

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 14, 2018
6:34pm

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

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

The minutes of the October 10, 2018 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Lowell. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report – Carrie noted that there will be an increase in the garbage special assessment on the tax bills. It will go from \$180.60 per household to \$207.00 per household. This is a cost of living increase plus an increase for the additional services town property owners will receive beginning January 1, 2019. These include weekly garbage and weekly recycling, call in bulk up to 12x per year which now includes electronics items. Tax bills should be mailed the end of November or early December.

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

2nd Side Supervisor – None

1st Side Supervisor – Absent

Chairman – A few calls but nothing major.

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

Kaiser variance request at N7519 Ridge Rd (DMH 00086) – Carrie said that at the October 10, 2018 meeting, Bob Strand made a motion to approve the variance request with a 15' setback. After the meeting he confirmed to Carrie that he misspoke and he meant to motion a 6.2' setback. Norm said at the October meeting the board told Mr. Kaiser he couldn't go over 17' in height and the board gave him the sideyard setbacks as requested. Norm made a motion to correct and approve the variance request from 15' to a 6.2' setback, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Bob Strand joined meeting.

Goessling request to directional bore drainage tile line under Walworth Avenue (DW700004) – Luke Goessling said there's water issues with the existing line the state put in. Originally under Walworth is 150' and it will continue on to Bypass Hwy 12. He will bore under Walworth and trench under Hwy 12 and then bore more. It will be a 12" tile, which is what he has now. The water is going to end up north of Hwy 12 on the east side of Hwy 12 in the existing ditch that the state reengineered when the road was built. They'll parallel an existing line from when they built the road. Luke said NRCS is ok with his plan, but he has to get town approval before getting the state's final approval to go under Hwy 12. Herr Well Drilling will do the boring and the trenching will be done by Detweiler Drainage. Norm said it's all wetland according to a recent map from the county. Luke said his property is wetland but the rest isn't. Luke said there are a total of 7 concrete "bridge" box culverts where he's doing the work. When they originally rebuilt Hwy 12, the culverts on Hwy 12 were engineered higher than the culverts on Walworth Avenue, so now there's water issues. Norm made a motion to approve as long as the state approves it as well. Motion seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Norm said there's a fee for

public and private work in the ditch. We usually have a restoration bond, but this is such a small part, we wouldn't need a bond. Lowell said this isn't a major project, but Norm said it's a policy that should be applied to everyone. Bob said Luke's taking care of the whole situation and isn't going to be bonded and he already has a tile there. Lowell said he wouldn't be doing this if the state hadn't screwed up in the first place. Lowell said when we change our ordinances next year, we should adjust the fee for each job based upon the amount of money that will be spent on the project. Lowell made a motion to not charge the \$1,000 fee in this instance. Seconded by Bob. Motion passed 2-1.

2019 Town insurance renewal proposal – Carrie said this is the same coverage through Horton Insurance as previous years and the rates stayed about the same. In 2018 they were \$10,536 and in 2019 they'll be \$10,589. Carrie said we also have a worker's comp premium at \$3,546 and then there's an annual audit based upon our claims. Norm made a motion to approve the 2019 contract, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Other town business – Norm said we billed Richmond for their share of the Safety Patrol cost and wages were lower than usual. Carrie said Walworth County didn't charge us for the Sheriff and Under Sheriff's hours worked in September. Carrie said as of now Walworth County isn't interested in taking over full responsibility for the Safety Patrol in the future.

Bob said that Randy Harnack is upset with the new stones in front of the Bay View lake access because he uses it for ice fishing. He told Bob his deed says he has a right to unload boats at that spot. Bob will have him bring the deed in and we'll move a stone if the deed shows and the county confirms. Norm said to leave the sign up and move a rock if the deed shows he can unload boats there.

Norm made a motion to list the belly scraper from the International plow truck on Wisconsin Surplus without a reserve, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Public input – None

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 7:16pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer