



A quorum of Committee/Board members may be present.
FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS MAY BE CONSIDERED FOR DISCUSSION AND OR ACTION.

**Special Town Board Meeting
March 18th, 2019 at 10:00 am
Manitowish Waters Town Hall**

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am

Present: Town Chairman John Hanson, Board Supervisors Bob Becker and Mike Kramer
Approval of Agenda as posted March 14th, 2019. Approved on a motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

New Business:

--**Discussion of Options for Dead Pike Lake Water Control Structure:** It was determined that raising the water level of Dead Pike Lake would be very beneficial in controlling the iron floc problem. A dam is needed, but the question is, "Who will own the dam -- the Town or the DNR?" The DNR claims that they are not interested in *owning* the dam, so Hanson suggested that if the Town *owns* it, the DNR should still be the party to *manage* it, and the Town would not carry any liability for it. The Board was in agreement to continue holding out on the ownership issue, but if push comes to shove, the DNR will be responsible for management, regardless of ownership. No action required.

--**Response to DNR Denial of Water Patrol Grant:** Recently, a letter was received from the DNR denying the 20% reimbursement of the patrol boat cost for the 2018 season. The DNR is claiming that the Town did not issue enough citations for the total hours on the water. Hanson noted that this is a very poor system of measurement for water patrol and our safety record should speak for itself. It's basically a *quota system* which the DNR denies employing. Hanson recommended sending a strong letter to DNR Secretary Preston Cole, and copying Senator Tiffany and Representative Swearingen, and DNR Board Chair, Dr. Fred Prehn. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to send a letter to the above stated individuals, disputing the denial of funding based on number of citations issued. Motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Town Clerk/Treasurer