

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 11, 2015  
7:00pm

Present: Lowell Hagen, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

The minutes of the March 3, 2015 special town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – Carrie reminded voters that there is an election on 4/7/15 with the polls open from 7am-8pm. Also, the next town annual meeting is Wednesday, April 22 beginning at 6:30pm with the monthly town board meeting to follow. No monthly meeting on April 8.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – None

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Tim Otterbacher read report (see attached).

Shelbourn variance request at W8144 R&W Townline Road – Bob Strand is the builder for this project and the owners are looking to construct an addition/alteration that is 42.6' from the ordinary high water mark and 8.7' from the side lot line. They are also requesting to retain an addition that is 33.2' from the ordinary high water mark. Bob said the lake side of the property will be shortened cutting off 6-7' from the existing and extend it more toward the road. They are not asking to go closer to the lake. The height of the house would stay the same. Permits had been pulled in the past for other alterations completed by previous owners. Bob presented letters of approval from the neighboring homes. Norm said that the county zoning boards tend to draw the line in the sand about pushing closer to the lake when there is room to come out the front. They need to protect the shore and property values. Lowell made a motion to accept the request as stated, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Proposal to eliminate local property assessment and transfer to county – Lowell said that it seems everyone is against it. The WTA is against it because it's going to cost us money, we're not going to have control, and it's one more step. Tax payers currently have the opportunity to come before the board if they don't believe their homes are properly assessed. He believes we should vote against the legislation and write letters and sign a resolution. Norm said the system works well as it is now and we haven't had to reevaluate in a long time. Lowell made a motion to sign the letters and pass the resolution, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Set date for road tour – Norm suggested Monday, March 16 at 8:00am and Lowell agreed.

Presentation by Lakeland Animal Shelter's Director, Kristen Perry – They offer county wide animal control and care and they are a no-kill shelter with a 98% adoption rate. They care for 3,000 homeless animals each year. Currently located in a 35-year-old building and they are building a new facility and are raising funds to continue with phase 2. They've raised \$1.2 million but need at least \$1.8 million more. If / when the new building is complete, the old building would be renovated for farm animals. Norm said it isn't our policy to donate tax payer money, but we will bring it up at our annual meeting to see if residents are interested in a donation.

Other town business – Lowell reported that we were having issues with the 1994 red truck, but it was minor and is repaired.

Public input – Ed McManaway asked if the town is issuing permits for the new Ag and IoH legislation. Lowell attended a class recently. He issued one for Katzman Farms for their manure and Jefferson FS for their fertilizer truck. Permits are not valid when roads are posted for 8 ton weight limits for the next 2-3 weeks. We are going along with the rule and we adopted the same policy that Walworth County adopted for uniformity. Tim Otterbacher said their one truck inspector is aware of the monumental changes. He thinks the Sheriff's Department could be issuing citations. Our county doesn't have a set of scales, but they are talking about budgeting for them.

Claudia Holst complimented Carrie's work.

Adjourn to Closed Session - Lowell made a motion to move into closed session, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously. Called to order. Present: Lowell Hagen, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

Completed Clerk/Treasurer annual review.

Adjourn back to open Town Board Meeting.

The board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:15pm, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer*