

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 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 August 14, 2019 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – There is a Walworth County business clean sweep on Friday, October 4 and Carrie has information if anyone is interested.

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

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm went on the boat with the new motor and it works great. Sean has given some tickets out, but it's not clear about the rule with no watcher present in the boat when they're water skiing. Boat is 17 years old and needs a bit of work.

1st Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – Lowell had a resident complaint about brush chipping. Lowell said he doesn't think most other municipalities provide this service and our employees don't like to do the chipping. Norm said it's needed near the lake because otherwise people will throw branches in the ditch. Norm suggested a contract with a chipping vendor on an hourly basis. Lowell said that would eliminate us needing to get rid of chips. Ira said some places have a central location where residents bring branches to be chipped at the town's convenience.

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Ira Martin provided a call summary report. There were three fatalities last month at the intersection of Walworth Avenue and Hwy 12. The new flashing yellow arrows have been installed there. In addition, the yellow light will be extended at the Hwy 89 and Hwy 12 intersection.

The Fuzzy Pig operator license for Carrie Gransee – Carrie provided the background check results to the board. Norm made a motion to accept the application, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Water drainage work on Cruse Lane – Lowell called the property owner next door and explained that this work probably won't solve his water issue. That if we do this project, we'll probably only fix 10-15% of his water issue. Lowell said his water problem was due to Cruse Lane, the lake height, and the water coming from the SW and that the Cruse Lane work won't solve his problem, but the neighbor would like the work done. Bob said the proposal from Gavers Pavers is for \$12,828.00, which is for 2619 square feet versus 1625 square feet from Frank's previous proposal. In addition, Gavers includes the 16'x20' pad near the lake. Norm asked if we could put a liner in the ditch and some 3-4" rip rap in it and forget about the asphalt all together. Lowell said he's afraid too big of rock will impede the water and it'll back up. Bob said the snow plow could hit it too. Lowell said we should do something permanent. Bob made a motion to accept the proposal of \$12,828 for Gavers and publicize it since it's over \$5,000, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Salt shed floor repair – Bob said it needs repair as well as the area in front of the salt shed. Gavers Pavers provided an estimate of \$7,873 to repair inside and outside the shed. There were also other

options: inside the salt shed only for \$3,935.00 or outside the salt shed only for \$5,881. Lowell said we should put it off for one more year due to budget constraints. Norm made a motion to table salt shed repair, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Reliance Road culvert asphalt replacement – Gavers Pavers provided an estimate of \$2,734 if work is done at the same time as the Cruse Lane or salt shed work. Lowell made a motion to include the patching at the same time as Cruse Lane for \$2734, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Sale of safety patrol motor – It's a 5-6 year old Mercury 150HP with about 1100-1200 hours on it. Lowell made a motion to sell on Wisconsin Surplus with a reserve price of \$7,500, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Safety Patrol boat fiberglass repair estimate – Sean Blanton got an estimate from Al's Pro Fiberglass in Whitewater for \$900 to repair gouges on starboard side of hull mid ship. Norm said Sean's also trying to get replacement decals. Norm said Captain Gerber got them a couple of real nice preservers. There's a GPS/sonar on the boat that didn't work well and the state said we can get a new one for \$900 and Sean thinks we'll get the 75% back in a grant. Norm said we're below budget on the wages. Norm made a motion to get the fiberglass and sonar/GPS, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Local Roads Improvement Program (LRIP) project for 2020-2021 program cycle – Applications are due in late October for the 2020-2021 cycle. The LRIP program pays up to 50% of total eligible costs. Bob said he looked at some roads and estimated the repair costs: Ridge Road is 1.3 miles long and estimated at \$128,000; Howard is .5 miles at \$45,000; and Woodward at \$81,000. Bluff from Howard to end of township is 2 miles and estimated at \$189,000. State Park Road near Crestview is in need of repair and Carrie will contact the DNR. Lowell said there are a lot of people on Ridge Road. Bob said the seal coat is peeled off and the subbase is peeling off and the whole road is alligatored. Norm said we could do the road in halves over 2 years. Norm said every few feet there are millions of dollars of houses. Bob is attending the LRIP meeting on Sept. 24. Lowell said Ridge is a good idea if LRIP will pay 50%, which is a big chunk of our annual road budget. Bob made a motion to submit the Ridge Road LRIP project for 2020-2021, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

WisDOT Multimodal Local Supplement (MLS) road improvement program – This is a new one-time grant program with \$28 million dedicated to towns. The minimum project cost for towns is \$50,000 and the program will reimburse up to 90% of total eligible costs. Lowell feels we should use Bluff Road because it's high traffic. Norm agreed and said it's a narrow road. Bob said Engel Road we could probably do chip seal. Norm said we might need some wedging there too. Lowell would like all 3 board members to listen to upcoming MLS webinars. Lowell made a motion to submit Bluff Road for the MLS program, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Standard town encroachment agreement – Our town attorney said we could draft a standard "fill in" encroachment agreement that would include all of the board's encroachment criteria. Carrie created a draft agreement. Board feels there should be a term that no work can be done until proof of insurance on the encroachment is provided to the town. The homeowner is responsible for maintaining insurance coverage and the town doesn't need to monitor that. Norm also felt the paragraph starting with "The Town does not warrant that public title to the right of way..." could be removed and Lowell said to ask the town attorney. Carrie will have the town attorney review the standard encroachment agreement and ask about a fee schedule.

Open CDL snow plowdriver position – Bob Harris would like to hire a driver for the 3rd big plow. Carrie will put it in the Jefferson Daily Union and the Whitewater Banner.

Other town business – Today we received an email from Jefferson County regarding the name of the former Highway 12 and the need for it to be consistent between both counties. Lowell made a motion to name it Old Highway 12, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Public input – Don Oker thanks the board for allowing him to be a volunteer ride-along on the safety patrol boat. Don also asked about the clean up on Hillside. Tim Otterbacher cleaned up all of the big pieces that had previously been cut. Don would like a massive chipping job in fall when the weeds are down. Don said it goes up about 15-20'. Lowell said we're 2 people short and 50 miles of mowing to do. Bob said it's probably a 16' by 75-100' area. He will take a day and chip in fall.

Rick Olson at N7931 Hill Drive asked about the rules on the bottom of Hill Drive and what work is allowed to be done. He's wondering if the residents can maintain it even though it's town property. He said the railroad ties are rotting and there are nails sticking out and it's getting mossy. Bob said he doesn't know if the DNR would allow new railroad ties or if it would have to be rock. Mr. Olson would like a sand beach as well. Norm said their subdivision has another access on E. Lakeshore, but the resident said it's not for their Hill Drive properties. Norm said the residents surrendered Hill Drive to the town so it would become a town road. Resident said the six property owners in the back would love to take the road back, but others don't. Lowell said this is up to the DNR to determine what can be done. Norm said it would be nice if the neighbor's two rock walls could be extended, put in another rock wall to match the other two, and a sand beach between the blacktop and the new rock wall. Norm will contact the DNR to see the options.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:41pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer