

**Town Board Meeting
December 12th, 2017 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 December 8th, 2017. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of November 14th and December 5th, 2017. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of November 14th and December 5th, 2017. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: John Butler, John & Barb McFarland, Linda Long Wohlleber, Jean Wolf, Gale Wolf, Elizabeth Gering, Sarah Pischer, Joe Mazur, Vince Hoehn, Rita Mazur, Kim Kost, Ty Rayala, Joe McFarland, John Donovan, Greg Holt, Lynn Schroeder, and Paul Puccinelli.

Subjects from floor: None

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: Kim Kost requested to speak on the *Appoint BOA Alternates* and *BOA Variance Board Policies* agenda items.

Old Business:

--None

New Business:

--**Appoint BOA Alternates:** A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to appoint Greg Holt and Lynn Schroeder as alternates to the Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

--**Memorial Gifts to the Town:** Chair Hanson explained that he had been receiving requests to have Memorials for persons who have passed away. In the past, a Memorial Bench was placed in Koller Park, and a request to place a bench along the bike trail was denied. Given the number of requests that have been received, benches may not be the best option. A brick walkway with Memorial Bricks may be an option. The Board will continue to think about this and accept any suggestions from the public. No action taken.

--**BOA Variance Board Policies:** Supervisor Becker was seeking information on what constitutes a reasonable amount of time to schedule a Variance Hearing. He went on to summarize a conversation he had with BOA Chair, Merry Perkins. Due to the unusual set of circumstance regarding the EAU Variance Request, more time was needed to gather information. Prior to the meeting, a date had been established for January 3rd, 2017 at 9:00 am. Clerk Hilbert pointed out that according to Zoning Ordinance, Article XI, Section 11.1, the BOA Secretary should be paid a set fee established by the Town Board. Since taking over this function in 2013, Hilbert has never received payment, or officially been appointed to the position. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to appoint the current Town Clerk as Secretary of the BOA. Motion carried. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker, to set a fee of \$100 per Hearing, which averages less than what the Planning Commission Secretary is paid. Motion carried

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for November 28th, 2017 = \$17,260.24. Vouchers for December 12th, 2017 = \$86,430.47 which includes a \$49,760.97 payment to the Chamber for 3rd Quarter Room Tax and their annual appropriation. Approximately \$7,700 of this was offset by donations. 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 commented that all is quiet at the Airport. Fuel should be purchased now while the rates are better. Everything is back up and running after the lightening strike. The old dump truck from Roads was moved out to the Airport.

--**Road Report:** Provided to the Board in written form. Supervisor Kramer noted that the first of 3 shipments of new road signs are here and will be replaced in the spring. New 2-way radios were purchased and installed, in effort to become federally compliant. Park bathrooms have been winterized and all seasonal equipment, (buoys, picnic tables, wooden bike racks, etc.) have been removed and placed in storage. Christmas banners and post lights have gone up. Bob Becker requested that a "Dead End" sign be placed at the intersection of Alder Lake and Townline road.

--**Bike Trail Report:** Nothing to report at this time. Greg Holt inquired about pink markers by the bridge over to Marathon Road. The Board was not certain where these were or what they signified.

--**Parks Report:** Everything is shut down for the winter.

--**Transfer Station:** Supervisor Kramer had nothing to report. Clerk Hilbert shared a notice from Landfill Venture Group that effective January 1st, 2018, Highway G Landfill rates will increase from \$62/ton to \$64/ton, tires on or off the rim will be \$3 a piece plus weight for 18 inch or smaller, and furniture will increase from \$3 plus weight to \$4 plus weight. Hanson added that the land purchase for additional landfill space will come out of County funds, rather than imposing this cost on the 14 townships.

Correspondence: None.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer