

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 8, 2018
7:00pm

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

Norm made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the July 11, 2018 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 there is a Partisan Primary election next Tuesday, August 14.

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

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm had a conversation with the people on the south side of Cruse Lane and will discuss later.

1st Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – Lowell had a couple things that he straightened out and they're all good.

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Ira Martin provided a call summary report. Norm asked how you can test your 911 without actually dialing. Ira said you can't do that but you can call the non-911 number to tell them you're going to test 911. Bob said good placement on the speed trailer. Ira said they have 2 speed trailers but they're looking for a grant to get 2 more because the demand is high. Ira said they're going to ask people parked on the road to please park further off the road if possible. Claudia Holst commented that E. Lakeshore Drive still has parking issues where there isn't a good line of sight. Ira will look into it. Rich Charts asked if Ira knew why there were so many sirens over the past few days on Ridge or E. Lakehsore. Ira didn't know.

Water drainage onto roadway at Lakeview School – Jerome Converse, the property owner next to Lakeview School, is concerned about the rainfall and water from Lakeview's courtyard sump pump overwhelming the ditchline and running down the road shoulder. Matthew Sylvester-Knudtson of WUSD provided photos of the situation and said a base course of asphalt is done and they've done a rain water test and there is pooling of water. It's intended to go in the ditch, but it doesn't make it down there and into the drainage ditch. Jerome Converse said it's improved somewhat but the majority still drains down the shoulder. He has a culvert under his driveway. During severe rains the school has a pump that pushes so much water that his culvert can't keep up. Matthew said that JP Cullen proposed concrete / asphalt or riprap to channel the water to the ditch. Norm said the real problem is that a few years ago we put together an agreement with Richmond Township for road plowing and maintenance. It doesn't specify the details of the maintenance. Norm said whoever is in charge of that area should issue culverts and other permits, but fire numbers are each township's responsibility. Norm said we approved zoning variance to the lot line, but this water issue should be all Richmond because it's in the right-of-way. Norm said we have the same issue with Lorwood Estate. Lowell said last time we approved the blacktop outside of the right-of-way but now there is blacktop in the right-of-way which will be an issue for plowing. Lowell said he specifically remembers asking if it was in the right-of-way and it wasn't supposed to be. Lowell believes all that extra blacktop is part of this water issue. Norm said there are lots of ways to catch the water, but it really should be Richmond Township's decision. Jerome suggested to Payne & Dolan to put a swale in but they didn't do that. Lowell said a swale is hard to plow in the winter. Richmond Township's Roadman Wally McManaway said that part of the problem is that the zoning application didn't allow them to put asphalt in the right-of-way. Lowell said we approved the "too close" portion but we didn't approve them to be in the right-of-way. Lowell said we need to solve the water issue and make sure Richmond can plow / wing and be comfortable

with it. Richmond asked where the school district plans to push the snow from their parking area. If snow is all pushed to the west, it would help somewhat. Richmond Town Board Supervisor Dave Overbeek said the school district would have to talk to Richmond Town Board about this. There's 8-10 feet of asphalt in the right-of-way that wasn't approved. Matthew said that removing it would mess up the drop off area. Dave Overbeek said the engineer should be asked about how they designed something in the right-of-way and they shouldn't have designed this to shed water onto the neighbors. There are several options the engineer could have designed to prevent these issues. Dave would like WUSD to have their engineer propose something to Richmond Township. School starts soon so they may have to plow as is this winter and fix the issue next year. Water comes off the roof as well which goes to the east but P&D didn't resize the culvert or do anything to redirect the water away from the east ditch and the neighbors. Richmond's meeting is August 16 and Matthew will be there and will see if the engineer can come. The town right-of-way is 33' from the center of the road and an encroachment agreement is needed for anything in the right-of-way. This would take care of the plowing and asphalt issue, but the water issue still needs to be addressed. Richmond would likely also ask for an agreement that says they aren't liable for any damage to parked cars due to plowing. Norm said they could cut some asphalt out and put a grate in on the east side to solve the water problem. Bob asked if the sump pump pours at the east driveway and Jerome Converse said it does when there is severe rain. Wally said a manhole or grate on the school property to catch a lot of water would be good so that it's the school's structure to maintain. Lowell said we'll leave it and let them discuss at Richmond's meeting on August 16. Lowell told Matthew to make it right with Richmond and then come back to Whitewater so that it's a joint approval. Lowell said if it's possible to alleviate the water from getting to the driveway and direct it to the west would be best. Norm said he'll put together a more detailed agreement for shared road maintenance and Dave Overbeek said that's a good idea.

Bayview Drive lake access road concern follow-up – At the July meeting it was decided to put posts in so people couldn't drive down to the lake. Bob met with Dave Petura and they put posts in but since decided 4 boulders might be better. There will still be room for snowmobiles and canoes to access the lake. Norm Bob said on Oakwood Drive there is a sign that says “Town of Richmond – Public Access – No riparian use including piers” and maybe we should make some and place them in the town right-of-way along with some large boulders. Bob said we could get rocks from the pit or Dick Kraus or a landscape company. Lowell said preferably free rocks. Norm said to get 4 signs on Deerwood and Bayview easements. Norm made a motion to order 4 custom signs saying “Town of Whitewater public access - portage only” and install 4 rocks, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Cruse Lane ditching – Norm talked to the people who own the property to the south about what we're doing with the trees and the owner was ok with that. He didn't realize the fence follows the tree-line instead of the lot line. He's looking for a survey. Norm said where we need the land is at the lake, and the fence is about 8' on town property so we could legally move it and cut down probably 20 big trees on the town property. Rich Charts said so far Lake Management's weed removal work is doing good. But moving the sign against the fence would be helpful and moving outhouse to the fence would give an additional 3'. Bob said there are a couple of trees by the lake that are dying because we uprooted them when moving dirt. Norm said if we move the outhouse and move the sign, we should be ok. Rich agreed. Rich said they could move the rip rap out straight and make a breakwater 8' and then the paddle wouldn't shoot the muck onto the neighboring properties as much. Board asked who would pay for that, but it wasn't known. After Labor Day they have to put a silt fence in. Castelvechi's told Bob that garbage comes up from the paddle, but Rich thinks that's more from the boat launch users. Bob said the Lions Club may consider putting in a garbage can in that area. Norm said the neighbor's concern is more water is coming on his property because we never finished our ditching. Norm said it should go from the fence out in town property. Norm said Jim Harmon could do it in 2 hours and Norm will ask Jim. Bob Harris can then put some stone in. Rich thanked everyone because we got a lot done and made people happy.

Town Transportation Resolution 2018-02 – The Wisconsin Town's Association is asking town boards to pass a resolution to ask the law makers to adequately fund Wisconsin's transportation system. Lowell made a motion to sign and send, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Sign Johns Disposal contract for 2019-2023 – At the July meeting, the board agreed to a new contract with Johns. Lowell said that for bulk and electronics, people will have to call in every time, up to once per month. Carrie mentioned there's a clause about electronics being one item per month, but Nate from Johns said that they'll be flexible and will work with each property owner when they call in to schedule their bulk pick up. This clause protects Johns from people bringing in electronics from other municipalities as well as for anyone who might have an electronics repair business. Lowell made a motion to sign the agreement with John's Disposal, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously. Carrie mentioned that in order to educate property owners of this new plan which is effective January 1, she'll put a note with tax bills and a note with payment receipts instead of sending a collection schedule. John's will still do their monthly bulk pick up in January, February, and March if needed, but will leave a note for property owners who have bulk out so that they know of the new call in system.

Road striping – Carrie spoke with Walworth County and they've already ordered their paint for this year and they're 2 months behind schedule. We can get on their 2019 schedule. Norm said the other companies are very expensive and the county is the cheapest. Bob made a motion to get on their 2019 schedule, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Bob asked about the broken snow plow truck. Norm said Lake Management paid \$54,000 for their new F-550 pickup truck, but it's a 10-cylinder gas engine, 2WD, and has an aluminum body. We'd need 4WD and a plow. Norm said that this would be for a non-CDL driver. Lowell said we can get by with one 4WD big truck. Norm said we could sell the 1-ton for \$25,000, but Lowell said he hadn't considered selling the 1-ton. Norm said the F-550 could be used to put up signs and run errands instead of sitting most of the year. Ed McManaway said to consider an aluminum body since there will be salt and sand in it. Aluminum box is \$6,000-\$8,000 more. Lowell said he doesn't want a gas motor. Bob and Lowell will get prices for the next meeting. Rich said he isn't opposed to the town using / renting their new truck for plowing, but he'd have to ask the board.

Bob said bark chips are going to be taken to the DNR property on Hwy P that the seaweed goes to and the DNR said we have to spread them out. Rich said there's a formal agreement with the DNR as of last year. Bob said there shouldn't be any more issues on Island Road with chips being dumped.

Public Input – Rich Charts said on Townline Road the rip rap is gone and someone has their boat there. Carrie said this is Richmond's road and they told her they're aware of the issue and are taking care of it. Rich reminded everyone that the Lake Management Annual Meeting is at the Lions Club (not Lakeview School) on August 25 at 8:30am.

Rich said there's a 100'-150' x 20' rip rap reef going in at Isabelle Island in the middle lake so the fish can spawn. Jeff from JNT is doing it and Lake Management is paying for it. Norm gave them 2 old buoys to paint red and put out by the reef. Rich said they've started harvesting a small bog in Rice Lake.

State Rep. Don Vruwink from the 43rd Assembly District introduced himself.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:28pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer