

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 9, 2019
7:00pm

Present: Lowell Hagen, Robert Strand, Norman Prusener, Donna Sherman

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

The minutes of the October 1, 2019 special town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Norm made a motion to approve the minutes as written of the October 1, 2019 closed session special town board meeting, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Clerk report –There is an opening for the Town Clerk/Treasurer. Turn in letter of interest and resume to Carrie Hintz by October 15.

Treasurer report – Donna 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 – Norm stated he would cover below.

1st Side Supervisor – Bob nothing.

Chairman – Lowell said a resident mentioned a couple of trees down – all taken care of this past Sunday.

Sheriff's Department Incident Report – Ira Martin provided a call summary report. 248 calls. He mentioned there was a burglary to a local business outside of Whitewater. Also a group of juveniles have been reported in the area checking for unlocked cars to which they are accessing garages so be sure you are locking your vehicles they are taking items that are readily available as well as cars and they have been noted to removing vin numbers and plates. Calls have been made to the group home on Howard Road 3times this month same mental health issues trying to get that individual placed to another facility. Over all minor traffic issues 1 hit/run, 1 hit/run w/property damage, 2 crashes and 3crashes w/property damages. There were 44 traffic stops and 8 school checks.

Bob asked if they were purchasing a new speed trailer – they are repairing one which makes 2 and looking to get another however they are not used during the winter months.

Feldman encroachment agreement at N7651 Ridge Road (DMH 00055A) – The owner's representative, John Gishnock with Formecology, stated the retaining wall has been in place since the house was built. It now needs replacement so they are looking to get approval to rebuild a retaining wall. John also stated that the wall would never exist and would always need to be there. Norm stated the liability is a gray area that the insurance companies would take care of the damage based on parking. With the radical change in drop reference made to photo with the Red Truck, Norm said the resident was going to review it with their insurance company regarding liability and safety if one would be injured because of that. Norm made a motion to accept Bob seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Hill Drive seawall discussion – Norm said that Rick Olson from Hill Drive asked about the bottom of the hill. Norm spoke to the DNR and they will allow the seawall as long as the town will be responsible for drawing a sketch and getting a copy of the ordinance. Hard stone should be used not lime stone. Certain heights and pitches to build so they would match the seawall to the others. Bob said it was measured at 45 feet. Norm said the question is do we have that in our budget. Residence asked if they

could help draw the sketch. Resident (Rick) asked if the walls had to be together. The wood ties would be taken out and replaced. Norm said the next step is to get with the people on Hill Drive to discuss. JNT said \$100 a ft so approx \$4500 Norm said to the residence would be to put together a plan and present it to the town – Norm mentioned there are certain specs. Resident concern was how people would get into the water – Bob suggested mentioning it to Jeff about Lime Stone steps another resident mentioned those were no longer allowed.

Whitewater / Rice Lake ordinance – Norm said this is where we talked about changing the level of the lake with the no wake – there has been mixed discussion so leave the level as is. The other one regarding the spotter VS mirror he said talked to Safety Patrol to change the ordinance it would take another year or more and an additional 1500 hours of patrol. Norm said he felt to keep the ordinance as indicated by the state.

Resident mentioned he felt the no wake is too high – said the no wake needs to be put on before it gets to the stated level. Norm suggested to the property owners to get a referendum to have a vote on a ballot – another resident said that would not work because not all property owners vote in this area. Norm suggested taking it to Lake Management- Lowell interjected that we cannot please everyone. Lowell said in the end all of the ordinances stated would remain the same.

Proposed 2020 draft budget amendment – Donna stated that Carrie noted at the budget meeting that there was an error in the budget's Excel formulas. After the budget meeting, Carrie fixed those and there is now a \$30,000 carryover from 2019 into 2020 rather than the \$20,000. After a couple other minor adjustments, the board now has an additional \$10,500 to allocate in 2020. Norm moved to put that additional amount of \$10,500 into truck and equipment account Lowell seconded motion carried. Norm motioned to approved the amended budget Bob seconded motion carried.

Standard town encroachment agreement – Template provided Lowell stated he was in favor of it as well as Bob. Bob made the motion to accept the encroachment agreement as presented Norm seconded motion carried.

Other town business – nothing additional

Public Input – Claudia asked about the houses that are being rented out to people near hers the residence a few doors down it is being rented to the college students – 4-6 cars at a time parking in the road and ditches. One could be the daughter of the residence owner but she feels they are making money on it. Lowell thought this could be a zoning issue – Bob felt the same and to start with Walworth county zoning – Lowell said if it becomes an issue in the winter then we would need to call the police. Lowell felt if really is an issue to start there and report it.

Board paid bills.

Norm made a motion to adjourn at 7:58pm, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Sherman, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer