

Town Board Meeting
April 9th, 2019 – 7:00 pm
Manitowish Waters Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

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

Approval of Agenda as posted on April 5th, 2019. Approved on motion from Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of March 12th, 2019 and March 18th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Kim Kost and Greg Holt

Subjects from floor: None

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: Greg Holt requested to speak on the *Koller Park Docks* agenda item, the *Resolution to Vilas County to Re-surface Highway W from Highway 51 to Highway K* addendum item, and the *Road Report* standing committee review item.

Old Business:

-- **Contract with Eagle Waste:** Jim W., a representative from Eagle Waste, sent the revised contract to Chair Hanson, but not to Mike Kramer. Kramer took a minute to look over modifications to the contract and approved everything. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to enter into a service agreement with Eagle Waste. Motion carried.

New Business:

-- **Koller Park Docks:** Chair Hanson was trying to work with Joe Mazur, who was trying to work with a 3rd party, with regard to the super-structure that the shore span decking would go on. They basically have not gotten anywhere with this. Hanson is aware of a couple of other outfits that do this sort of work, and he will reach out to them. Hanson will obtain information and email it to fellow Board members, and bring this item back at the May meeting. No action taken.

-- **Beaver Program:** Given the beaver problems we had last year in one of the Alder Lake Road culverts, Road Crew Foreman, Jerry Black was in favor of participating in the Vilas County Beaver Control Program. The annual fee will be approximately \$400.00. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to participate in the Vilas County Beaver Control Program. Motion carried.

--**Road Bids:** Road bids were submitted Lupino and Pitlik & Wick. Bids were opened and read aloud by Chair Hanson. Pitlik came in cheaper on all but one road project and \$7,625.76 cheaper across the board. With the contribution from Boulder Junction for half of the Town Line Road project, the entire cost for road work will be \$158,718.65, and less than we have budgeted for 2019. With Marathon Road, Hanson outlined 3 possible choices: 1.) Chip Seal; 2.) Coarse Aggregate w/out fines; and 3.) Hot Mix. Following discussion, the Board agreed to do a portion of Marathon Road this year and the remaining portion next year. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to accept the road bid from Pitlik & Wick. Motion carried.

Addendum:

--**Resolution to Vilas County to Re-Surface Highway W from Highway 51 to Highway K:** Chair Hanson read aloud a letter he drafted to the Vilas County Highway Committee. In summary, the letter addressed the dangerously deteriorated condition of Highway W from Highway 51 to the Winchester town line. Given the amount of traffic this highway endures, it has become an emergency situation and it is believed that this road will not survive one more winter. Hanson noted that this was not in the County budget for this year, but given the amount of funding they have on hand for "emergencies", he feels this project should qualify. The Board was in unanimous agreement and the letter was signed by all 3 Board Members. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to send the letter off to County. Motion carried. Kim Kost asked for an update on what was happening with the downtown Highway W bridge. Hanson responded that if we are to depend on the County for this project, it could be anywhere from 6 to 10 years before the bridge will be replaced. Hanson went on to note that Mrs. Uihlein has graciously offered to fund possibly 80% of the project, so the plan is to go ahead and do the engineering on it this year. Vilas County will do the engineering and we can get it designed this year. With the Uihlein funding, we could replace the bridge next year in 2020. The new bridge will have two car lanes and a separate lane to be shared by bikes and snowmobiles.

--**Allow the Town Board to Hire a Town Supervisor on a Temporary Part-Time Basis to Oversee the Building Projects at the Town Hall and Library per Sec.60.37(1), and to Recommend to the Annual Town Meeting an Hourly Wage:** The entire Board expressed the importance of having someone on site, on a day-to-day basis, overseeing the various projects of the new additions at the Town Hall and Library. The actual Architect will only visit the project 8 times over the course of construction. This will not cover

the amount of things that can go wrong or be overlooked on any given day. Following discussion and shared horror stories, a motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to temporarily employ a Town Supervisor to oversee the construction projects for an hourly wage to be determined at the Annual Town meeting. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for March 26th, 2019 equaled \$28,117.35. April 9th vouchers were \$40,297.84, of which \$11,725.93 were offset by donations. 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 were provided to the Board in hard copy.

--**Airport Report:** Airport Reports provided to the Board in hard copy. The AWOS system was powered up and worked but will have to be inspected for a break in the wiring after the ground thaws. A new tenant will be leasing the remaining half of hangar 5C, effective June 1st, 2019, which will put the Airport hangars at full occupancy. Construction has resumed on two new private hangars going up next to Jerry Wilke's hangar. All runway lights are operational 1 light that will be repaired upon receipt of ordered parts. We finally received approval from ALL residents to remove all necessary trees/tree tops.

--**Road Report:** Provided to the Board in hard copy. Supervisor Kramer affirmed that there was considerably less snow in March than in February. Roads Foreman, Jerry Blach, noted that due to the inability to effectively wing back the shoulders of Town roads, the front end loader needed to be used to help widen and open up intersections. A much more effective and efficient method of doing this process would be installing a snow blower attachment. Supervisor Becker recommended that the Roads Dept. rent the Airport's equipment before actually purchasing a new attachment. If all goes well, this can be added to next year's budget. Kramer added that the Road Garage sewer line froze up again and they were able to thaw it themselves this time. Kramer recommended that they consider insulating this with 2" – 4" foam after the frost is out. Hanson stated that the Road Limits have gone on, with an end date to be determined.

--**Transfer Station:** Nothing to report.

--**Parks Report:** Remaining work on the Rest Lake Park dock should be completed soon. The launch ramp extension was completed last Fall. The Town Crew is in the process of constructing a 4' X 8' bulletin board to be placed by the Rest Lake Park boat landing. Hanson will be checking with Barry Hopkins on the status of the band stage roof at Koller Park; he is under the impression that they would like to have this completed this Spring.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer