

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2016
6:35pm

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

The minutes of the October 12, 2016 town board meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – Carrie said that we had 877 voters in yesterday’s election. Carrie introduced Donna Sherman, the new Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Carrie noted that there will not be an increase in the garbage and recycling special assessment for 2017. It will remain at \$178.20 per household. Tax bills should be mailed the end of November or early December. Lowell said John’s does a good job and we get few complaints.

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

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm reported that Lake Management asked about removing the dry hydrant on Cruse Lane because it’s getting too crowded while loading their equipment at the same time people are using the lake. Fire chief said that the hydrant is broken so they may fix or abandon it. Have one by the dam that would work better. If we can get rid of the mound where hydrant is during ditching, that would be helpful. Norm heard a rumor that fire and ambulance contracts will be combined in the future.

1st Side Supervisor – Bob said E. Lakeshore ditching should start in 10 days. Pine Knoll asphalt work is done and came in \$6563.04 under estimate. Will do a road trip with Tim Ryan Thursday to discuss putting a gravel edge on Pine Knolls Frank Brothers hasn’t done their Hill Drive, Burr Oak, and Little Acorn work yet and Bob will contact them tomorrow.

Chairman – None

Sheriff’s Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read report (see attached). Burglary last week on Island Road. Board had positive comments about having Sheriff’s Department substation at the hall.

Implements of Husbandry vehicle weight annual resolution – Carrie said that the last two years the board signed an IoH resolution that coincided with the Walworth County weight limits. We have to approve a new resolution annually. Lowell said that the fertilizer trucks and Katzman’s are the only ones who have ever applied for a permit. Lowell made a motion to adopt the 2017 version of the IoH resolution, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Bob said Will’s is still working on dead tree list. Deep Pond trees are still there.

Public input – Claudia Holst asked how much money was collected at boat launches. Norm said it was about \$1200 this year, but most of it was from the annual passes. Some fisherman might not be coming to our lake because of the cost and are going to other lakes instead. This could also account for the comments that the number of boats on the lake seemed less this year. There is a raft on Cruse Lane that is still sitting there that broke away from a house and floated. Carrie will check with JNT to see if they are supposed to pick it up. Thomas McKevitt would like a dead end sign on P to Oak Ridge. Norm said that would be a good idea. There’s a non-reflective sign there but it can’t be seen because it’s too far on the left side. Bob will take a look at it tomorrow. Thomas McKevitt also said that there’s a down tree on the way up the hill on the right that we took down last year but the tree is still laying there. Bob and Tim Ryan will take care of it. Also wondering if dirt can be put on the left side at the bottom of the hill. Also asked about snowplowing. Bob said that they’ll do the best we can to clear as much of the road as

possible. Thomas McKeivitt asked if he can put a “sock” down at the base of the road that gets nailed into the ground. Bob said he didn’t see an issue.

Adjourn to Closed Session - Norm made a motion to adjourn into closed session, seconded by Bob Strand. Motion passed unanimously. Called to order. Present: Lowell Hagen, Bob Strand, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz, Donna Sherman

Interviewed snow plow drivers.

Adjourn back to open Town Board Meeting.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:01pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer