

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
6:34pm

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

Norn made a motion to move approve the agenda, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the March 19, 2018 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 – We received \$15,917.13 for the 2017 Safety Patrol Grant.

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Side Supervisor – None

1<sup>st</sup> Side Supervisor – Had a complaint about damage to a driveway with a plow. Bob will call them.

Chairman – None

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

N7401 Properties LLC Certified Survey Map (D W 3500024) – Landscaper Adam Sandberg said that one year ago they got a variance and then the county said they need to combine these 2 parcels before completing the project. The house sits on two lots, so it's not conforming, and they need to make DHM000018 and DW3500024 one parcel. Homeowner hired an engineer to do the paperwork. The board asked about the other lots on the map. Mr. Sandberg said the owners also own the vacant, nonconforming lots that, in the future, they may want to combine into two usable lots. Norm made a motion to accept the certified survey as presented, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Replace or repair dump box on truck 16 and/or replace truck 16 – Lowell said this is the biggest truck, the 4WD one we bought from East Troy, that we just put a new computer in. Bob said the box is rotten. Norm asked if we can weld / patch the current box, but Bob said no because the framing is rotten and Bob Harris can't dump it. We can replace the box, but Lowell wonders if we want to consider replacing the truck. We didn't get prices yet on a new box. If we wait a year, we could use the current \$7,000 in our truck money market account, plus the \$10,000 we plan to move to that account this year, plus the money from selling our current truck. Lowell said these trucks sit and don't get used and breakdown. Norm said back when Edgar was here we didn't have little trucks, so the big plows got more use. Norm said we can't find CDL drivers. Lowell said 90% of the time a 1-ton truck should plow most of our roads and suggested eliminating the third truck and get a little truck like we have or a little bigger. Norm said Lake Management just bought a brand new Ford 450 for \$46,000. Lowell said we could sell truck 16 as is, still have 2 big trucks, and add a second little truck. Norm made a motion to table and look into small truck options, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Stihl concrete saw purchase – Norm looked into a couple options. Stihl's 12" hand saw is \$995, plus a cart and mounting kit. The total is \$1514 less a 15% municipal discount, so it's \$1285. A 12" Power King with a Kohler engine and a diamond blade which is water cooled is \$799. Bob asked if a 12" will go through 4-5" of asphalt or if we should get a 14", but Norm said we don't have much asphalt that deep. Norm said if we were going to use it all the time, he'd go for a bigger one. Bob said we could

buy a blade and rent a saw. Norm said we could use this on the culvert on Stader that we should cut out the 4' wide chunk and blacktop and compact it. Lowell asked which workers are going to do this dirty work. Bob said he doesn't think we're going to use it much. Norm made a motion to table it, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Quote from Tanis Construction to repair town hall steel, eave, and gutter – Tanis quote was for \$2,900. Lowell said a town resident sent an email not impressed with Mr. Tanis's work at a Whitewater church. Norm said 3 years ago we had a quote for \$1950 to do this work, repair the roof across the street, and some siding on the salt shed. Norm said if we can get the commercial siding out front, he and Tim can put the six sheets 8' high and screw it on in a day. Norm said we could build a removable 3-4' form with siding extension onto the sidewalk. Four holes in the concrete with a metal roof. Lowell said our current gutter is short and doesn't go anywhere and forms icicles. Norm said the metal roofs are tough for everyone. Norm agrees that it's a mess. Bob said he thinks the Tanis price is okay if it's commercial gutter. Bob said he's hoping the siding will be the same, but the color will be off due to fading. Norm said most of the damage is from the plow pushing ice into the building. Bob said to leave the parking curbs all year round to prevent that, but Norm said it's too hard to plow around them. Bob made a motion to accept the Tanis price as long as the siding matches and it's commercial gutter, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution #2018-01 budget resolution for town hall exterior siding repairs – Carrie said we don't have funds in our town budget for the Tanis work, but we have money in our long-term new building and maintenance account. Lowell made a motion to accept the resolution 2018-01 as written, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Public input - None

Other town business – Tuesday Captain Gerber called Carrie about the Safety Patrol staffing. He said that he currently has Sean and is offering one new person a position. They've had two rounds of applications, with 25 applications, 10 of which were qualified, and 6 of those passed the county's psych test. When he offered them jobs, most took other positions. Captain Gerber spoke with many other boat patrols and all are having difficulty staffing. In Walworth County, the hourly wage ranges from \$17-\$20 per hour, but there aren't qualified people wanting the jobs. Captain Gerber asked if the board is okay with increasing from \$17 per hour to \$20 per hour for deputies and increase the boat manager (Sean) to \$25 per hour. Norm said that last year we told Sean they can pay whatever hourly wage they want, but not to exceed the annual wage budget, which was increased to \$21,000 for 2018. Board commented that Sean does a really good job. He's dedicated and fair. The board would like regular updates from Sean on the budget as well. Bob asked if we always need two deputies on the boat and Norm said on busy weekends want to have two deputies, but don't have to on other days. Captain Gerber told Carrie one option for staffing would be to have the Sheriff Deputies work the Safety Patrol on their off hours, but they would be paid at time and a half, which averages about \$45 per hour. Ira Martin said with benefits it's more like \$75 per hour. Ira said they used to patrol on jet skis years ago and they always filled the open slots. Norm said that back in the day we had a constable who lived on the lake who would patrol and we then started the Safety Patrol with Richmond Township. It later became a Police Department. Ira said that there was unofficial discussion about the Sheriff's Department taking over the Safety Patrol completely. He said if they'd takes over, they would patrol different lakes as well, not just Whitewater Lake. Norm said he'd love for us to get out of running the patrol and maybe we could sell the town boat to the county really cheap. Norm said he can't speak for the board, but maybe the town would contribute funds to the Sheriff's Department if they took over.

Lowell said someone should talk to Lake Management to explain the Safety Patrol staffing situation. Norm will talk to Rich Charts about the situation. Norm said that, not knowing the future of the Safety Patrol, that any new purchases are amortized over 5 years, so he'd be leery about spending additional money. Norm asked Carrie to have JNT put a sticker on our boat lift, so we can have a mechanic or someone fix the hand crank and brake so we don't have to buy a new lift, because that's the only thing

that's wrong with the lift. Paul Schwartz can work on it, but he doesn't want to work on it while it's in the water. We need a lift so the boat and electronics are protected.

Bob will contact Digger's Hotline to mark 6 culvert / ditching projects that were identified during the road tour and see the feasibility of doing the jobs.

Adjourn to Closed Session

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

Discussed hiring a part-time general laborer, wages for Tim Ryan for part-time road help, and wages for Donna Sherman for cleaning.

Adjourn back to open Town Board Meeting.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:53pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

*Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer*