

Town of Whitewater Budget Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 2, 2018
8:00am

Present: Lowell Hagen, Bob Strand, Norm Prusener, Carrie Hintz

Approval of agenda – Yesterday Norm told Andrew from AT&T that we'd move #8 down to the end of the meeting if Andrew wasn't present on time. Norm made a motion to approve the agenda as proposed, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Norm made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the September 12, 2018 town board meeting, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Norm made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the September 12, 2018 closed session town board meeting, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Mensching encroachment agreement at N7779 E. Lakeshore Drive (DSP00014) – Norm made a motion to approve the encroachment agreement as written, with the addition of Whitewater Township being named an additional insured. Seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Mikulski variance request at W7778 Deerwood (DBVE00013) – Applicant is requesting a variance to construct an addition to a residence. The Ordinance requires a 25' setback from the road right-of-way and the applicant is requesting a 15.56' street yard setback. Applicant is looking to be closer to the road. Had previously had an approved variance to build a garage, but they ran out of funds and the variance expired. When they went back to the county to renew it, they were told they never had town approval the first time. Norm made a motion to grant the variance as it's logical, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

AT&T new utility permit application – AT&T is requesting to construct a new 1.25" IPP with fiber in the right-of-way at W8363 R&W Townline Road. The proposed installation will be by way of plow/trench/directional bore at a minimum depth of 36". Norm looked at it and we don't want more utilities in our ditchline because it causes issues with future ditching. Richmond Township wants them to be 4' deep and Andrew said they can be 4' deep here as well if we require. Norm is wondering why they don't do it on the other side of the road. Andrew from AT&T said they were looking at the existing utilities which started on the north side of the road so they just continued that way. Bob said there are already lines in that ditch and telephone could be as little as 18". Andrew said they usually require 18" out or they have to hand dig so they're usually at least 2'. Andrew said they'll do a mixture of directional bore and plow based upon county requirements and they must adhere to the county's erosion control plan. Andrew said anywhere there is hard pavement they are boring, so no asphalt disturbance. Bob asked if there is a disturbance in the new parking at Lakeview School and Andrew said there will be. Bob said Townline Road is well ditched. Andrew said they'll be 16' away from the end of the pavement and Norm said we can approve that because then we can ditch in the future. Norm said ditches are our storm sewers, so we don't want to give those up for utilities. Norm said this project is about 1.5 miles in our township. Andrew said this project will go out to bid and start

this year. Norm said we've had issues in the past where there wasn't restoration so we need a restoration bond. Norm made a motion to approve as long as they are 16' off the pavement and provide a \$25,000 restoration bond for the 8000' of restoration and have restoration completed within 7 months of project completion. Andrew said he's never had to provide a restoration bond so he'll look into that. Motion seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

The 2018 and 2019 budgets were reviewed. The board reviewed all line items of the current 2018 budget and of the 2019 proposed budget. Carrie will prepare the 2019 budget for the Budget Hearing on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 6:30pm.

Other town business – Carrie received a call from a concerned resident about engine braking on R&W Townline Road near County Line Road. She was wondering if the town could put up a “no engine braking sign.” The board decided against putting up a sign. Town chairman will talk to the truck owner.

Anthony Bult asked about putting fanned out asphalt from Island Road to his gravel driveway to prevent water issues. Board said any approach off the road is the property owner's responsibility. In addition, there will always be a drop off at some point going from asphalt to gravel. Water is running from a state highway onto his property and not from a town road so it's really not the town's issue. The real way to fix it is for the owner to put a concrete apron in.

There was a \$500 fire call charge for Chuck Pope, who doesn't live in our township, for a tractor fire call. His tractor was driving down Hwy 59 when a tire caught on fire. The tractor pulled off the road and into a field that he doesn't rent or own, and extinguished the fire. A passerby must have called 911. Board asked Carrie to submit a form to the state to try to get reimbursed for this charge since it was on Hwy 59. Lowell made a motion to exempt Chuck Pope and the field property owner from this bill, seconded by Bob. Motion passed 2-1.

Bob said Bernie Tangey and a friend took out the buoys on Rice Lake. Bob made a motion to give Bernie a \$100 gift certificate to the Black Sheep, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Bob at 9:29am. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer