

**Town Board Meeting
June 12th, 2018 at 7:00pm
Manitowish Waters Community Center**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Town Chairman John Hanson and Board Supervisor Mike Kramer.

Approval of Agenda as posted on June 8th, 2018 and Addendum as posted on June 11th, 2018. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by John Hanson. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of May 8th and May 18th, 2018. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by John Hanson to approve the minutes of May 8th and May 18th, 2018. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Bill Draudt, Reene Draudt, Carolyn Shippee, John Shippee, Brian Jopek, Greg Holt, Karen Dixon, Joe Mazur, Debbie Johns, Michele Baer, Kim Kost, and Kevin Griffith.

Subjects from floor: Kevin Griffith inquired on the status at the Rest Lake Park boat landing docks. Mike Kramer shared that he contacted Pier Perfect and that they were willing to add 12 feet to the docks, for the same amount that was previously approved, but that they insist on leaving the "L" shape. Kramer went on to explain that Pier Perfect was adamant that the "L" shape is a key part of the engineered design, and that given that they are willing to add two 12 foot sections for next to nothing, that he was agreeable with them. Chair Hanson asked if the 12 foot sections could be added after the "L", leaving the "L" in the middle. Mike Kramer said that he would check on this and request that it be done that way if possible. Kramer also noted that he asked Pier Perfect to anchor the base of the dock further into the cement and that they agreed to do this, as well.

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: Kim Kost, Joe Mazur, and Greg Holt requested to speak on the *Koller Park Pier* agenda item. Kim Kost and Joe Mazur expressed interest in commenting on the *Name for Island in Manitowish Lake* agenda item. Kim Kost requested to discuss the *Grant Application for Cranberry Trail Loop* agenda item, and the *Approve Slate of Liquor License Applications* and *Discuss Upcoming Available Full Class "B"/"Class B" Liquor License* Addendum items. Greg Holt asked to speak on the *Parks Report* Standing Committee Review item.

Old Business:

--**Memorial Donations:** Chair Hanson shared that he had received a few requests from people that would like to create a memorial for loved ones that have passed. In the past, a bench was placed at Koller Park, but given space restraints, this is not something that can continue to be encouraged. Hanson explained that he is looking for ideas, such as a brick in the sidewalk by the community or something else along those lines. He would like to see a policy put into place to handle these requests and put this on the agenda so that the community could give it some thought and share their ideas.

--**DNR Firewise Program:** Chair Hanson briefly summarized the Firewise Program that was presented at the April Town Board meeting. Within Manitowish Waters, the Hwy K, Red Feather Road and Clear Lake Road areas are high risk because of the pine plantations and forestation. The Town Board in partnership with the Manitowish Waters Fire Co would present educational programs on how to protect property from the danger of wildfires and create zones that would serve as a fire-break. Another advantage of participation in the program would be a grant to pay for the chipping of our brush pile at the Transfer Station, which currently costs the Town \$3,000 each year. Hanson read aloud the Firewise Resolution, noting that a member of the Manitowish Waters Volunteer Fire Co could serve as the lead on the recommended Steering Committee. Hanson made a motion that the Town of Manitowish Waters agree to participate in the Firewise program and was seconded by Mike Kramer. Motion carried.

--**Koller Park Pier:** Proposals for a pier system in Koller Park have ranged anywhere from \$50,000 to \$135,000. Hanson shared a diagram of a possible pier system, with a boardwalk extending between the swimming area and the fishing dock. He went on to suggest that the boardwalk was something that the Town could build, in the price neighborhood of \$10,000 with volunteers completing the work. The floating dock sections coming off the boardwalk could be purchased commercially in the future. Following discussion, Hanson asked Joe Mazur if he would be willing to consult on the project with putting together a proposal, to which Joe was agreeable.

New Business:

--**Name for Island in Manitowish Lake:** The DNR has a Wisconsin Graphic Name Council that received a request to name the island out from Blue Bayou *Monkey Island*. Historically, the island has significance to Native Americans, who used the island for various ceremonies. The Town formally rejected the name *Monkey Island*, and now has the opportunity to submit a suggestion for a different name. Hanson recommends that the Town submit a request to name the island *Manitou Island*, which means *Spirit* in Ojibwa. The LDF Tribe is comfortable with this name. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by John Hanson to make a resolution to recommend the name *Manitou Island* to the Wisconsin Graphic Name Council. Motion carried. Kim Kost

pointed out that the island is in rough shape and that people are not supposed to trespass on the island. Hanson indicated that he may reach out to the DNR regarding the health of the island.

--Airport Rules & Regulations: The Airport Committee worked through the winter to update the Airport Rules & Regulations and are recommending to the Board that they adopt the revised Rules & Regulations. It is a lengthy document that Hanson has reviewed and he sees no problems with the revisions. Bob Becker who serves on the Airport Committee is also on board with the updates. Hilbert suggested that the document be available on the website for residents to view. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by John Hanson to adopt the new Airport Rules & Regulations. Motion carried.

--Grant Application for Cranberry Trail Loop: The Feds have about 3 billion dollars available for rural development, and bike trails fit into rural development. Hanson is seeking approval to put together a grant application for this possible loop trail. This trail would start at Deer Park Road to Twin Pine Road to Alder Lake Road and out Powell Road to hook up with the existing trail just south of the Town Hall. Hanson added that safety is a serious concern with all the bike traffic on Alder Lake Road and he feels this will be a helpful justification for the grant. Elizabeth Gering will be the primary person working on the grant, with the assistance of David Bartling and Bike Trail Inc. representative, Dale White. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by John Hanson to approve going forward with the grant application for the proposed Cranberry Trail Loop. Kim Kost questioned the name "Cranberry Loop". Hanson explained that the name is not official, but more of a working name because the trail goes past many of the Manitowish Waters cranberry marshes. Motion carried.

Addendum New Business:

--Approve Slate of Liquor License Applications: The following slate of Liquor/Tobacco Licenses were approved on a motion by John Hanson and seconded by Mike Kramer. Motion carried.

Class A Liquor

Maria & Bob Winter/Cranberry Square

Class B Beer/Class C Wine

The Lodge at Manitowish Waters

Class A Combination

Dietz's Service, Inc

Martin C Vehrs/Sportsmen's Outpost

T.A.Solberg Co., Inc/Village Market

Ronald & Brenda Behnke/ The Wine & Beer Barn

Class B Combination

Springer Creek Partners, LLC/Aberdeen Lodge

Paul Habram LLC/Anglers

Theisen's Aurora Borealis

Blue Bayou Inn Restaurant

Caretaker's LLC/Chippewa Retreat

Florian's World Loppet Lodge, Inc/Cozy Cove

Greer's Pier, Inc

Howling Dog Saloon, Inc

Little Bohemia Lodge, Inc

Pea Patch Motel & Saloon, Ltd

Rocabar Investments/Parkside Tavern

Audrey Voss Dickerson Trust/Voss' Birchwood Lodge

Ye Olde Shillelagh, LLC

Tobacco License

Dietz Service Inc

Greer's Pier, Inc

Howling Dog Saloon, Inc

Little Bohemia Lodge, Inc

Martin C Vehrs/Sportsmen's Outpost

T.A. Solberg Co, Inc/Village Market

Ronald & Brenda Behnke/The Wine & Beer Barn

Ye Olde Shillelagh, LLC

--Establish Blanket Authorization for Clerk to Approve Picnic & Operator License: A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by John Hanson authorizing Dana Hilbert to approve Operator and Picnic Licenses, providing monthly updates to the Board. Motion carried.

--Discuss Upcoming Available Full Class "B"/"Class B" Liquor License: The liquor license formerly utilized by Jeff Rinehart at the Broken Oar will be coming available on July 1st, 2018. The Koller Estate holds the mortgage on the property and a representative for the Koller Estate has indicated that he will be foreclosing on the property and taking it back over. He wishes to retain the liquor license for that location and technically has until June 1st of 2019 to complete the compliance requirement of being open for 30 days, with a minimum of 4 hours per day. Given that the location of the former license has preference, the Koller representative will have first dibs on the license.

Standing Committee Review:

--Vouchers: Vouchers for May 22nd, 2018 = \$13,457.73, and June 12th, 2018 vouchers are \$52,536.45. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by John Hanson to approve the vouchers as stated. Motion carried.

--P & L/Bank Balances: P&L's and Bank Balances provided to the Board in hard copy.

--Airport Report: Don Fields has started in his role as Airport Manager. The 4th Annual Young Eagles event will take place on June 30th, 2018. The Bi-plane will be returning this summer.

--Road Report: Provided to the Board in written form. Crack sealing and sweeping are complete. Clear Lake will be the primary project that the Town will be undertaking this year.

--Transfer Station: The Amnesty program went well. Freon evacuation fees will no longer apply as we have a new white goods hauler that does not charge the Town for Freon evacuation.

--Parks Report: Covered under previous agenda items with the exception of the Rest Lake Park Shoreline Restoration project Phase II that will be underway soon.

--Water Patrol Report: The new Water Patrol Boat is in the water. Officer Zach Paulson will be putting in up to 50 hours per week patrolling the chain. No citations were issued in the month of May and June thus far.

Correspondence: A notice was received from the DNR stating that they will be treating a 10 acre portion on Clear Lake with herbicide and then planting the location.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer