

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 8, 2014  
7:00pm

Present: Lowell Hagen, Rodney Wilson, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

The minutes of the Sept 10, 2014 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Rod. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – None

Treasurer report – Carrie read the account balances. She also noted that Walworth County is changing their procedures so that any special assessments paid to the county after the January settlement will be paid to the Town monthly and any uncollected special assessments will not be settled in August as done in the past. Norm made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as written, seconded by Rod. Motion passed unanimously.

1<sup>st</sup> Side Supervisor – Rod reported that paving is finished. Need a couple more days of mowing this week to finish. Next week they will be shouldering. A man came in to get the plow trucks ready for winter. He had to repair breaks, hub on #16 that was broken and cab mounts from tipping accident, otherwise ready to go for winter. Jason Johnson is giving us a quote to sandblast and paint the box on new truck to be ready for this year. Otherwise Bob will do it.

2<sup>nd</sup> Side Supervisor – Norm reported that there was a complaint about sand at the end of Hill Drive where the pavement stopped. He told Bob to dump 5 yards of rip-rap so the road stays there.

Chairman – None

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read report (see attached). There have been some daytime burglaries in the past couple of weeks in the neighboring townships. Please stay alert and report suspicious behavior.

Update on the State of the Whitewater Unified School District – District Administrator Eric Runez and Business Manager Nate Jaeger presented what is going on in the district and discussed the November 4 referendum question. Presentation information is available on the school district website under the "2014 Referendum Information" link. Feel free to contact them with any questions.

E. Lakeshore Drive parking pad letter from Mead Killion – Mr. Killion believes that the Killions and the Veeds will take their own water. He believes the problem is the water coming down the hill and more water is now going under his property than before his pad was installed. Norm said the only thing the town board can deal with is the violation of 86.022. He also stated that the little drain could clog with leaves, freeze in the winter and cause an ice buildup in the road. The town needs residents to get an encroachment agreement for any permanent work in the town right-of-way. This even affects title policies when homes are sold. Parking pads aren't mandatory, but driveways are. The drainage issues on the property must be worked out with the builder or the landscaper. Norm would like the property owners to apply for encroachment agreements with a plan for how the water will drain away from the road. Mary Veed, an attorney in Illinois, stated that it's evident that every property has a nest for their cars, and she is wondering if the other property owners have encroachment agreements. The problem is that the space that isn't being encroached on is deteriorating, including the ditching that is filling in across the road. She's concerned that the encroachment agreement requirement is being applied selectively. Norm stated that it's because several people have new pads that is causing drainage issues. The Veeds took out a chunk of the installed blacktop and reinforced the drainage system so that the water drains correctly on their own property, but she doesn't think this will help her neighbor. So the Veeds and the Killions feel there are two issues: the encroachment agreements and the

water drainage. Norm suggested the property owners contact an attorney to draw up the encroachment agreements and they'll have to take care of the water drainage issues on their own. Rod said that residents can't change the slope of the road right-of-way without talking to the town board first. Water needs to drain away from the road.

Town insurance renewal – Horton Insurance submitted a quote for 2015 coverage. David Tiffany from the Rural Mutual Insurance Company also appeared. Current term expires at the end of the year. Board would like a quote from Mr. Tiffany. Norm made a motion to table to next month, seconded by Rod. Motion passed unanimously.

Implementing launch fees on Whitewater Lake – Norm said that Lake Management gets a lot of grants from the DNR tied to the lake and the Wisconsin Inland Waterways Grant Commission strongly advises that they charge for launches boats on the lake. Concern is that the cost of trying to collect the money outweighs the revenue, but it can be tied to getting future grants. Rich Charts said that we need to show the commission that they are trying to offset some of the costs when they go to the DNR for the grants. There are 3 launch sites on the lake that we could charge for, plus one that is a state owned launch and they charge for that. The majority of the other lakes are charging. Lowell asked if voluntary contributions might work. More research is needed. Norm made a motion to table to next month, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Purchase of oil drain pan for plow trucks – Rod would like the board to consider the purchase of an oil drain pan for the plow trucks. The one he found costs \$259 and it goes under the truck to change oil easier. Rod made a motion to purchase the Roughneck 15-gallon steel oil drain for \$259, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

2015 budget meeting date – Rod made a motion to have the budget meeting on Tuesday, October 14 at 9am, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – David Monk, who lives on Glacial Drive, called regarding the tree trimming that took place in the town right-of-way adjoining his property. He asked that the board look at moving the stop sign closer to the road where it should be so that drivers can see it. The board stated that the stop sign can't be moved because of a gas line.

Public Input – Jim Harmon said that the joint at the concrete pad on Cruse Lane is getting wider and longer. Needs asphalt added to it. Rod will contact someone to get hot asphalt put in. Rich Charts mentioned the concrete pad at the other end of Cruse Lane is getting wider and deeper as well.

Richard and Susan Kurlinski had asked the town to put up deaf child signs on Reliance Road last year to warn motorists about their son. They have helped some, but this year their dog was hit by a vehicle. Richard was almost hit by a texting driver while mowing the lawn. Some drivers slow down, but the farmers are the ones that haven't slowed down. Jim Harmon noted that when he plowed snow the Kurlinski dog chased vehicles, but that dog is now kept in the house. The Kurlinskis want to know the process to get the speed limit reduced and posted on Reliance Road. Norm said that the town would have to pass an ordinance to reduce the speed limit to 45 miles per hour. Lowell stated that it is a rather big deal. Tim Otterbacher will put the Sheriff speed trailer on that road. He doesn't think that dropping it to 45 will fix the problem because people aren't even going that speed. Rod will look up the criteria for reducing the speed limit on town roads for the Kurlinski Family.

Board paid bills.

Rod made a motion to adjourn at 8:32 pm, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer*