

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
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 22, 2019 special town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as printed, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – There are census jobs available in our area. If anyone is interested, Carrie can direct them to the website.

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

2nd Side Supervisor – The lake spillway was repaired in two days. The DNR would like to get ten more years before they have to replace it. Norm said the DNR has an emergency plan in case the dam would break. Norm said the east side end of Howard Road is eaten out about 6" deep. He thinks we should put in 1 1/2" base, pack it down, and put screenings on top.

1st Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – None

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Ira Martin provided a call summary report.

Schneidewent encroachment agreement at N7766 Kettle Moraine Drive (DITS 00051) – Cheryl and Paul Schneidewent are seeking an encroachment agreement in the right-of-way area for purposes including removal of trees between the paved portion of the road to the property line, back filling, grading and installing top soil and seeding and maintaining the area. Lowell asked if they plan to build something on it. Paul said they just want it for parking said eventually he wants to slope it and pave it. Paul said there is a natural cavity at the bottom they will dig out and make it deeper and they already discussed it with the county. The garage will be added on, they'll change the grade slightly for that. Paul said they won't change anything on the right if looking at the house. The water should run between the two houses. They'll excavate around the house and the grade will be restored to where it is. Norm said we need a plan of what they want to build, the agreement saying they don't get exclusive use of the property, and need an insurance letter that they're liable if someone gets hurt. Carrie said she provided the list of criteria the town has asked for in the past and the town attorney said the agreement looked ok to him. Lowell said he likes the line in the agreement that, "the property owner assumes total responsibility for the encroachment." He said that covers everything. Norm said if someone else wants to park there, anyone can park there. Bob made a motion to accept the encroachment agreement, seconded by Lowell. Motion carried 2-1.

Will's Tree Service quote to remove standing tree and fallen tree on Hi-Lo Road –Bob said it's a twin tree where one part fell onto the road and the standing part is dry rotted and will fall soon. Will's quoted \$950 to cut up and remove the remainder of the fallen tree as well as cut down the portion of the tree that is still standing. Norm made a motion to accept, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Jim Harmon Loader Services, Millis and Clover Valley Road ditching work not to exceed \$4,999 – Jim Harmon provided a price of \$2,000 to ditch 540 feet on these two roads and cut the edge of the shoulder

based upon the drawing of the work that Norm provided. Jim will skim the dirt off and put a ditch in it. Norm said there is a telephone line on the west side that shouldn't be an issue. Jim will have it marked for utilities. If there are utilities Jim won't do the project. Carrie mentioned that we would need a certificate of insurance for the business, including worker's compensation. Norm made a motion to approve, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Water drainage work on Cruse Lane – Bob got a proposal from Frank Brothers for \$13,610, which is to excavate the existing base, furnish and install 8" of base at the end of the boat launch and in swale as needed, fine grade and compact base, and furnish/install/compact 2.5" of asphalt in one lift. Bob said it will go from our driveway blacktop all of the way down. Half way down the continuous swale will be recut and reformed. Jim Harmon said this won't take care of the water issues for the neighbor. It all started years ago when a house down the road was built and 7' of fill was brought in. Norm said all we can worry about is what we do on Cruse Lane. Bob made a motion to publicize it since it's over \$5,000, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously. Norm said the properties that are lower than Cruse Lane will still get water.

Reliance Road culvert asphalt replacement - Lowell checked with 2 companies, but hasn't received a response yet. He thinks it might be too small of a project. Bob said Frank Brothers might possibly do it. Bob will get a price. Norm said he could scrape up 4", pack it with his backhoe, and have our guys put blacktop on top and clean up edges. Should only take a day.

John's Disposal 2020 rate increase request – The new programs have been going very well. John's Disposal is requesting a cost of living increase for next year. This would mean a monthly increase of \$.22 and the annual rate would go from \$207 to \$209.64. Norm made a motion to grant the request for the increase, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Salt shed floor repair – Norm talked to Bob Harris and said we need to repave it because the salt is eating the blacktop. The sidewalls are ok. Norm said it's a small area. Bob said he could ask Frank Brothers look at that area. Lowell suggested tabling it to look at it ourselves. Norm questioned whether we need a salt shed. Bob said twice this past winter we used straight salt due to ice. Lowell made a motion to table until next month, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) project for 2020-2021 program cycle – We need to apply in October for the 2020-2021 cycle. The LRIP program pays up to 50% of total eligible costs. Carrie mentioned the recent WTA magazine mentioned the possibility of another program in 2020 that would be a 90% state -10% town share program. Norm said we could look for a project with a safety concern as well. Bob said Engel Road and Clover Valley are the two roads he'd say are the worst. The Clover Valley project we put out for bid this year was about \$70,000. Lowell said Howard Road is in pretty tough shape with holes and bad shoulders and the ditching is an issue because of the gas pipe on the east side. Norm said it's about ¾ of a mile. Norm said we should pave the shoulder to take the water. Lowell said it's tough to keep the trucks off of that road. Lowell said we put barricades up and they disappear. Lowell suggested doing Clover Valley as the LRIP project and Howard Road as the possible 90-10% project. Table to September.

Other town business – None

Public Input – Claudia Holst said some property owners use Lakeshore Pier Service to install and remove buoys. Also asked about the house on Grand View that burned down. The company who is supposed to tear it down contacted Carrie this summer so it should be done in the near future.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:16pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer