

Town Board Meeting
May 12th, 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 Supervisor Eric Behnke. Board Supervisor Chuck Rayala III attended the meeting via speaker phone.

Approval of Agenda as posted on May 8th and Addendum posted on May 11th, 2015. Approved on motion from Eric Behnke and seconded by John Hanson. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of April 14th, April 21st, and May 7th, 2015. Approved on motion from Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke. Motion carried.

Visitors Present: Dan Sleight, Debbie Johns, Eric Johnson, Karen Dixon, Chris Troller, Ron Troller, Linda Wohllerber, Greg Holt, Kevin Griffith, Henry Bauers, Kim Kost, Emir Butler, and John Butler.

Subjects from floor: Karen Dixon, Linda Wohllerber, Chris Troller, Kevin Griffith and Kim Kost requested the opportunity to speak on the **Water Ski Hours** agenda item. Dan Sleight and Kim Kost asked to speak on the **Approve Renewal of Planning Commission Applications** agenda item. Henry Bauers and Chris Troller requested to speak on the **Bike Trail Report** Standing Committee Review item. Greg Holt and Kim Kost wished to speak on the **Rest Lake Dam** Standing Committee Review item.

Old Business:

--**Water Ski Hours:** Chair Hanson opened the discussion by announcing that the Town of Boulder Junction currently operates under the same Water Ski Hours that Manitowish Waters follows, (9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.). Information and comments were shared by several visitors. The split was approximately 50/50 for and opposed to the change. Supervisor Behnke stayed with his original viewpoint to leave the existing hours as they are. Supervisor Rayala expressed interest in researching the possibility of a compromise. Chair Hanson noted that a compromise was a possibility, depending on the willingness of Boulder Junction to match any changes put forth by Manitowish Waters. A motion was made by Chuck Rayala III and seconded by John Hanson to defer action pending research of a possible compromise. Motion carried.

New Business:

-- **Water Patrol Appointment:** Following an interview on Thursday, Luke Kozicek was hired by the Town Board as a second part-time Water Patrol Officer.

--**Set Date for Public Hearing on Trillium Lane:** A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to hold a Public Hearing on Trillium Lane just prior to the monthly Board Meeting on June 9th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Manitowish Waters Town Hall. Motion carried.

--**Appoint Planning Commission Member to Replace Chuck Rayala III:** A motion was made by John Hanson, and seconded by Eric Behnke to appoint Henry Bauers to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

--**Approve Renewal of Planning Commission Applications:** A motion was made by Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke to reappoint Dan Johns Jr. and Vince Hoehn to the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

--**Board Division of Town Departments:** Town Board responsibilities will be shared as follows:

- Roads – John Hanson and Chuck Rayala III
- Economic Development – John Hanson and Eric Behnke
- Cemetery – Chuck Rayala III
- Water Patrol – Eric Behnke
- Parks – John Hanson
- Transfer Station – Eric Behnke
- Airport – John Hanson

--**Shared Cost with the Town of Boulder Jct. for Crack Sealing Town Line Road:** Chairman Hanson will follow up on this item and present at the next meeting.

Addendum:

--**Appoint Board Members to the Board of Appeals:** Bob Stowers was reappointed to the BOA. Merry Perkins, Chuck Kramer, Kim Kost, and Scott Lenicheck were appointed to the BOA and Frances Whitfield was appointed as an alternate. A motion was made by Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to approve all appointments. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

-- **Vouchers for April 28th, 2015 and May 12th, 2015:** April 28th vouchers = \$29,596.84. March 14th vouchers = \$45,906.63. 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 April 30th, 2015)		Actual Bank Balances: (To date)	
General Account:	\$ 72,983.10	General Account	\$ 50,661.37
Tax Account:	\$ 153,215.15	Tax Account:	\$ 103,215.15
Investment Account:	\$ 101,643.59	Investment Account:	\$ 101,643.59

--**Economic Development Association Report:** Little to report. Various small groups are working on their Roger Brooks plans.

--**Airport Report:** Reports were provided to the Board in writing. Fuel purchases finally went up. The Runway Project will hopefully begin soon.

--**Road Report:** New Lawn Mower has arrived.

--**Bike Trail Report:** The crew continues to work on the downtown area, encountering one stumbling block after another. Nothing can be done to alter the existing bridge, however Henry is researching the option of constructing a boardwalk bridge on the other side of the dam. No motorized vehicles of any type are allowed on the bike trail.

--**Parks Report:** All parks and bathrooms are open. The DNR is not willing to do anything with the pit toilets at Little Star Beach at this time. Demolition is complete on the old pavilion at Rest Lake Park. The new pavilion will be moved closer to the woods to create a larger spectator area for ski shows. Construction of the new pavilion will be starting soon.

--**Transfer Station Report:** The brush pile keeps relighting, so a temporary area has been established for brush. The 6" diameter for brush, (trees), will be strongly enforced this year. The process is underway for Eagle Waste to repair damages they caused to one of the compactors.

--**Rest Lake Dam:** There is an upcoming meeting in Eau Claire between the DNR, Excel Energy and the Manitowish Waters Chain Defense Fund to continue working on the Memorandum of Understanding, (MOU). For the time being, nothing has changed. It was noted by someone in the crowd, that the DNR website can be misleading.

Correspondence: None.

--**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Town Clerk/Treasurer