

**Town Board Meeting
September 11th, 2018 at 7:00pm
Manitowish Waters Community Center**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Town Chairman John Hanson and Board Supervisors Bob Becker and Mike Kramer.

Approval of Agenda as posted on September 7th, 2018. Approved on motion from Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of August 7th, 2018. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of August 7th, 2018. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Nancy Burns, Karen Wilke, Jerry Wilke, Karen Dixon, Dan Stella, Tara Stella, Kim Yencich, Judy Barry, Greg Holt, Kevin Griffith, Barry Hopkins, Dave Gouwens, Sarah Krembs and Bill Magee.

Subjects from floor: None

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: Karen Wilke indicated that she would like to speak on the *Community Garden* agenda item. Greg Holt wished to comment on the *Discussion of Town Hall Addition* addendum item. Barry Hopkins, Dave Gouwens and Greg Holt requested to discuss the *Covered Stage at Koller Park* addendum item. Karen Dixon stated she would like to speak on the *Motor Boat Prohibited Area Ordinance for Statehouse Lake* addendum item.

Old Business:

-- **Cemetery Committee:** Chair Hanson stated that the Cemetery Committee has been inactive for some time, and that he placed a notice with the Lakeland Times, advertising for 3 positions on the committee. Applications must be received by October 5th and this will be brought back for action at the October 9th Town Board meeting.

New Business:

--**Community Garden:** A detailed proposal was presented to the Town Board for a Community Garden. The Gardeners of Manitowish Waters are looking to establish this 100' by 180' garden on a parcel of Town land between the Airport and tennis courts along the west side of Airport Road. This will not cost the tax payers anything. The Board was unanimous in approval of the proposed garden and no objections were stated by visitors. Kramer also noted that this particular location would allow for possible expansion if needed. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the use of Town property along Airport Road for a community garden. Motion carried.

--**Transfer Station Service Provider:** Supervisor Kramer explained that he is currently in the process of comparing rates amongst various providers and will present his findings at the next meeting.

--**No Wake Ordinance:** This item was placed on the agenda in error, and is replaced by the *Motor Boat Prohibited Area Ordinance for Statehouse Lake* addendum item.

--**Cherry Blossom Lane:** Chair Hanson that Cherry Blossom Lane is technically cutting across the private property of several residents and should be moved to where it belongs. The first step would be to get it surveyed, and then it can go into the paving budget for next year. The Board made a verbal commitment to correct the situation in the upcoming year and no action was taken.

--**Naming of Airport Taxiway:** Due to the pending construction of two new private airplane hangars next to the existing Wilke hangar, the taxiway will need to be named to comply with the "3 structure" Vilas County addressing ordinance. Jerry Wilke, who was in attendance, said he would confer with the other two hangar owners and come up with something by the end of the week.

Addendum

--**Motor Boat Prohibited Area Ordinance for Statehouse Lake:** Chair Hanson obtained a sample ordinance from the Town of St. Germain and adapted it for Manitowish Waters. Hanson read aloud the proposed ordinance. Following discussion on whether or not to add the prohibition of electric motors to the ordinance, it was agreed to leave the ordinance as is, and not add the prohibition of electric motors. A resolution to adopt the ordinance as written was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

--**Covered Stage at Koller Park:** Barry Hopkins made a thorough presentation of a proposed cover for the stage at Koller Park, including that this could be done at no expense to the Town. Music In the Park will pay for the materials and Bill Magee has generously offered to donate labor for the construction of the stage cover. Following a lengthy discussion over details of the structure, a motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer, granting permission to construct a cover over the Koller Park stage at no cost to tax payers. Motion carried.

--Discussion of Town Hall Addition: Chair Hanson shared a description of the proposed addition to the Town Hall, explaining that the addition would be occupied by the Chamber of Commerce. He also described remodeling the outside of the existing building. Hanson went on to note that we should have developed plans with cost estimates for both the Town Hall and the Library by the end of the month. Payment for this upgrade would involve bonding and seeking public donations. The Chamber will also be contributing their already established building fund.

Standing Committee Review:

--Vouchers: Vouchers for August 14, 2018 equaled \$104,941.56, August 28, 2018 vouchers were \$59,219.96 and September 11, 2018 vouchers equaled \$49,582.31. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer 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: Airport Reports provided to the Board in hard copy. Hal Davis, Airport Compliance Manager, visited Manitowish Waters and expressed concern about tree clearance for a couple of the runways. New hire, Chuck Kreml is doing well, following the retirement of long time employee, Bill King. The Hamburger Fly -In was a great success with about 22 airplanes and 75 people. The electronic entryway to the terminal has been upgraded. The Airport now offers a tug for pulling planes around. The construction of two new private hangars has been approved.

--Road Report: Provided to the Board in written form. For a good portion of the month, the crew has been busy mowing shoulders and trimming tree limbs. Out of 289 signs to replace, 100 have been installed. A Pedestrian crosswalk sign has been placed at Marathon Road.

--Transfer Station: Brush is piling up pretty fast this year.

--Parks Report: We will be looking at extending the ramps at Rest Lake Park launch this fall. Dock extensions are still not in place. Other than that, the parks have been pretty quiet.

--Water Patrol Report: During the month of August, Officer Zach Paulson worked 147.5 hours, counted 1104 boats, and issued 31 verbal warnings, 5 written warnings, and one citation. Officer Paulson is done for the season and the patrol boat is coming out of the water on Wednesday, September 12, 2018. We had a lot of positive feedback on Zach this summer and thank him for a great season.

Correspondence: Chair Hanson shared a Thank You from the Discovery Center interns for helping fund the program that employed them.

A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to convene to closed session, pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 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.

Roll Call: Bob Becker – "Aye"; Mike Kramer – "Aye"; John Hanson – "Aye"

No action was taken during Closed Session. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by John Hanson to adjourn.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer