

Town Board Meeting
June 9th, 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 Eric Behnke and Chuck Rayala III.

Approval of Agenda as posted on June 5th and Addendum posted on June 10th, 2015. Approved on motion from Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of May 12th, 2015. Approved on motion from Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III. Motion carried.

Visitors Present: Henry Bauers, John and Pat Horter, Dan Sleight, Eric Johnson, Chris Troller, Ron Troller, Amy Kobussen, John Butler, Emir Butler, Karen Dixon, Sarah Pischer, Ryan Matthews, Joe Mazur, Greg Holt, Kevin Griffith, Alan Pischer and Dick Henske.

Subjects from floor: Kevin Griffith and Joe Mazur requested the opportunity to speak on the **Water Ski Hours** agenda item. Dick Henske asked to speak on the **Library Request for a Path** agenda item. Sarah Pischer requested to talk about the **Bike Trail Sign by Community Center** and the **Bike Art and Mileage Marker Signs for Bike Trail** agenda items. Kevin Griffith asked to speak on the **Donation Policy** agenda item and the **Bike Trail Report** Standing Committee Review item. Alan Pischer requested to speak on the **Use of Maintenance Vehicles on Town and County Roads** agenda item. Greg Holt wished to speak on the **Rest Lake Dam** Standing Committee Review item. Henry Bauers and Dan Sleight expressed interest in speaking on the entire agenda.

Old Business:

--**Water Ski Hours:** Joe Mazur noted that early mornings and evenings are often when deliveries occur and not a good time for skiers to be out. Kevin Griffith stated that he no longer feels a compromise is an option and that the hours shouldn't change. Chair Hanson confirmed 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.), and that they have no compelling reason to change this. It was the determination of the Board to leave the hours as they currently are, and therefore, no action is required.

--**Shared Cost with the Town of Boulder Jct. for Crack Sealing Town Line Road:** The Town of Boulder Jct. is willing to share the cost of crack-sealing Town Line Road. Prices will be obtained from two vendors.

New Business:

-- **Approve Liquor License Applications:** The following Liquor License Applications were approved by the Town Board:

Class B Combination

Name: Springer Creek Partners, LLC

Trade Name: Aberdeen Lodge

Location: 5311 Aberdeen Lodge Circle

Name: Paul Habram LLC

Trade Name: Anglers

Location: 6101 County Road W

Agent: Michelle Bricco

Name: Theisen's Aurora Borealis, Inc.

Trade Name: Aurora Borealis

Location: 6047 County Highway W

Agent: Kevin Theisen

Name: The Blue Bayou Inn Restaurant

Trade Name: Blue Bayou Inn Restaurant

Location: 5547 US Highway 51

Agent: Rita Mazur

Name: Greer's Pier, Inc.

Trade Name: Greer's Pier Marina

Location: 5536 US Highway 51

Agent: Pamela J. Fitzgerald

Name: Howling Dog Saloon, Inc.

Trade Name: Howling Dog Saloon

Location: 5239 US Hwy 51

Agent: Dawn Streicher

Name: Little Bohemia Lodge, Inc.

Trade Name: Little Bohemia Lodge

Location: 5625 Little Bohemia Lane

Agent: Deborah Johns

Name: Parkside Tavern, LLC

Trade Name: Parkside Tavern

Location: 5998 County Highway W

Agent: Tom van Steenderen

Class B Combination (continued)

Name: Caretakers LLC
Trade Name: Chippewa Retreat
Location: 13029 Deer Park Road
Agent: John McGraw
Name: Florians World Loppet Lodge, Inc.
Trade Name: Cozy Cove Tavern
Location: 5786 US Highway 51
Agent: Gerald Florian

Name: Pea Patch Motel & Saloon, Ltd.
Trade Name: Pea Patch Saloon
Location: 6011 County Highway W
Agent: Barry Hopkins
Name: Ye Olde Shillelagh, LLC
Trade Name: Ye Olde Shillelagh
Location: 35 Tower Road
Agent: Angela M. Bauer

Class B Beer

Name: The Lodge at Manitowish Waters, LLC
Trade Name: The Lodge at Manitowish Waters
Location: 13859 Ilg Road
Agent: Amy Kobussen

Class A Liquor

Name: Robert & Maria Winter
Trade Name: Cranberry Square
Location: 12825 Alder Lake Road

Class A Combination

Name: Dietz's Service, Inc.
Trade Name: Dietz's Service Station
Location: 6088 County Highway W
Name: T.A. Solberg Co., Inc.
Trade Name: Village Market
Location: 5985 County Highway W
Agent: Owen Dahl

Name: Martin C. Vehrs
Trade Name: Sportsmen's Outpost
Location: 5678 US Highway 51
Name: Brenda L. Behnke
Trade Name: The Wine & Beer Barn
Location: 5973 County Highway W

A motion was made by Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke to approve the entire slate of applications listed above. Motion carried.

The following two applications were submitted to the Board, pending full compliance with Liquor Licensing requirements:

Class B Combination

Name: Jeff Rinehart
Trade Name: The Broken Oar
Location: 5797 US Highway 51

Name: Audrey Voss Dickerson Trust
Trade Name: Voss Birchwood Lodge
Location: 5500 US Highway 51
Agent: Chris Gardner

A motion was made by Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke to approve the above two applications, pending full compliance with Liquor Licensing requirements. Motion carried.

--Appoint Vilas County Landfill Representative: A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to appoint Eric Behnke as the Vilas County Landfill representative to fill the vacant spot of Charles Rayala Jr. Motion carried.

--Resolution on Trillium Lane: Following a Public Hearing just prior to the Board Meeting, a motion was made by Eric Behnke, and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to make Trillium Lane a Town road. Motion carried.

--Library Request for a Path: A letter from the Library Board of Trustees was shared stating that they would like to install a pathway with pavers, with the cost being covered by Friends of the Library. A motion was made by Chuck Rayala III and seconded by John Hanson to approve the request. Further discussion ensued, with a member of the Library Board stating that he would like to obtain quotes and possibly share the cost with the town. Action was deferred pending the gathering of additional information.

--Bike Trail Sign by the Community Center: Sarah Pischer, Chamber Director, explained that a sign with a detailed map the Bike Trail could be placed by the bike trail at the Town Hall, for bikers to see the various trails and where they lead. Because it involves a sign, action was deferred until it can be run through the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to approve the sign by the Community Center, pending approval from the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

--Bike Art and Mileage Marker Signs for the Bike Trail: Sarah Pischer shared samples of the bike art that a private citizen is willing to donate to the Town. The donation was approved on a motion by Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III. Motion carried. Picture renditions of the mile marker signs were also shared by Sarah. She further explained that they were part of the Roger Brooks plan for wayfinding. A visitor also

pointed out that they could be a very useful as a reference point for emergency response. The cost would be split 3 ways between the Town, Bike Trail Inc., and the Chamber. A motion was made by Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to approve the Mileage Markers contingent upon approval by the Planning Commission. Motion carried.

--**Wayfinding Signage:** Eric Behnke explained Wayfinding signs that could be put up around Manitowish Waters, directing people to various locations, (ie. "Downtown", "The Discovery Center", "Rest Lake Park", etc.) The cost for planning and design of these signs would be an estimated \$9,850.00. Chair Hanson felt other quotes should be obtained prior to making any decisions.

--**Proposed Town Hall Addition:** A diagram of an addition to the back side of the Town Hall was shared by Eric Behnke. No action was taken.

--**Donation Policy:** A motion was made by Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke for the Planning Commission to present recommendations at the next meeting. Hanson abstained from "Aye".

--**Use of Maintenance Vehicles on Town and Country Roads:** There is currently no policy on Town roads and County roads are not the Town's jurisdiction. Alan Pischer noted that his crew, who uses these vehicles, has an agreement with the Vilas County Sherriff's Dept. which allows using County roads as a means to access off-highway destinations, as long as it is for work related use and not recreational. It was also noted that EAU Holdings is responsible for bike trail maintenance from downtown to Clear Lake Road and that the Town Crew is responsible for trail maintenance from Clear Lake Road to the school. A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to enter into an agreement with Eau Holdings to maintain the bike trail with the use of motorized equipment. Motion carried.

--**Approval of All Trails by Planning Commission:** No action required. The Bike Trail Inc. has a land use agreement with Vilas County.

--**Room Tax Committee Appointments:** A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Eric Behnke to appoint Chuck Rayala III to the Room Tax Committee and reappoint Henry Bauers, Maribeth Kolarchek and Chuck Kramer. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

-- **Vouchers for May 26th, 2015 and June 9th, 2015:** May 26th vouchers = \$358,070.73 of which \$340,500.00 was a donation for the Rest Lake Park Pavilion construction. June 9th vouchers = \$47,298.67. A motion was made by Chuck Rayala III and seconded by Eric Behnke to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

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

Reconciled Bank Balances:

(As of May 31st, 2015)

General Account: \$ 62,451.80
Tax Account: \$ 103,235.18
Investment Account: \$ 101,660.42

Actual Bank Balances:

(To date)

General Account \$ 51,588.36
Tax Account: \$ 53,235.18
Investment Account: \$ 101,660.42

--**Economic Development Association Report:** Various small groups are working on their Roger Brooks plans and reporting back to the Chamber. The Chamber meets the third Wednesday of the month at 8:00 am.

--**Airport Report:** Reports were provided to the Board in writing.

--**Road Report:** Reports were provided to the Board in writing.

--**Bike Trail Report:** Paving is almost complete in the downtown area. For the time being, bikers will have to cross the dam as they always have.

--**Parks Report:** Concrete work for the new Rest Lake Park Pavilion is almost finished. Estimated completion date for the pavilion is Autumn. Some of the excess picnic tables at Rest Lake Park will be relocated to Koller Park .

--**Transfer Station Report:** A DNR grant is currently being worked on to assist with cleaning up the brush pile. Amnesty week will continue until June 14th.

--**Rest Lake Dam:** An amendment to the state budget bill was introduced by Sen. Tiffany that would require the DNR to submit any change in an operating order that has been in effect for more than 45 years for a dam in Vilas County in a town with an assessed valuation of over \$500,000,000 and a chain of lakes over 4000 acres,

would have to be submitted to the standing committees in the state senate and assembly for review before it could be implemented by the DNR.

Correspondence: None.

Addendum:

A motion was made by Eric Behnke and seconded by Chuck Rayala III to adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statue 19.85(1)(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public property, investment of public funds, or conducting other specific public business when competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, and 19.85(1)(g)Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Roll call, John Hanson "Aye", Eric Behnke "Aye", Chuck Rayala III "Aye".

Adjournment: No action taken in closed session. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Town Clerk/Treasurer