

**Town Board Meeting
March 13th, 2018 at 7:00 pm
Manitowish Waters Community Center**

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.m.

Present: Town Chairman John Hanson and Board Supervisors Bob Becker and Mike Kramer.

Approval of Agenda as posted on March 9th, 2018. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of February 13th, 2018. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of February 13th, 2018. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: JoAnn Miller, Greg Holt, Kim Kost, John Butler, Lynn Schroeder, and Evan Pretzer.

Subjects from floor: None

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: Kim Kost expressed interest in speaking on the *Evening Public Transportation* and *Planning Commission Vacancy* agenda items, and Lynn Schroeder requested the opportunity to discuss the *Water Patrol Hours* agenda item.

Old Business:

--**Rest Lake Shoreline Restoration:** Chair Hanson brought everyone up to date on the rock work that is already completed, and what the next phase will be. The next phase entails additional restoration above the rock work and Hanson is in the process of obtaining quotes for the project. Excluding \$7,500.00 in funding from Vilas County, the Town will be responsible for the cost of this project. Supervisor Becker noted that the Lakes Association is interested in making a contribution for this project.

--**Proposed Road Work:** Chair Hanson shared a list of projects, slated for 2018, with Clear Lake Road at the top of the list. The total estimated cost is \$296,000.00, which is about \$100,000 over budget. The Town will go out for bids for these projects. In the past, we have been fortunate with Pitlik & Wick being willing to delay billing until January of the following year, (should they be awarded the bid). Hanson will go out for bids and present his findings at a future meeting

New Business:

--**North Lakeland Discovery Center AIS Contract:** Emily Heald of the NLDC made a very thorough presentation of the proposed AIS program at the January Town Board meeting. They are looking for a \$32,000.00 contribution from the Town, which is considerably less than the previous year's contribution. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to sign the AIS Contract, committing \$32,000.00 to the AIS program. Motion carried.

--**Water Patrol Radio:** Supervisor Becker shared a quote of \$530.00 for a new Water Patrol Boat Radio. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve the purchase of the \$530.00 Patrol Boat radio. Motion carried.

--**Evening Public Transportation:** Supervisor Kramer brought up the idea of some form of public transportation in Manitowish Waters. He has observed this type of program, elsewhere and was curious as to whether there is some type of grant or funding for a program of this nature. Discussion ensued as to whether this would be similar to a set public bus route, traveling from business to business, or more like a taxi service that would deliver individuals right to their residence. Kramer noted that at this point, he was merely looking for feedback and information. Chair Hanson encouraged additional research into the matter. No action was taken.

--**Emergency Plan Update:** The Town Board just had a workshop with Jim Galloway, Vilas County Emergency Plan Coordinator, and he will be forwarding information to the Board. The subject will be revisited at a future meeting.

--**Planning Commission Vacancy:** Planning Commissioner, Henry Bauers, has resigned, leaving a vacancy on the Commission. Chair Hanson will confer with the Planning Commission and place an ad in the newspaper seeking applicants for the position.

--**Water Patrol Hours:** Following brief discussion, a motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve a variable schedule of 50 hours per week for Water Patrol Officer, Zach Paulson. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for February 27th, 2018 = \$20,971.52. Vouchers for March 13th, 2018 = \$48,968.80. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

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

--**Airport Report:** Supervisor Becker noted that Doug Schwanz has done a great job of covering the Airport operations in Mark Riegelman's absence. Becker went on to state that things have been pretty quiet at the Airport, and an Airport Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday to review the applications that have come in. The Committee may or may not have a recommendation for the Town Board in time for the April meeting. Paul Kobussen will remain on as Interim Airport Manager through the end of April. Hanson added that updates to Airport rules/regulations and ordinances are underway.

--**Road Report:** Provided to the Board in written form. Supervisor Kramer conveyed that the wood chips are gradually being hauled away at the Transfer Station. Kramer went on to inquire about opening up a drive at the back of the property that would loop back to the main drive. This would be handier for customers dropping off loads if they could just pull through, and the loop could easily be created by our own crew with the wheel loader. This would eliminate the current issue of having to weave around the piles of chips that are not being hauled away fast enough. Kramer will confer with Jerry, (Roads Foreman), about it. Hilbert added that We Energies would like to be notified of all pending road projects for 2018. Supervisor Becker announced that Road Limits will be going on Monday, March 19th, in accordance with the Vilas County schedule. Limits are in effect as soon as the signs are up.

--**Transfer Station:** Already covered under the Road Report.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer