

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 11, 2018
7:00pm

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

Norm made a motion to adjust the agenda to move the Flitcroft item later until their architect arrives, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the June 13, 2018 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 a call from a property owner on Ridge Road who wanted to compliment the wonderful job the branch chipping crew does and he’s very impressed with how they sweep up after.

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

2nd Side Supervisor – None

1st Side Supervisor – None

Chairman – None

Sheriff’s Department Incident Report – Ira Martin provided a call summary report. He had put a speed trailer on Kettle Moraine, but Bob said it was in the wrong spot. Bob said it needs to be from Clover Valley to State Park going south where it’s 35mph. Resident David Petura said to place it between Pine Knolls and Bayview and the sheriff can park in his driveway. Officer Martin asked about parking issues and a resident said E. Lakeshore Drive was terrible during the holiday week. Officer Martin said there has to be 16’ to get by as long as there is an unobstructed view of he thinks 300’ so that you can see an oncoming car. Officer Martin received a letter from Derick Krueger, who worked for the Safety Patrol from 1999-2000. He’s creating a shadow box for his retirement and he’d like a badge or patch from each municipality he’s worked at. Norm said he’ll look and see what we have but the last constable got rid of them. Norm might have one. Resident asked about any calls for illegal fireworks. Ira knows there were citations written throughout the week in different municipalities. Another resident asked about automatic weapons fire complaints near Lakeview School. Ira said there have been complaints near Lake Lorraine. It’s not against the law to shoot an automatic weapon as long as they’re following the laws but they’ll check out any complaint made to the Sheriff’s Department.

John’s Disposal 2019 contract options and renewal – Nate Austin from John’s Disposal presented options for our 2019-2023 contract. They are requesting a \$.45 per unit monthly rate increase next year for a new total of \$15.50 per month, which is a 3% cost of living increase over the current \$15.05 rate. He offered three options, two of which include a change in service:

- 1) Maintain current service of weekly garbage, bi-weekly recycling, and monthly bulk service at \$15.50 per month.
- 2) Weekly garbage, bi-weekly recycling, bulk call in up to 12x per year, and curbside electronics up to 12x per year at a rate of \$15.95 per month.
- 3) Add weekly recycling to either option for \$1.30 per unit per month.

Norm said he thinks we’re at the end of the old fashioned television dumps on the curb. Bob said he picked up another tv this week. Nate said Milton uses this electronics option and their electronics tonnage goes up every year. Current rate is \$42 per electronic because it’s a pass through charge and will be \$45 next year. Nate said weekly recycling is the trend and it’s coming down the pike if we don’t do it this time. Lowell asked for a show of hands and the majority said they’d pay the extra money for weekly recycling and

electronics. Norm made a motion to go to option #3 for \$17.25 per month, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Lowell said over the years we haven't had complaints about John's. Rich Charts said the only complaint is trying dumping leaves at John's facility isn't easy and Nate said he'll make note to improve. Usually have a 40 yard dumpster where they swing open the door. Nate said thanks to the fire department who was one of 81 departments who responded to their fire at their Norway facility.

Flitcroft zoning and conditional use requests for (D W 800004) – Looking to rezone a 22+ acre lot from A-2 and C-4 to B-4 and C-4 for a phased mini-warehouse storage facility. Dave Flitcroft said his son Zach Flitcroft would like to do a storage building development that he designed with the help of architect Warren Hansen. Whitewater has a deficit of storage based upon their study. Architect Warren Hansen said they proposing 7 buildings of 12,000 (300' x 40') square feet each, done in phasing. Their plan may be adjusted as they proceed. Mr. Hansen said property was zoned by the county many years ago and it doesn't always follow the property lines so there are little slivers of different zoning. Basic site will be zoned B-4, which is a business district. Building design will be a steel free building with a low pitched roof and trim. Buildings will be pitched and grading will be done for drainage and there will be a retention pond or two with a controlled outlet. Water runoff will remain on their property and go to the creek. Norm asked if this will be a gated area. This will not be a gated area but there will be lighting and cameras. Zach said down the road there may be a gate. They checked other facilities and haven't seen gates, but they'll go to that if needed. Dave Flitcroft said he has storage units south of Lake Geneva and they're on a main highway and don't have any issues without a gate but with lighting and cameras. Lighting wouldn't go towards the golf course. Zach said they haven't talked to the golf course about this project yet. They are working on the highway permit but they don't think it will be an issue, but they can move the driveway if needed. Mr. Hansen said you always need a conditional use for a storage building, even if the zoning was an M-1 so the county can control hours of operation, etc. There will be parking available as well. Dave Flitcroft said he'd be the emergency contact for issues and he only lives 12 minutes away. Norm made a motion to grant the rezone from A-2 and C-4 to B-4 and C-4 and for the use of a mini warehouse storage facility, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Whitewater Fire Department contract discussions – Fire Chief Mike Higgins and Tom Pecha appeared to hear concerns. Lowell said he heard other municipalities are getting refunds of standby fees. Mr. Higgins said they only refunded Koshkonong Township due to an error in population count. No one else has been done yet. Mr. Higgins said Whitewater Township is one of the busiest municipalities and take up about 50% of their resources. Norm said our township is entirely in the Whitewater FD's jurisdiction. Mr. Higgins said we all pay the same per capita for fire. He's working on the EMS side but they adopted the contracts from the City and he's not sure where they're at. Timing is TBD because he's working on Cold Spring right now. Norm said we're very happy with the service but the standby fees are killing us because we can't raise our budget. Pretty soon we won't have roads for the fire department trucks to go down. Lowell said our current standby fees are very high at \$74,000 for fire alone for 2 years. Norm said if there's something the town can do help lower costs we would. Captain Higgins said firemen are paid \$12 per hour when they're on call and they're entirely volunteer. Mr. Higgins hasn't been charging us the minimum \$1000 per call. Lowell said we brought this up because there was a bigger rate jump than usual and he went to one of the Koshkonong meetings where this was discussed. John Pecha said they could put together a formal presentation of their total costs and how that's disbursed by municipalities. Mr. Higgins said the City puts a lot into it with building space, phones, insurance, billing, etc.

Norm asked about the dry hydrant on Cruse Lane and whether it's going to be used because it looks abandoned. Bob said we'd like to eliminate it if it's not in use. Mike Higgins said they can use the pipe in the winter months but he thinks this one is broken. He'll check into that. Mike Higgins said the one on Kettle Moraine Drive is good and they use it regularly. Norm said if we don't eliminate the Cruse Lane one, it's hazardous because there are broken pipes that had been around it to protect it. Norm said most homeowner's insurance companies pay at least \$500 for a legitimate house fire call.

Stop sign at corner of boat launch on R&W Townline Road – Norm said that Richmond sent a letter that they'd like us to put up a stop sign at this corner coming up from the boat launch. Norm made a motion to put the sign up on the east bound lane of the boat launch, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Cruse Lane boat launch concerns – Norm said in 2008 we gave Lake Management permission to harvest the weeds at that site. It wasn't in the minutes, but at the time one of the stipulations was to not park anything there over the weekends and a lane had to be kept open for boats to launch. Norm said the fence on the

southside of Cruse Lane was erected after a lawsuit and the road was on the neighbor's land and we cut some tree branches. Norm said we didn't cut the trees down on our side and we put the fence up accordingly to the tree line. By the hydrant the fence is 5' onto Cruse Lane. The branches on our side of the fence should be trimmed straight up from the fence with our pole saw up 15-18'. Then the harvester could go there temporarily and be out of the way. The neighbor to the north of Cruse Lane said the equipment has been there for 2 weeks and hasn't been used once. The equipment had been parked in the middle of the launch and now the neighbor looks at the equipment all day every day from her deck. Lake Management District representatives said the unit wasn't used because they're waiting on delivery of a new dump truck, which has now arrived so they'll start using the conveyor in a few days and it'll be used all summer. Neighbor said it's parked in a fire lane which is an issue. Neighbor said there isn't a safeguard in case someone would climb on the equipment. Lake Management said they have liability insurance for situations like that. No matter where it's parked there could be an issue. They have a security cage so they can't mess with the equipment. Delavan's harvesters are parked in a public place as well. The conveyor is permanently erected in the upright position and can't be lowered. Lake Management said the angle won't be as bad and the visual issue will be diminished when the conveyor is moved back towards the road and to the other side. Neighbor said other people are now parking their trailers on the boat launch. Lake Management said that could be reported to the police. Rich Charts said the trash there is terrible too and he picks it up. Rich said to use the conveyor it has to be put in the water some, but they shouldn't have to take up the whole launch if the hydrant and girders are removed. Lake Management said they're trying to provide the best service to all lake property owners and they're trying to find the most productive, least intrusive options. The harvester will be at the boat launch until early-mid October for weed and then bog removal. Years ago the conveyor was on Chapel Drive boat launch but it's too tight and difficult. Norm said Cruse Lane is the best option. Lowell asked if we can move the conveyor on the weekends, but Lake Management said it's not practical and there are height issues. Norm said if it's by the road, then it won't be as visible to the neighbors.

Bayview Drive lake access road concern – Dave Petura said people have been using that area to launch jet skis and kayaks. He said it's getting bumpier from vehicles using the lot and it looks bad. The lake access area is maintained by property owners and it's becoming rutted up. This is not a boat launch and these people should be using the official boat launches. There's a "no parking" sign there now. He asked if there's a way to put up a few permanent fence posts at this area to prevent people from using the lake access as a boat / jet ski launch. Just need space for people walking in and for snowmobiles. No additional signage needed. Bob made a motion to put posts in, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Gardiner Appraisal Service contract renewal – The new 2-year contract has a \$500 increase from \$9,900 to \$10,400 annually plus an increase for the software licensing fee. Norm made a motion to accept the new contract, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Contract with Crack Filling Service to provide road crack sealing for a total cost larger than \$5,000 and less than \$25,000 – Norm said it looks like a different procedure that is ground up blacktop and the rate went up. Lowell said everyone has had to raise rates to cover costs and labor. Bob made a motion to accept the contract, seconded by Lowell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Determine roads to be striped by Walworth County – Bob Harris had mentioned to Carrie he thought we should stripe Anderson from Clover Valley to Hwy 89, Townline from Hwy 89 to Brown Road, and Island Road west of Hwy 89. He also said to do Clover Valley if there's money left. Carrie reminded the board that we don't get a price estimate through the county. Instead we tell them what roads to stripe and they send a bill. Bob will talk to Bob Harris to confirm which roads to stripe and will get it done.

Brush cutter rental - Carrie said that Bob Harris would like to cut some high areas in the fall. We have \$8,000 in our highway work & equipment hire fund, which would include tree removal too. The cost to rent the brush cutter for one week is \$2400 (40 hours at \$60 per hour) plus blades at \$160 per set plus about \$450 delivery /pick-up (\$75 per hour for about 6 hours total). Bob said Will's Tree Service is caught up and we have a few more trees to come down. Norm said we had a bad experience one year where we rented the brush cutter and nothing got done. He said two years ago on E. Lakeshore Drive at the corner of Hwy P, you couldn't see around the corner and he worked with Tim and Bob for 3.5 hours to clear it out. It hasn't been mowed since and it's back to the way it was. We have spots where it's down to one lane. Shereda and Stader have received complaints. Norm said there's a tree hanging on E. Lakeshore that Bob will take out tomorrow. Norm said there's trees hanging on many roads that we should be taking down, some of which

can be taken down with a chain on the back of the truck. Norm said our summer brushing crew cuts grass and does other things and don't get any brushing down and it's going to be a real problem down the line when it's all canopied. Dan Holst said Esterly is all canopied. Norm said instead of spending \$3000 for a week of brush cutter renting, we should hire the chair of Hebron Township who has a business that cleans that up. Norm said could get on Weyer's schedule for now and cancel if there's another option we find. Bob made a motion to rent for a week and schedule it, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

August 19, 2018 Fort Atkinson Lions Club Tour de Fort Bike Ride approval and liability – The club sent a letter with the route and said it's the same as last year. They won't be stopping traffic, they'll obey all traffic signs, they provided a certificate of insurance, and agreed to be responsible for paying any and all unpaid ambulance bills for registered riders. Norm said their route is dangerous and that time of year to come down E. Lakeshore Drive when it's busy and dangerous. He thinks they should consider another safer route in the future, like Territorial Road. Lowell made a motion to send a letter of approval and ask if they are familiar with other routes and be aware of safety issues, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Bob said there are two downed trees on Hill Drive that will be pulled down with a chain and will cut it up. Don Oker said there are concerns by the neighbors about the safety of those trees and he's glad the town will take them down.

Public Input – Ed McManaway asked if there was any authority to dump wood chips on Island Road because there's a mound now. Bob said he'll talk to Bob Harris and Tim tomorrow. Dick Kraus previously said he'd take some chips. Bob said we're going to check with the DNR to see if we can put the bark chips on Hwy P where they put the lake weeds. Claudia Holst said that where the landscape work was done last month on E. Lakeshore, they just raked the dirt that they had put in the ditch up the hill. Gabriel Szerlong, a candidate for assemblyman to District 43, introduced himself.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 8:58pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer