

**Town Board Meeting
June 11th, 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 June 6th, 2019. Approved on motion from Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of May 14th (3), Jay 21st, and June 4th, 2019. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve the minutes of May 14th (3), Jan 21st, and June 4th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Todd Trapp, Brad Trapp, Bill Draudt, Reene Draudt, Tammy Trapp, John Donovan, Karen Dixon, Brian Jopek and Greg Holt.

Subjects from floor: None

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: None

Old Business:

-- **Marathon Road Project:** Marathon Road was not included in the March Road Projects but it's in tough shape and needs to be addressed. It is approximately 2 miles long and Hanson would like to complete 1 mile per year over the next two years. The back end of the road, (furthest mile in) is in worse shape and Hanson recommended doing this section first. Also, there is a possibility of getting some funding for the front end of the road. The estimate for the back mile is \$145,646.25, not including the cost for replacing 2 culverts, which will run about \$5,000.00 each. The approximate \$155,000.00 funds for the project will likely have to be borrowed. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to go ahead with the back-end mile and replace the two culverts for approximately \$155,000.00. Motion carried.

New Business:

-- **Approve Contract for Construction Projects:** Chair Hanson explained in detail that the actual bid for the remodel projects of the Town Hall and Library came in considerably higher than the original estimated amount approved by electors at a special meeting back in March. Hanson went on to outline possible cuts and reclassifications of portions of the bid, to bring it into alignment with the amount approved by electors. Following discussion, it was decided to call for a Special Meeting of Electors for June 25th, 2019 at 7:00 pm to update the general public on what's going and ultimately come up with a plan for moving forward. The meeting will be held at the Manitowish Waters Town Hall and Hanson will continue to work with the contractor to lower the bid. No action taken at this time.

-- **Approve Slate of Liquor/Tobacco License Applications Provided in Hard Copy:**

Class A Liquor

Maria and Bob Winter/Cranberry Square

Class A Combination

Dietz's Service, Inc./Dietz's Service Station Service Station
Martin C. Vehrs/Sportsmen's Outpost
T.A. Solberg Co., Inc/Village Market
Brenda Behnke/The Wine & Beer Barn

Tobacco License

Dietz's Service, Inc./Dietz's Service Station Service Station
Greer's Pier, Inc/Greer's Pier Marina
Howling Dog Saloon, Inc./Howling Dog Saloon
Little Bohemia Lodge, Inc/Little Bohemia Lodge
Pea Patch Motel & Saloon, LTD/Pea Patch Motel & Saloon
Martin C. Vehrs/Sportsmen's Outpost
Pea Patch Motel & Saloon, LTD/Pea Patch Motel & Saloon
TA Solberg Co, Inc/Village Market
Brenda Behnke/The Wine & Beer Barn

Class B Beer/Class C Wine

Coffee Shop at Manitowish Waters, LLC/Dixies Coffee House
The Lodge at Manitowish Waters LLC/The Lodge at Manitowish Waters

Class B Combination

Springer Creek Partners, LLC/Aberdeen Lodge
Paul Habram, LLC/Angler's
Thiesen's Aurora Borealis/Aurora Borealis
The Blue Bayou Inn Restaurant/Blue Bayou Inn Restaurant
Caretakers, LLC/Chippewa Retreat
Florian's World Loppet Lodge Inc./Cozy Cove
Greer's Pier, Inc/Greer's Pier Marina
Howling Dog Saloon, Inc./Howling Dog Saloon
Little Bohemia Lodge, Inc/Little Bohemia Lodge
Parkside Tavern LLC/Parkside Tavern
Pea Patch Motel & Saloon, LTD/Pea Patch Motel & Saloon
Audrey Voss Dickerson Trust/Voss' Birchwood Lodge
Ye Olde Shillelagh, LLC/Ye Olde Shillelagh
Tammy 'n' Teresa's Tiki Tavern/T 'n' T Tiki Tavern

A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve the entire slate of liquor/tobacco licenses. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers for May 28th, 2019 and June 11th, 2019:** Vouchers for May 28th, 2019 equaled \$40,423.97 which included approximately \$50,000.00 to Blue Design for architectural services. Vouchers for June 11th, 2019 were \$52,702.43. 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. Chair Hanson noted that we did get approved for a line of credit with Wood Trust Bank out of Wisconsin Rapids for short-term borrowing of \$1,100,000.00.

--**Airport Report:** Airport Reports provided to the Board in hard copy. Supervisor Becker noted that the Airport experienced a day without power while the power company was doing some work. Kelly Cooper of Lake Time Management held an event at the Airport Terminal with a King Air available for guest tours. A possible charter service could result out of this in the future. The Airport will be co-hosting a Chamber After 5, tomorrow on June 12th, 2019, benefitting both the Airport and the new Community Garden.

--**Road Report:** Provided to the Board in hard copy. Supervisor Kramer drew attention to all the many things that the Road Crew takes care of. He noted that the second phase of our three phase town road sign replacement project has been received and will be installed in early fall. Road limit signs and snowmobile crossing signs have been put away for the season. All Park and Playground bathrooms have been made operational. Picnic tables, bike racks and garbage cans are all out. Town piers and the Water Patrol Boat and shore station are in, as well as the buoys. A new 4' X 8' bulletin board has been built and installed by the Rest Lake Park boat landing. Our new Parks employee, Josh Niemiec started on May 15th and is doing a great job. All roads have been swept of winter's sanding applications. Chair Hanson noted that there are culvert issues on Circle Lily Lake and the DNR recommended installing a second culvert to handle the excess water this year. Given that the tax base for the residents on Circle Lily Lake is in Winchester, Hanson is conferring with the Winchester Town Chair to share in the costs. Hanson added that he will be looking into applying for state funding, as well. The new culvert that was installed on Alder Lake Road last fall has raised the water level behind it and some personal property is getting flooded. Because of a high-pressure gas line, the culvert cannot be installed any lower than it is. Hanson plans to check with the Gas Company about moving the gas line so that an additional culvert could be placed lower to alleviate the flooding. If the Gas Company is unwilling to move the line, there is not much else we can do. Hanson also discussed a culvert that is caving in on South Town Line Road, stating that he would likewise, seek state funding and share the cost with Boulder Junction. Kramer added that the culvert by Avenue of Balsams with a six inch drop in the pavement is already slated for repair.

--**Transfer Station:** Supervisor Kramer reported that Amnesty Week just ended and we took in more items than ever before. He went on to recommend that proof of tax-paying residency become a requirement for future Amnesty Weeks. It is possible that neighboring communities are taking advantage of the program that is intended only for Manitowish Waters tax-paying residents.

--**Parks Report:** Friday, June 14th, 2019 is the deadline for Pier Perfect to provide the dock extensions to extend the pier at Rest Lake Park boat landing. The information kiosk is partially constructed in Koller Park. The proposed new docks at Koller Park will now likely be put off until fall.

Correspondence: Supervisor Becker related recent correspondence he received regarding confusion about the slow-no-wake section between Stone and Fawn lakes. Hilbert responded that the buoys are currently in the wrong location and would be GPS relocated in the near future. Kramer also pointed out a similar incorrect location of the buoy between Manitowish Lake and Little Star Lake. This is a result of boaters taking it upon themselves to drag buoys to where they want them. Buoy tampering is a criminal act, and if caught, citations will be issued.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer