

**Town Board Meeting
April 5th, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.
Manitowish Waters Community Center**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda as posted on April 1st, 2016. Approved on motion from Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of March 9th, and April 1st, 2016. Approved on motion from Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Henry Bauers, Dan Sleight, Vince Hoehn, and Dan Johns Jr., Chris Troller, John Butler, Kevin Griffith, David Bartling, Paul Puccenelli, Kim Kost, Greg Holt, Ty Rayala, Matt Ellingson, David Gouwens, Linda Wohlleber, Deb Skrobot, Joe McFarland, Bob Becker, Steven Bartling, and Amy Kobussen.

Subjects from floor: John Butler requested to speak on the **Fire Company Lease** agenda item. Dave Gouwens, Dan Sleight and Chris Troller asked to comment on the **Rest Lake Park Boat Landing** agenda item. Ty Rayala, Dan Sleight and Chris Troller requested to speak on the **Highway W Bike Trail Bridge** agenda item. John Butler, Kevin Griffith and Paul Puccenelli asked to discuss the **Water Safety: Towing Persons through the Channels on Tubes/Floats** agenda item. Chris Troller requested to address the **Pavilion Rates and Policy** agenda item. Dave Gouwens asked to speak on the **Planning Commission Recommendation for Parking, Access Road and Boat Landing at Rest Lake Park** agenda item. Kim Kost, Dave Gouwens and Dan Sleight wished to comment on the **Spraying Parks for Mosquito Control** agenda item. Kim Kost requested to speak on the **Bike Trail** Standing Committee Review item. Kevin Griffith, Paul Puccenelli, Ty Rayala and David Bartling asked to comment on the **Parks** Standing Committee Review item. Greg Holt wished to speak on the **Rest Lake Dam** Standing Committee Review item.

Old Business:

--**Fire Company Lease:** Chair Hanson noted that a conversation with Fire Chief, Bob Skrobot, revealed concerns with the lease regarding protection for both parties. The item will be tabled until Hanson can speak with the Town's attorney and gather more information from Skrobot.

--**Rest Lake Park Boat Landing:** Following the Planning Commission meeting, no action will be taken until the entire Parks Committee can meet again and make a recommendation to the Planning Commission and Town Board.

--**Highway W Bike Trail Bridge:** Eric Behnke questioned why the railing on the newly done boardwalks are not the design that was agreed upon in multiple meetings with the Planning Commission, Town Board and members of Bike Trail Inc. Henry Bauers stated that Steve Peterson/DNR chose not to go with the modified design and rather stay consistent with other boardwalks in the area. Following the Planning Commission meeting, no action was taken.

New Business:

--**Water Safety: Towing Persons through the Channels on Tubes/Floats:** Discussion ensued about safety concerns with pulling kids on flotation devices behind a boat, particularly under the bridge by Greer's Pier. From a legal standpoint, there is no State Statute or Local Ordinance pertaining to this activity. Opinions both for and against pulling floaters through "No Wake" areas were presented. In lieu of no ordinance, it will be closely observed over the course of the upcoming boating season, and if need be, an ordinance can be adopted at a future date.

--**Pavilion Rates and Policy:** This item needs to be discussed further by the Parks Committee and additional information needs to be gathered. No action was taken.

--**Transfer Station Contractor Program:** The *Contractor Access Gate Key Program* will continue to be offered. Eric will submit an updated letter and list of contacts to Dana to be sent out.

--**Update Security System at Airport:** The current Security System at the Airport is old and in very poor shape. A \$4,577.60 proposal for an upgraded system was provided to the Town by the vendor who installed the original system. The bidding will be opened up to other interested parties and John Hanson will put together detailed documentation of the Airports proposed expenses, including the new runway project. This will be revisited at a future meeting.

--**Bids for Road Projects: Powell Road and Airport Parking Lot and Service Road:** Although bids are not due until May 9th, Chair Hanson is seeking early approval on the Airport portions of the work so that it can be completed prior to the runway project starting. A special meeting may be called to accomplish this.

--Planning Commission Recommendation for Parking, Access Road and Boat Landing at Rest Lake Park: Following the Planning Commission meeting, no recommendation was provided and no action was taken.

--Spraying Parks for Mosquito Control: Various views were presented both for and against spraying for mosquito control. More information on *what* will be sprayed and *environmental effects* will be researched prior to making a decision.

--Replacing the Town Hall Kitchen Sink: The Town Hall has \$5,000.00 in the budget for capital improvements. Hanson will track down a design that will work with the existing cabinetry and get a quote from Mike Coan for the installation.

--Abandoned Vehicles: Chuck Rayala III shared that abandoned vehicles are becoming a problem in the area, and according to Wisconsin Statute, it is the responsibility of the Municipality in which they are located to deal with them.

Standing Committee Review:

Vouchers: Vouchers for March 22nd, 2016 = \$11,640.11. Vouchers from the upcoming April 12th check run will be submitted for approval at the May Town Board meeting.

P & L/Bank Balances: P&L's were provided to the Board in writing. Bank Balance were not available yet, as bank statements have not been received yet.

Economic Development: Supervisor Behnke reported that the Chamber will be sponsoring the first Annual Wooden Boat Show to be held at Little Bohemia Lodge over Memorial Weekend Saturday and Sunday. The Packages work group is busy putting together Golf and Solstice packages that will be advertised on the Chamber website and on Facebook. The Technology/Business development group will be sending out a survey in the Chamber's May Mailer focusing on High Speed Internet.

Airport: The Airport Report was not available yet for this meeting. A snapshot of proposed costs for airport projects was requested by Supervisor Behnke.

Road Report: **The Road Report was provided to the Board in writing.** Supervisor Rayala III reiterated that the 2005 Ford F550 dump truck will need to be replaced. He also noted that the Town will be following Vilas County's schedule, with regard to lifting weight limits currently in effect on our roads.

Bike Trail: The link to Mercer on County Highway right-of-way is being developed.

Parks: Covered under other agenda items.

Transfer: Eric Behnke reported that the Summer Schedule began April 1st. Residents should call ahead with regard to the brush pile and leaf pile.

Rest Lake Dam: The final draft is still not signed.

Correspondence: The Bureau of Aeronautics announced the funding for the runway project. The Teamsters would like to negotiate the next union contract. The agreement with the North Lakeland Discovery Center for AIS management has been signed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer