

**Town Board Meeting
April 14, 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.

Approval of Agenda as posted on April 10th and Addendum posted on April 13th, 2015. Approved on motion from Eric Behnke and seconded by Henry Bauers. Motion carried.

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

Visitors Present: Deane Galloway, Joan Galloway, Karen Dixon, Randy Lewis, Chris Troller, Ron Troller, Paul Puccinelli, Rita Mazur, Steve Pallin, Josh Pallin, Kyle Pallin, Brittany Strasburger, Beth Meyer, Howie Meyer, Marilyn Gabert, Linda Wohllerber, Joe McFarland, Kim Kost, Greg Holt, Mark Murphy, Eric Johnson, Ryan Matthews, David Bartling, Maureen Schmidt, Dan Sleight, Emir Butler, John Butler, Bob Skrobot, Chuck Rayala III, and Debbie Skrobot.

Subjects from floor: Karen Dixon inquired about the hiring of a second Water Patrol Officer. Henry Bauers explained that the Town is still gathering information and working on this, along with Dan Cardinal. There is a possibility that the Vilas County Sherriff's Department and/or DNR may become involved. Marilyn Gabert, Randy Lewis, Kim Kost, John Butler, Joe McFarland and Linda Wohllerber requested the opportunity to speak on the **Water Ski Hours** agenda item. Bob Skrobot asked to speak on the **Resolution to Accept/Approve MABAS for Firer Company** agenda item. Bob Skrobot asked to speak on the **Fire Company Lot Survey and Tree Clearing for Proposed Building** agenda item. Bob Skrobot, Kim Cost and Chuck Rayala III requested to speak on the **Contractor Access to Transfer Site** agenda item. Greg Holt and Kim Kost requested to speak on the **Parks Report** Standing Committee Review item. Greg Holt and Kim Kost asked to speak on the **Rest Lake Dam Standing** Committee Review item.

Old Business:

--**Water Ski Hours:** During a Public Hearing held just prior to the Monthly Board Meeting, information was presented, both for and against changing the current local ordinance pertaining to water skiing and use of personal water crafts. The split was approximately 50/50 for and opposed to the change. Supervisors Henry Bauers and Eric Behnke declared opposition to changing the current ordinance. Chair Hanson suggested that additional information be obtained from the Town of Boulder Junction and Lac du Flambeau reservation before taking any action. Bauers suggested obtaining additional input from Water Patrol Officer Dan Cardinal, as well. A motion was made by Henry Bauers and seconded by Eric Behnke to defer action until more information is gathered from the pertinent neighboring towns and Dan Cardinal. Motion carried.

New Business:

-- **Resolution to Accept/Approve MABAS for Fire Company:** Bob Skrobot explained the Manitowish Waters Fire Company is seeking to establish an agreement with Vilas County to accept and approve a Mutual Aid Box Alarm System. This system will be going into effect in July of 2015 and will be used in the event of a large scale emergency, natural disaster, or man-made catastrophe. A motion was made by Henry Bauers and seconded by Eric Behnke to accept and approve MABAS. Motion carried.

--**Fire Company Lot Survey and Tree Clearing for Proposed Building:** A motion was made by Henry Bauers and seconded by Eric Behnke to initiate a survey and authorize the Town Crew to begin clearing the land where a proposed building will be constructed for the Manitowish Waters Fire Co. Motion carried.

--**Contractor Access to the Transfer Site:** Discussion ensued regarding the Transfer Station Contractor Access program that was established in May of 2014. Problems occurred with "dirty" loads and disposal of tree waste that exceeded the 6" diameter maximum. It was a general consensus that the program is worth continuing,

however more will need to be done to enforce the regulations. Surveillance is being considered as an option. Further discussion covered the possible solution of burying the existing "indestructible" brush pile. Eric Behnke will look into this alternative, and present at the next Monthly Board Meeting. No action required at this point.

--**Delmore Consulting Road Management Service:** A one-time Road Surface Condition Report is available from Delmore Consulting for \$5,600.00, and an Updated WISLR Inventory can be procured for \$1,500.00. A motion was made by Eric Behnke and seconded by Henry Bauers to approve the \$7,100.00 purchase. Motion carried.

--**Purchase of New Lawn Mower:** After discussing 3 separate lawn mower proposals, a motion was made by Henry Bauers and seconded by John Hanson to purchase a John Deere Commercial Lawn Mower. Motion carried.

--**Resolution to Oppose Countywide Assessing:** For several reasons, the Board was opposed to Countrywide Assessing and feel that the Town of Manitowish Waters is fortunate to have a great private assessor. Chair Hanson shared a resolution to oppose the implementation of county assessment. A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Eric Behnke to pass the resolution. Motion carried.

Addendum:

--**Review Applications for Attendant Position at the Transfer Site and Select One for Employment:** All original applications were previewed by Eric Behnke, and narrowed down to two potential applicants. A motion was made by Eric Behnke to offer the position to John Butler and seconded by Henry Bauers. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

-- **Vouchers for March 24th, 2015 and April 14th, 2015:** March 24th vouchers = \$27,931.58. March 14th vouchers = \$31,272.29. 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: (As of March 31st, 2015)

General Account:	\$ 42,472.22
Tax Account:	\$ 153,190.60
Investment Account:	\$ 101,627.30

Actual Bank Balances: (To date)

General Account	\$ 934.92
Tax Account:	\$153,190.60
Investment Account:	\$101,627.30

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

--**Airport Report:** Reports were provided to the Board in writing. Fuel purchases were made in March. The Runway Project should start September 1, 2015. The Town will be responsible for 5% of 1.6 million.

--**Road Report:** If a Broom Deflector part arrives for the John Deere tractor, it may be possible to beginning grooming the roads before the weight limit comes off.

--**Bike Trail Report:** Pitlik & Wick are prepping to blacktop the bike trail; however, they will need to widen a section of the trail prior to blacktopping. An Engineer is looking at the bridge by the dam to figure out the best possible route.

--**Parks Report:** Permits for the new Rest Lake Park Pavilion have been applied for and are underway. The ski dock will be moved further north.

--**Transfer Station Report:** The hours on Wednesdays have changed to 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm. The leaf pile opened for the season today, April 14th. Looking at early May before the brush pile will be open. Eric Behnke should have a bid from Eagle Waste by the next meeting, regarding damage to one of the compactors.

--**Rest Lake Dam:** A tentative agreement on Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU), has been given to the DNR, but they have not responded yet. The DNR has asked that the MOU not be made public until they have had a chance to respond. For the present time, the Dam Operating Order is the same as it has always been. Xcel Energy, who is the main influence over the Operating Order, is not interested in doing things any differently.

Correspondence: None.

--**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Town Clerk/Treasurer