

**Town Board Meeting  
February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:00 P.M.  
Manitowish Waters Community Center**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Present:** Town Chairman John Hanson and Board Supervisors Eric Behnke and Chuck Rayala III.

**Approval of Agenda** as posted on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Approved on motion from Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** of January 12<sup>th</sup>, January 19<sup>th</sup>, and February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Approved on motion from Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III. Motion carried.

**Visitors Present:** Chris Troller, Rob Hanson, Chuck Kramer, Kevin Griffith, Ty Rayala and John Butler.

**Public Input on Agenda Items:** Chris Troller, Chuck Kramer and Kevin Griffith requested to speak on the

**Communications with Town Clerk** agenda item. Chuck Kramer and Kevin Griffith wished to comment on the **Bike Trail Report** Standing Committee Review item. Chuck Kramer and Kevin Griffith asked to speak on the **Parks Report** Standing Committee Review item.

**Subjects from floor:** None

**Old Business:**

--**Agreement with Ilg Trust for Bike Trail on State and County Right-of-Way:** Town attorney, Greg Strasser will work with the Ilg Trust lawyers to come up with an agreement.

--**Fire Company Lease:** Chair Hanson had not heard back from Fire Chief Skrobot in time for the meeting. This item will be tabled until a future meeting.

**New Business:**

-- **Appointment of Parks/Trails Committee Additional Member:** Since the last Town Board meeting, an application from Ty Rayala was submitted to fill the 9<sup>th</sup> spot on the Parks/Trails Committee. A motion was made by Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke to approve Ty's appointment to the Parks/Trails Committee. Motion carried.

--**Proposal for Updating Computers in the Town Offices:** Ty Rayala of Great Escapes Technology provided an in-depth explanation of a proposal to update the antiquated Town Hall computer system and network. The proposal includes a superior back-up system that would be located in the basement vault. A motion was made by Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to approve the proposed upgrade. Motion carried.

--**Upgrading the Town Website:** Chairman Hanson briefly explained a new interactive website that the Town's current web designer had shared. It will involve a minimal fee and is something that we will be going ahead with.

--**Water Patrol Staff:** Our recently hired second water patrol officer will be leaving his position. An employment notification will be placed in the paper, advertising for his replacement.

--**Communications with Town Clerk:** Following a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the Clerk should only be contacted by phone or cell phone regarding Town business, during her scheduled posted hours of 10:00am to 1:00pm, Monday through Friday. With regard to agenda items, the Board will continue to communicate their agenda items to the Clerk or Chairman, with the Chairman ultimately responsible for what ends up on the agenda.

**Standing Committee Review:**

-- **Vouchers for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016:** January 26<sup>th</sup> vouchers = \$55,565.08, of which \$23,643.75 comprised the purchase of a new compactor. February 9<sup>th</sup> vouchers = \$24,179.40. A motion was made by Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

--**P & L/Bank Balances:** Information provided to the Board in writing.

**Reconciled Bank Balances:**

**(As of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016)**

General Account:	\$ 139,178.56
Tax Account:	\$ 1,104,258.62
Investment Account:	\$ 123,992.82

**Actual Bank Balances:**

**(To date)**

General Account	\$ 42,342.22
Tax Account:	\$ 1,562,507.89
Investment Account:	\$ 123,992.82

**--Economic Development Association Report:** Committees have been meeting and reporting back to the Chamber at their monthly meetings. Hanson, who attends the monthly Chamber meetings, will begin preparing summaries to present at future Town Board meetings.

**--Airport Report:** Reports were provided to the Board in writing. Fuel was recently purchased because fuel prices are down.

**--Road Report:** Reports were provided to the Board in writing.

**--Bike Trail Report:** The DNR Hearing regarding the proposed changes along the Rest Creek area along Highway W will be held on Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

**--Parks Report:** The newly re-established committee met and had a very good meeting. They are scheduled to meet again on February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 9:00am at the Town Hall.

**--Transfer Station Report:** The new compactor has been installed and everything works! John Butler commented on how dark it is, particularly late in the day. Chuck Kramer recommended magnetic LED lights and how well they work. Behnke will be attending a very important meeting with the Landfill Venture Group on Thursday and will report on this at the next Board meeting.

**--Rest Lake Dam:** The final draft of the MOU is complete and will be available after the DNR is able to meet with downstream residents to go over the MOU. This has still not happened. Hanson will follow up on the status.

**Adjourned:** 9:39am

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dana Hilbert  
Town Clerk/Treasurer