

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 11, 2017  
7:00pm

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

Approval of agenda – Norm made a motion to approve the agenda as published, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the October 3, 2017 special 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 received an update from SafeBuilt that they are working to close out the open building permits for our township. They went from 58 down to 43 in the past month. Carrie also reported that we're looking for a snow plow driver with a CDL, but haven't had any applicants.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Side Supervisor – Norm said the chipping and trimming crew is doing a good job and he'd like to see them continue working while the weather is good.

1<sup>st</sup> Side Supervisor – Bob said that all of the road repairs are finally complete from 2016 and 2017. Larry Jacob on Ridge Road had an issue where they repaired the cul-du-sac around the rim and it was dipped too far to the edge of the easement. Larry was correct because there is a 4" fall in 8' and Tim at Frank Bros. agreed and will repair at no charge.

Chairman – None

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Sargent Ira Martin read report (see attached). Ira confirmed that if a roadway doesn't have a speed limit sign, then the speed limit is 55mph. Art Schmitz said that the speed trailer on E. Lakeshore helped. It keeps a traffic count with speeds and the new speed trailer has even more detailed information. In winter the burglaries will start so feel free to call if anything seems suspicious. Ira also mentioned that the suspect in the maroon Jeep who entered a house on Chapel Drive still hasn't been identified.

Branch Chipping – Carrie was approached by Tim and Mandy about issues with property owners not following the rules for branch chipping, like huge piles, tree stumps, mess of branches, etc. We have a form they can leave noting the reason for not chipping, but they've received mixed direction from the board over the years. Norm said the chipper won't take stumps and the little stuff. One was a big pile in a valley that should have been burnt. Bob Norm said the workers should leave a note for Norm and he'll call the property owners when there is an issue rather than leaving a note on the door. Bob said people need to do it the right way so he said either the form or the phone call. Lowell said he likes the note and put it in the mail because you can't put it in the mailbox. Art Schmitz suggested a door mail knocker with a plastic bag.

General Code contract for codification services – Carrie received a contract for a full recodification from General Code in the amount of \$7,434, which the proposal was approved at the September 7, 2017 town board meeting. They will split the fee between 2018 and 2019 and we have budgeted for half of that in 2018. Lowell made a motion to sign and carry forward as previous planned, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Yesterday Carrie received the costs for our 2018 fire and EMS contracts and they're both higher than what we have put in the budget. For EMS we budgeted \$20,000 but the 2018

cost will be \$20,554 while for fire we budgeted \$32,500 and the actual contract will be for \$35,000. This is an additional \$3,054 more than we budgeted. The 2018 on call contracts total \$55,554. Lowell mentioned we will receive an extra \$8000+ in general transportation aid for 2018 and said we could take the money from that. Norm made a motion for Carrie to adjust the budgeted GTA and fire/EMS numbers, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Carrie also mentioned that the 2018 per call fire charge will increase from \$900 to \$1,000 for the first hour plus \$250 for additional hours plus expenses. Carrie should make sure the note on the letter that goes with tax bills notes the increase and to have property owners check with their homeowner's insurance to check their coverage for fire calls.

Public Input – None

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 7:30pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer*