle Moraine, and Townline Roads – This work was put out for bid in 2014 and Crack Filling Service won the bid with a limit of \$20,000. They spent \$20,500 and didn't get to these roads. Norm went to an asphalt class and learned that a lot of towns do it themselves. One of the biggest things is the timing of the work and the size of the cracks at that time. Fall is the best time when the roads have cooled down and the crack is the biggest. The ones we had done last year on Willis Ray Road are already opened up. Lowell worries whether we have the time and manpower to do it ourselves after making the initial equipment investment. Bob said that Woodward Road north of the railroad track can't even be crack filled because it's so bad and alligatored. Board decided not to crack fill on these three roads.

Renting brush cutter – Lowell met with Mr. Sandgren from the DNR and he will have some brush cutting but is undecided as to the amount needed. We have \$6,000 budgeted for the rental in 2015 and Lowell said the DNR might have \$2,000 worth of brush work. The biggest issue is that we didn't use it the full 160 hours last year, but we could do that this year with 2 qualified workers. We need to use it more wisely. We need to leave it parked out on town roads and not drive it back and forth. Norm said we have several culverts that need to be put in so Norm thinks we should wait on the brush cutter. Norm made a motion not to rent the brush cutter and review in fall, with no second. Lowell made the motion to rent the machine for a month, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Paul Sandgren from the DNR asked Lowell if the town would be willing to trade State Park Road for High-Lo Road if it's similar mileage so that our transportation funds stay the same. This is something for the board to investigate.

Lowell also reported that the DNR is likely to purchase the Krahn property on Kettle Moraine Drive. They will pay the real estate taxes annually based upon the base taxes in the purchase year, but taxes can't go up.

Public input - None

The board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:54pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer