**Town Board Meeting**

**February 13th, 2018 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 February 9th, 2018 and the Addendum as posted on February12th, 2018. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** of January 9th, 2018 and January 30th, 2018**.**  A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of January 9th and January 30th, 2018. Motion Carried.

**Visitors Present:** Dean Acheson, John Butler, Greg Holt, Kevin Griffith and Kim Kost.

**Subjects from floor:** None

**Agenda Items Requested to Speak On:** Kim Kost expressed interest in speaking on the ***Report on Bike Trail Development*** agenda item.

**Old Business:
--Report on Dead Pike Lake Plan:** Met with Secretary Meyer and his new Deputy Secretary in Madison last week. The current status was reviewed and representatives from Applied Ecological Services were there, as well as Senator Tiffany. Things are moving along well. We should have a decision within the next week regarding a 2nd grant we applied for back in December. The grant is competitive, but Chair Hanson stated that we should have a good chance of receiving it. The Management Plan for Dead Pike Lake is in its 4th draft which we just received today. If the grant is approved, the next phase will be to continue gathering data on the lake and in the marsh through spring and summer to substantiate some of the proposed plans that are in the Master Plan. A remaining balance of $1,850 that the Town was awarded can be transferred to Applied Ecological Services (AES) for additional work they will perform. AES provided the Town with an Addendum to the original service contract that would incorporate the transfer of the $1.850.00. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve transfer of the remaining funds to AES. Motion carried.

**--Report on Bike Trail Development:** The DNR initially approved the amendment to the Master Plan for the bike trail, the funding is in place and a hearing was held for the new bridge. Last week the DNR came forward with information from Vilas County Flood Plain study, claiming that according to the hundred year flood or if the dam ever failed, the proposed bridge fell within the flood plain. The bike trail bridge would need to be moved closer to the highway bridge and raised an additional 5 feet above the proposed height to accommodate a possible dam fail. This would put the bike trail bridge approximately 5 feet higher that the Hwy 51 bridge. On a side note, a study done by Ayres & Associates for the Highway W Bridge by the dam, recommended putting a separate bridge along the downstream side of Highway Bridge to accommodate bikes and snowmobiles.

**--Report on Connecting Aging Communities:** We were one of two communities fortunate enough to be accepted into the Connecting Aging Communities (CAC) Pilot Program. A joint meeting with the other community, Park Falls, is scheduled for later on this month. There have been monthly events held at North Lakeland Elementary School helping people learn how to use I-Pads and other informational items. Greg Holt added that the events are very enthusiastically attended.

**New Business:**

**--Resolution Supporting Vilas County Revolving Loan Fund:** Townships have been asked to adopt a resolution to support Vilas County’s proposal to establish a revolving loan fund. Vilas County Economic Development is in favor of this. Chair Hanson read aloud the resolution as follows:

*The Town of Manitowish Waters would like to support the efforts of Vilas County Economic Development Corp. in cooperation with the Vilas County Board of Supervisors to establish a revolving loan fund to benefit new or expanding businesses in Vilas County. Our community, like many in the County, need a pathway for new or expanding businesses as well as succession planning for current businesses. VCEDC has addressed some of these needs through 10 the establishment of Business Incubators in several locations within the County, 2) mentoring for start-ups and 3) hosting entrepreneurial classes through Nicolet College. The availability of partial start-up financing for entrepreneurs approved through an Independent Board of Commissioners would provide a valuable tool.*

Supervisor Becker questioned where the funding would come from, to which Chair Hanson responded, from Vilas County. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to adopt the resolution. Motion carried.

**Standing Committee Review:**

**--Vouchers:**  Vouchers for January 23rd, 2018 = $1,545,913.42, which includes $1,507,541.90 in January Tax Settlements to Vilas County and the 3 schools. Vouchers for February 13th, 2018 = $1,157,409.80 of which $1,071,487.93 constitutes the February Tax Settlements to Vilas County and the 3 schools. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by John Hanson to approve the vouchers. Motion carried.

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

**--Airport Report:** Mark Riegelman, who has served as our Airport Manager for many years, resigned, effective the end of January. Paul Kobussen has been hired as an Interim Manager for a period not to exceed 90 days. The position has been advertised, and to date, we have received 4 applications plus a couple of phone calls expressing interest in the position. Supervisor Becker expressed appreciation to Chair Hanson for encouraging hangar owners to make donations equaling $7,362.00 to offset expenses of the airport. Hanson noted that Jerry Wilke was very instrumental in that collection. The Manitowish Waters Fire Co. will hold fire training at the Airport on June 16th, 2018 along with 4 other Fire Departments. The Airport Committee is in the process of updating the Airport Ordinances and has also initiated a Newsletter that will go out periodically.

**--Road Report:** Provided to the Board in written form. Addendum items of the Five Year Road Plan and 2018 Roads Projects were covered during the Road Report. The tentative plans may need to be altered to address a dangerous situation on Clear Lake Road, which is not slated for work until 2021. Due to a damaged wire connection that is currently frozen under the ground, we will be without parking lots at the Town Hall until spring thaw. The new Dump Truck should arrive in March.

**--Transfer Station:** Supervisor Kramer noted not much to report. The brush pile chippings have yet to be picked up by the vendor who did the chipping.

**Correspondence:** None

**Adjournment:**  The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dana Hilbert

Clerk/Treasurer