

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 13, 2019
7:00pm

Present: Robert Strand, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

Absent: Lowell Hagen

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

The minutes of the January 24, 2019 special town board meeting were reviewed. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – Carrie reported that, per Sean Blanton, the 2018 Safety Patrol audit is complete and the town should be receiving a grant of about \$12,000.

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

2nd Side Supervisor – Nothing to report.

1st Side Supervisor – Nothing to report.

Chairman – Absent

Sheriff’s Department Incident Report – Ira Martin provided and read the report. Ira commented that the Town road crew did an awesome job plowing. Walworth County plowing is under new leadership and the system is changing. They are working with fewer workers than ever before. Attendees agreed that the County Sheriff’s Department is doing a good job and we appreciate their service.

2019 Southern Wakes United Water Ski Show Team (fka Minneiska) request – Julie Abramson, Secretary of the Ski Team, said Minneiska has officially merged with the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers because both team sizes were diminishing. The ski team requested permission to hold the practices at the State Park beach same as last year and the campgrounds for shows. Requested Saturday and Sunday practices from 9am-noon. Also requesting a jump practice from 3:30-7pm on Wednesday and another one just before shows at 7:30pm. Bob said last year he had a complaint that there wasn’t a floating practice sign out, but Julie said they always put one out. She said they could add some additional buoys and / or flags. Julie said they hope to have the same number of shows as previous years or fewer, but they’re still working on the schedule. Julie provided the town with a certificate of insurance. Bob made a motion to accept the program for 2019, seconded by Norm.

Zehner / Fons variance request at N7580 Ridge Road (DMH 00030) – Pete Weston from Design Alliance is the representative for the property owner. The property owners are looking to exceed the building envelope on a substandard structure that is 4.17’ from the right-of-way. The County ordinance requires substandard structures to be no closer than 5’ to any lot line. They want to rebuild their existing garage with an existing 2-story concrete foundation that serves as a basement right now. The floor is failing and they’d like to remove the garage from the existing foundation, remove the concrete floor, maintain the existing 4 concrete walls, and build a new garage. The existing garage isn’t parallel to the center line of Ridge Road. They want to change the volume of the garage by making it taller, and the little wedge shaped corner sliver that is less than 5’ is the issue. They’re allowed to rebuild exactly the same, but as they change the volume, a little bit is within the margin of the setback. Bob said the garage is 15’ tall and code is 17’ so they’re fine with the height. Norm said he wants to make sure there aren’t any sleeping quarters in the garage or garage basement. Pete said it’s just for storage. Bob doesn’t see any problem with the outside corner. Pete said the neighbor

across Ridge Road said they want to make sure they don't add to the watershed. Pete said the plan, in fact, gathers the water and sends it to the lake. Bob made a motion to grant the variance of 4.17' feet, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

April 14, 2019 UWW Cycling Club / USA Cycling ride approval and liability – Club President Andrew Norvilas said the April 14 date is actually in the City of Whitewater and they'll race on April 13 in the Town. He said the race is a collegiate cycling race with about 150 riders and it's the same as previous years. He provided a map of the approximate 10-mile loop. Parking is at Rice Lake boat launch and he coordinates with the DNR. Andrew said residents came out and watched the race last year and they want to do it the same this year. Event runs about 10am-3pm. They'll coordinate with the Sheriff's Department for road closings. Norm said April is good because there's not a lot of congestion at the lake. Bob made a motion to approve April 13th, seconded by Norm contingent upon getting the USA Cycling certificate of insurance and a letter stating that they'll cover all ambulance costs of riders who get hurt. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – None

Public Input – Julie Abramson said the plows have been doing great. Bob said the icy day the plow drivers had to drive backwards.

Board paid bills.

Bob made a motion to adjourn at 7:39pm, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer