

Town Board Meeting
March 10, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.
Manitowish Waters Community Center

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

Present: Town Chairman, John Hanson and Board Supervisors Henry Bauers and Eric Behnke.

Visitors Present: Eric Johnson, Brian Jopek, Chris Troller, Jim Robinson, Kim and Matt DeBrock, JoAnn Miller, Toby Hyland, Bob Skrobot, Chuck Rayala III, Dan Sleight, Linda Wohlleber, Debbie Johns, Dan Johns Jr., John and Emir Butler, Kevin Griffith, and Joe McFarland

Approval of Agenda as posted on March 6th, 2015. Approved on motion from Eric Behnke and seconded by Henry Bauers. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of February 10th, and February 19th, 2015. Approved on motion from Henry Bauers and seconded by Eric Behnke. Motion carried.

Subjects from floor: No subjects from the floor. Chuck Rayala III and Linda Wohlleber requested to speak on the **Water Ski Hours agenda** item. Chuck Rayala III and Matt DeBrock requested to speak on the **Use of Star Lake Access by Little Bohemia agenda** item. Chuck Rayala III requested to speak on the **Annual Beaver Program** and the **Emergency Response Plan** items. Kevin Griffith asked to speak on the **Bike Trail Standing Committee Review** item.

Old Business:

--**Resolution to Accept Trillium Lane as a Town Road:** According to Wisconsin State Statute, several steps must be accomplished before the Board can do anything. A motion was made by Eric Behnke and seconded by Henry Bauers to adopt a resolution to conduct a hearing and comply with Wisconsin Statutes prior to the May Board Meeting. Motion carried. A hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 12th at 6:30pm.

New Business:

-- **Water Ski Hours:** The current ordinance disallows water skiing between 7:00pm and 9:00am. The State ordinance (and the Town of Boulder Jct.), allows skiing from sun-up to sun-down. Because some of the lakes in our chain fall partially in the jurisdiction of Boulder Jct., Linda Wohlleber feels there is a lack of consistency on our chain. Chuck Rayala III believes that 7:00pm is too early for the skiing to end for many people. The DNR will need to be contacted and a hearing will need to be scheduled. A motion was made by Henry Bauers and seconded by Eric Behnke to schedule a hearing for April 14th, at 6:30pm, just prior to the monthly Board Meeting.

--**Use of Star Lake Access by Little Bohemia:** Matt DeBrock, seasonal resident is looking to put in a dock, (technically accessible to the public), on the town property between Little Bohemia and the John's residential property. A motion was made by Henry Bauers and seconded by Eric Behnke to defer action, pending further investigation and information gathering. Motion carried.

--**Landfill Venture Group – Town Representative:** The Town Board would like to see a Town Board Member serve as our representative on the Landfill Venture Group Board. Eric Behnke made a motion to defer action until a conversation can take place with our existing representative, Charles Rayala Jr. The motion was seconded by Henry Bauers; motion carried.

--**Rest Lake Park Pavilion:** A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Henry Bauers to accept the donation of the Rest Lake Park Pavilion. Eric Behnke amended the motion to state that the donation of the Rest Lake Park Pavilion would be accepted with the condition that the Town Board has approval on landscaping and exterior lighting. The amended motion was seconded by Henry Bauers; motion carried.

--**Annual Beaver Program:** The Board unanimously agreed to decline participation in the Annual Beaver Program.

--**Emergency Response Plan:** After independent review of the Emergency Response Plan by the entire Board, a motion was passed by Henry Bauers and seconded by Eric Behnke to approve the Plan. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

-- **Vouchers for February 24th, 2015 and March 10th, 2015:** February 24th vouchers = \$1,088,127.01, of which \$1,071,603.98 constituted the February Tax Settlement to State, Vilas County, and the three schools. March 10th vouchers = \$54,006.01. A motion was made by Henry Bauers to approve the vouchers and seconded by Eric Behnke. Motion carried.

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

Reconciled Bank Balances:		Actual Bank Balances:	
(As of January 31, 2015)		(To date)	
General Account:	\$ 58,181.81	General Account	\$ 47,350.52
Tax Account:	\$ 200,444.49	Tax Account:	\$153,162.95
Investment Account:	\$ 101,610.47	Investment Account:	\$101,610.47

--**Economic Development Association Report:** No Report.

--**Airport Report:** Reports were provided to the Board in writing. For the first time in 14 years, not one gallon of fuel was sold in February. Bidding on the Runway Project will begin in April or May, and the project should be starting in August. Hangar lease rates will remain the same.

--**Road Report:** A private receptacle ordinance may be needed. Residents are neglecting to bring their poly carts in from the road, creating a plowing hazard.

--**Bike Trail Report:** The DNR has not come back with a decision yet, regarding the boardwalk near County Hwy W, however it is likely that they will deny the plan. Other arrangements for the downtown area may need to be considered.

--**Parks Report:** Covered under the Rest Lake Park Pavilion meeting and the Rest Lake Park Pavilion agenda item.

--**Transfer Station Report:** The brush pile will commence burning this week.

--**Rest Lake Dam:** A meeting is scheduled with the DNR for this Thursday, March 12th, 9:00am at the Town Hall.

Correspondence: None .

--**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Town Clerk/Treasurer