

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 9, 2015
7:00pm

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

The minutes of the November 11, 2015 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – Carrie said that 2015tax bills were mailed on November 25.

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

1st Side Supervisor – Bob reported that the pot hole by Jim Harmon's house hasn't been filled because he was waiting on the water drainage study report. George Christon's mailbox was damaged during snowplowing, so Bob fixed it.

2nd Side Supervisor – Norm reported that there were a couple complaints that were taken care of.

Chairman – Several calls regarding taxes. Glad they were mailed out early.

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read report (see attached). Possible future request to have a sheriff substation at the Whitewater Town Hall. Currently piloting one in Lyons.

Certified Survey Map for Riek Road LLC (W7912 R&W Townline DW 3500034) – Property owners Brad Lowrey and Jim Uhrich would like township approval to donate part of their land to the Kettle Moraine Club. Back in the 1970's there was a perpetual easement to give the Scattered Oaks Subdivision lake access. When they purchased the property, they were worried about liability. The Kettle Moraine Club will take ownership and eliminate the easement. Need town approval to go to the county for approval. Mark from Land-Mark Surveying surveyed property for the property owners. Lot 1 is the house and garage. The outlot with the piers are on their other property is what they wish to donate to the Kettle Moraine Club. The deed will go to the Kettle Moraine Club and they'll get a tax bill, but it will be deemed an unbuildable lot. Currently half of the land tax of the whole parcel is paid by the Kettle Moraine Club. Norm made a motion to approve the certified survey map, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Bachmeier variance request at N7604 Ridge Road (DMH 00024) – Ernie Tuchscherer, the builder, represented the Bachmeier's request. They bought the property last June and found out afterwards that there was a deck on the ground and a firepit that was pre-existing that weren't permitted when built by the previous owners. County saw on the as-built surveys that there was never a variance or permit in the past. Now they have to ask for a variance. Norm made a motion to grant approval of the variance, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Posting locations for public notification resolution – Carrie said that a new law was passed allowing us to post notices in one location, which is at the town hall, as well as on the town website in lieu of posting at three locations around town. Norm made a motion to adopt the posting location resolution as written, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Dead tree removal in town right-of-way – Received two bids from Will's Top Notch Tree Service and Krizsan's Tree Service to take down a list of dead trees in the town right-of-way. Bob said that Will's and Krizsan's both have experience working for WE Energies, so they both know the business. Both businesses have all the equipment. Both said it would be great winter work. Norm said that in reality some of these small and rotten trees should be taken down by our road crew. Norm said that some that are alive should come down too. There is a live one on Kettle Moraine Drive to the west of the Lion's Club that should be

coming down too. Norm said that other municipalities spend a lot of time chipping in the fall when there aren't any bugs, bees, or poisonous weeds. Bob made a motion to give the project to Will's Tree Service with the cutting down and chipping for \$8275, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Christmas bonuses – Norm made a motion to make them the same as last year, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Election Workers for 2016-2017 (Claudia Holst, Barbara Cowsert, Donna Kollwelter, Mary Salverson, Jamie Gunther, Ruth Flescher) – The Republican Party submitted Claudia Holst's name. No list received from the Democratic party. Bob made a motion to appoint all of them as listed as election workers, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Bob said that John Andres on E. Lakeshore removed his retaining wall that was in the town right-of-way and installed a retaining wall on his own property, per his discussion with his attorney. Culvert is below grade and left open, waiting to see what our E. Lakeshore Drive water drainage study says. There are six boulders in the road right-of-way by his house now. Norm said that at the next meeting we'll review the report from the engineer and look at all of the possibilities. This is an extensive process.

Public input – Jim Harmon said he was glad to see the Townline Road pot hole was finally filled. Norm said that there is a sinkhole starting on E. Lakeshore Drive near Mensching and Schwartz's houses. Bob will look at it.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 7:55pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer