

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
7:00pm

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

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

The minutes of the December 13, 2017 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – There will be a primary election on February 20 to narrow the Supreme Court Justice from three to two candidates.

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

1st Side Supervisor – None

2nd Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – None

Sheriff’s Department Incident Report – Ira Martin read report (see attached).

“Class B” Intoxicating Liquor and Retail Class “B” Fermented Malt Beverages License application received from Willowbrook Golf Course LLC effective 2-15-2018 – Leif Knudsen and Nick Lesar bought the golf course effective 1/1/18 and they want the liquor license to continue as they’ll continue running the golf course. Carrie did background checks on the new owners and they would have to pay \$10,000 for the liquor license transfer, without the possibility of a municipal grant because the laws have changed since liquor licenses were initially issued in our town in 2012. Carrie said the Town received a letter from the Whitewater Country Club rescinding their license effective 2/14/18 and the Willowbrook Golf Course would take over effective 2/15/18. Norm said that the liquor licenses that aren’t used in municipalities can be sold to neighboring municipalities if requested. Norm made a motion to approve the liquor license as long as the paperwork meets the requirements. Motion seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Knudsen and Lesar Operator/bartender license applications for 2017-2018 – Norm made a motion to grant both licenses, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Resident request for no parking signs / area at corner of Townline Road and Chapel Road – Ernest Roy provided pictures of the issues that are a hazard when he crosses from his house across Townline when vehicles are parked on the corner. Mr. Roy would like no parking signs or add a sign that says “from here to corner” to the existing no parking signs that are further down on Chapel Drive. Also, there aren’t stop signs on all four corners at that intersection and it leads to questions about who has the right-of-way. Bob said if you’re going north on Chapel, you’d still have a problem seeing even with stop signs. Lowell said it’s a public boat launch and they need a place to park. Bob said they can park across from the church. Mr. Roy said there’s a law that says you need to park so many feet from a corner and people are parking all the way to the corner. Norm said that we are going through our ordinances to bring them up to date. He said there aren’t ordinances for many of our signs plus some of the signs are in Richmond Township and they might need to have an ordinance. He thinks we need a stop sign

coming up from the boat launch. We need an information sign saying curve ahead by the church. Informational signs don't need an ordinance because they aren't enforceable by a fine. Parking and stop signs need ordinances and other requirements. Bob would like a 4-way stop and Mr. Roy agrees. Mr. Roy said one man was killed a couple of years ago at that corner. Norm said the only parking ordinance we have in the township is for winter no parking on any town roads between 11pm – 6am and we don't even have it posted. Norm said the Kowalski's are going to halve the number of boat slips and that could limit the parking issues. They could even put a parking lot where the tennis court is, so he wants to hold off on changing our ordinances until we see what's going to happen with that and then review the ordinances for updates. Norm said for now when the frost is off we can put up a curve ahead sign in front of the church and a dead end informational sign. Norm made a motion for a dead end sign at the corner down to the boat lift and an informational sign at the church, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Roy also said that during the holidays there are a lot of visitors and he's wondering if the recycling can be picked up the weekend of Christmas. Lowell said the problem is that those trucks have other places to be and they're already behind a day due to the holiday. We can ask when we renew our contract with John's Disposal.

Hale farm separation CSM request at N8344 Hwy P (DW2400006A) – Mark Miritz from Land-Mark Surveying said the Hale's wish to separate their structures from the farm. Walworth County has approved it, then will do the CSM if the town approves. Lot 1 is u-shaped and contains the house and the barn. The other chunk is zoned A-2 and is 20.504 acres. This is a way for the family to split the land amongst themselves. Norm approved the request, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Jackson Hale asked if there's a way to get the water off his land because it's gotten worse over the past 5 years. There is a culvert under P and the water from the field across the street runs to his property. Bob said the bank of the railroad bed is right up to the roadway. It would have to be drenched out to make a ditch to get the water to go to the DNR property, which sits with water a lot. Norm said it's tiled on the field to the east of Jackson Hale's. Jackson said there's another culvert around the corner. Norm said to review it during our road tour. Bob agreed.

Other town business – Norm said that yesterday WE Energies provided an application for replacing the gas lines on Hwy 12 and a little of it comes onto our land. He doesn't think we need performance bond money for restoration. Since it's riding on the coattails of the big city job, they'll restore it. There are different types of bonds that we'll have to ask the Town's Association to determine what kind we'd need in the future. Lowell said if they pay the fee on this application, we're good to go. Norm said this WE Energies project is in preparation for the Elkhorn Road revamp. Bob said when Elkhorn Road gets curb, gutter, and sidewalk, do we need an ordinance for shoveling the sidewalk on town property? Lowell suggested just a sawhorse in winter that says "don't use sidewalk until spring" which is what they do in other places.

Lowell said we received a letter from the state of Wisconsin for General Transportation Aid funds and it went from about \$101,000 to about \$109,000. Our budget was adjusted back in November and the extra money put into the road budget.

Public Input – None

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 7:51pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer