

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 12, 2018
7:00pm

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

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

The minutes of the August 8, 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 – The GWLPOA made a \$1,000 donation to the town to purchase replacement buoys. Several lake property owners sent letters thanking the town board for monitoring the lake levels and making the appropriate no-wake decision. They also provided some signage and communication suggestions for future no-wake situations.

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.

2nd Side Supervisor – None

1st Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – None

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Ira Martin provided a call summary report. Our August calls per day were very low and at a January level. Town had a complaint about speeding on Ridge Road and he asked the day shift patrols to patrol more. The speed trailer isn't available for a month and a half.

Mensching encroachment agreement at N7779 E. Lakeshore Drive (DSP00014) – Contractor Luke Peyton was present. Norm said the last job that Luke Peyton did on that road was done beautifully. Norm said the town's written encroachment agreement policy shows the items that need to be included in all encroachment agreements and this agreement doesn't have all of them so it will need to be re-written. Norm made a recommendation to charge another \$250 for a lawyer fee because our town attorney will need to review the re-written agreement. He said we could ask for an insurance certificate from their homeowner's insurance showing that they're responsible for any work in the encroachment into the town property. Luke will provide his business liability insurance and Norm said that would work. The board will have to look at the revised agreement next month. Bob seconded Norm's recommendation. Motion passed unanimously. Bob said that if there is a culvert underground, it may need to be replaced. Bob will check it out once the current wall is removed.

Operator/bartender license application for Willowbrook Golf Course for Alyson Masi – Carrie did a background check and it came back fine. Norm made a motion to accept the application for a bartender license, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Whitewater Unified School District re. operational referendum – District Administrator Mark Elworthy & Matthew Sylvester-Knudtson explained there is going to be an operational referendum, which allows them to maintain what's currently happening in the district, on the November 6 ballot. Their operating annual budget is about \$26 million. They're anticipating a drop of 100 students over the next decade. Presentation information is available on the school district website at www.wwusd.org/referendum.

Dead tree removal in town right-of-way at N7796 Kettle Moraine Drive – Bob Strand said the homeowner is clearcutting a lot. He'd like this 60' almost dead pine tree removed from the town right-of-way. Will's Tree Service proposed \$195 to remove the tree and grind the stump. Norm made a motion to split the cost with the homeowner and the homeowner, Howard Rothstein, agreed, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

International plow truck repair and/or replacement options and Chevy 1-ton truck sale option – Received prices from Friendly Ford and Kunes. Kunes gave a price of \$86,034.20 on a 2017 Ford F-550 and Friendly Ford's price on a Ford F550 4WD, diesel and plow was at \$64,200. The Kunes truck is ready to go while the Friendly Ford truck would be built in November and not be to us until probably January. Friendly Ford doesn't include sander. Includes an 8' plow with 2- 1' wings. Bob Harris said he prefers a Boss plow, which is on the Kunes truck. Bob Harris said the v-blade plow is good so you can "v" it in heavy snow down the center of the road. Good for cleaning up intersections too. Bob H. said a gas plow is ok until you get into heavy snow. A v-box sander means you have to come back for sand more often. Can get a tailgate electric sander for the Friendly Ford truck, which the Kunes has, and Bob Harris thinks they're about \$3700 with the spinner. Norm said the Friendly Ford truck is 2' longer with an 11' stainless steel box. Norm said these little trucks aren't going to replace one of our big trucks. Bob Harris said the problem is finding someone with a CDL. Bob Harris said a 2WD drive is ok if you keep enough weight in it, but when sanding roads that's difficult. Bob Strand said the whole east side of the lake and Hill Drive are difficult to plow. Lowell said if we buy the \$64,200 truck and then sell our 2015 for \$30,000, less the \$7,000 in the truck fund, less \$10,000 in our current budget for new vehicles, and we're still short \$17,000. To replace the rails on the box of our current truck: one guy was \$7,000 and the other guy won't even do it. Plus we don't have a driver. It would be a back-up truck. Lowell said when the trucks sit most of the year, they deteriorate. Norm suggested using one big truck for one full day each month to keep them going. Bob Strand suggested using the trucks we have now for one more year and the board could review purchasing next year, seconded by Norm. Lowell made a motion to table for further review, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Rip rap stone placement in town right-of-way near Lions Club – Bob Strand said the south property line had all of the maple trees taken down by the neighbor. The trees were a buffer for water runoff and now we need to slow down the water. He'd like some rip rap put in there. Lowell said this is similar to what we did on E. Lakeshore and that worked well. Bob Harris said it just needs four or five piles of 3" stone going down the hill, which would be a couple loads and then spread with the tractor. Bob Strand said at the same time we could pick up boulders on Lake Lorraine Road for the Bay View lake access. Norm made a motion to get the rip rap and the boulders right away, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Discuss changing road tour from spring to fall – Bob Strand said we're always behind when we do it in spring. Bob Harris said most of the road damage occurs during the winter and Lowell agreed. Lowell suggested doing the tour in March.

Other town business – Carrie reported that Captain Gerber from the Sheriff's Department said they considered taking over the safety patrol in the future, but are going to maintain status quo for 2019. They'll start the hiring process now because hiring officers is difficult. The sheriff asked if we can leave the boat in until the end of September. Board agreed to store it at Peg Homburg's heated building again as in the past.

Public input – Don Oker thanked the board for the tree removal on Hillside. Need some chipping there as well. Tim Otterbacher took the wood but there are 2 huge root balls that could cause problems if they're not removed before the snow comes. Bob Strand said he can burn them if Bob Harris can bring them to his house. Don said there are many dead limbs hang over the road on State Park Road. The ones that have come down have been pushed to the side, but he's concerned someone will get hurt when a limb comes down. Bob Harris said that's the state's road so it's DNR. Carrie will email the DNR to let them know we've had concerns brought to our attention.

Patrick Braun thanked the board and said a number of people supported the board's decision to close the lakes and save the lakefront while the water was so high. Bob Strand said that there were 4-5 letters of support and some suggested saw horses right at the boat launches saying the roads are closed. Bob Harris said he put signs at all roads leading to the boat launches. Bob Harris said we informed Richmond but he isn't sure if they put signs up on their roads. Lowell said a police officer giving tickets would help, but we don't have anyone to do that. Robert Sivek asked if it automatically applies to Rice Lake because the town didn't say whether it applies to Rice Lake. That was a communication error. Robert Sivek said this is the best communication and posting it's ever been. Bob Harris posted at all of the roads that lead to Rice Lake too. Bob Harris said we should consider lowering the level to 1.4 from 1.6 and meeting attendees agree. We can review when we review our town ordinances next year. Norm said it's a judgement call because the waves make the water level vary. Norm said a group of property owners could get together, get signatures, and try to get a referendum on the April ballot to change the levels. Don Oker said when he does safety patrol, there are wake boats out there and the waves hitting the shore are huge. Bob Harris said some lakes have an ordinance prohibiting water in the ballast tanks. Patrick Braun said the problem is when the board doesn't act and all of the surrounding lakes are no wake, the big boats come to Whitewater Lake and wreck our shoreline. He said he'd like to see the town board clean up the ordinance versus putting it out to referendum.

Jim Harmon said he is buying equipment (diamondmowers.com) to clean up brush and mulch small trees. He asked if the town would like to hire him. Jim said he'd charge about \$170 per hour and he could get in the ditches and reach 8' up. It's on a tract skid loader. Board might be interested once the equipment arrives.

Motion to convene into closed session – Norm made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Called to order. Present: Lowell Hagen, Norman Prusener, Bob Strand, Carrie Hintz, Donna Sherman

Discussed hiring a part-time general laborer for fall.

Adjourn back to open Town Board Meeting.

Board paid bills.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 8:31pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer