

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 11, 2014
7:00pm

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

The minutes of the May 14, 2014 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Rodney. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – None

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

1st Side Supervisor – None

2nd Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – None

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

Newgard variance request (DLS00033 - N7692 Pine Knolls Drive) – Lois Newgard's son, Jim Newgard, discussed their request for Lois's house and garage built in 1992. The house has been for sale with an offer, but when the survey was done at closing the surveyor found setback violations. The house porch encroaches about 1.5' inside the 25' setback requirement. Garage is located along Pine Knoll Drive and is close to the right-of-way and well into the 25' setback requirement. One corner is 4' and the other corner is 6' away from right-of-way. They can't find the building permits and can't figure out why this happened when the house and garage were built. Therefore they weren't able to sell the house. There is no foundation under the porch, just footings, which could be why the original foundation was within the setbacks before the porch was built. Norm made a motion to approve the 22.6' setback from the road in the front for the porch and the 4.3' setback from the side yard for the garage. Motion seconded by Rodney. Motion passed unanimously.

Wakefield variance request (DMH00046 – N7703 Ridge Road) – Hugh and Janet Wakefield decided not to rebuild their house, but to redo the decks and the path from the 75' shoreline down. Hugh said that the county already approved replacing all of the decks for the previous owner. Darrin told them to keep the request all the same, but they might not approve the path and approve the rest of it. They want to keep the same footprint but make the screen porch larger and reduce the size of one of the decks. They will be eliminating the stairs and the path where the old trolley previously was, which should help with drainage. Tram rails and shed will all be removed. Must also replace a retaining wall under the deck, which they can do when they replace the deck. Norm made a motion to approve rebuilding of the existing decks and the path increase to 60". As long as they remove the encroachments on the town property, the town will ok their requests. Rodney seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Witt variance request (DSP00012 – N7767 E. Lakeshore) – Ron Amann, the builder, said the owners bought the property last year. There is a cantilevered balcony coming off the living room that sits about 11' off the ground in the SW corner. They are asking to square the balcony with the posts exactly where they currently are and put a conforming catwalk to attach to the other deck. They are asking for an 18" triangular variance to square the deck. Neighbors to the south were at this meeting and said it didn't affect their property. County is voting on it tomorrow. Norm made a motion to approve the 73.14' variance request from the shoreline. Motion seconded by Rodney. Motion passed unanimously.

“Class B” Intoxicating Liquor and Retail Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverages License renewal applications received from Fuzzy Pig, Whitewater Country Club, and JNT Parkside Marina, LLC – The board reviewed the applications from the three current license holders. Representatives from The Fuzzy Pig and JNT were present. Norm made a motion to grant the renewal of the Country Club since there weren’t any problems there. Rodney seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Rodney made a motion to approve The Fuzzy Pig license, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously. JNT’s owner Jeff said he had to reapply for the permits and he found out that the architect plans were expired with the state. Plans sent again to the state and they weren’t approved because original approver was no longer worker there. So Jeff’s architect had to redesign the plans, adding retaining walls. Now waiting for septic permits and then can reapply for the state permits. Norm stated that it’s been 2 years that he’s been working on this and there were rules as to when the place had to be operational. Jeff said it’s an asset to the lake. If everything goes perfect, he will break ground before fall 2014 and have it open by spring 2015. Norm suggested holding the license until ground has been broken. Rodney made a motion to approve the license with the same 1 year agreement as previously signed, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed 2-1.

Operator license applications for 2014-2015 – Nine new applicants applied for operator permits and will be working at the three places in town with liquor licenses. Background checks were completed on all applicants. Eight of the applicants were previously issued licenses in the town of Whitewater. Norm made a motion to approve all operator licenses requested, seconded by Rodney. Motion passed unanimously.

Safety patrol boat motor repair / purchase – Bob stated that the boat motor got hot and scored a cylinder. Turned out to be an oil tank that was then repaired. Alarms still going off which was water pump issue and had it repaired. Bob and Mark from JNT put it back in the lake to test it and it stalled on the water when they dropped a cylinder. Mark did a compression test and the number 3 cylinder was dead. DNR gets significant price break on Mercury and Evinrude only, which is about 50% of the retail price. Bob would like to switch to a Yamaha but the rigging will be expensive. Need a new propeller either way. Jeff from JNT said he could also provide a quote with discount by Thursday fully installed. Two quotes from other places. First quote for factory rebuilt powerhead for \$6508. Second quote was for \$8946 for trade in for a new unit on the back. Sean received blessing from state that we will receive money back from DNR. For anything over \$5,000 they have to get the reimbursement over 5 years because it is a capital expense. Sean’s only concern with a 150HP 4-stroke having the same speed to keep up with the jet skis. Jeff said the 150HP will work fine. Rodney would put a 150HP 4-stroke motor on it. Table meeting to Saturday morning at 8:00am.

E. Lakeshore road water drainage – Nothing new to discuss. Table to future.

2014 sealed road bids – The Board opened bids from Scott Construction, Fahrner Asphalt, Precision Sealcoating, Crack Filling Service, Asphalt Services, Rock Road Companies, SNL Excavation, Wolf Paving, and Payne and Dolan. Board said that the total work bid on is more than our total budget and they will need to decide which work will fit into the budget and will then contact all bidders. Will review and award bids on Saturday, June 14 at 8:00am.

Other town business – None

Public Input – Resident asked about the Whitewater Limestone depth request. At a previous town board meeting Rodney said it couldn’t go any deeper than the sump pump current depth. It is the county’s responsibility to make sure it doesn’t go any deeper than was approved.

Resident would like to thank whoever graded and filled in holes on Island Road. Bob said Ed Kowalski did it for no charge. Norm asked that the town send him a thank you letter.

Bob Harris suggested the town give a gift card to Bob Ebel for the use of his boat for the safety patrol while ours is not usable. Norm made a motion to send a \$100 gift certificate for Gander Mountain, seconded by Rodney. Motion passed unanimously.

Resident informed the board that a tree fell down at Linden and Hackett. The town will take care of it.

Board paid bills.

Rod made a motion to adjourn at 8:23pm, seconded by Norm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer