

**Town Board Meeting
October 8th, 2019 7:00 pm
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 October 4th, 2019 and Addendum as posted on October 7th, 2019. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from September 10th, September 24th, and October 1st, 2019(2). A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of September 10th, September 24th, and October 1st, 2019(2). Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Dan Stella and Kayla Houp.

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: None

Subjects from floor: None

Old Business:

-- **Disposition of Manitou Drive:** A workshop was held with residents of Manitou Drive just prior to the Board Meeting. Chair Hanson will be reaching out to Vilas County again with newly discovered information, to urge them to contribute to paving the road. No action was taken and this will be revisited at a future meeting.

New Business:

--**Marathon Road by the Community Church:** The Community Church has plans to repave their parking lot. The portion of the lot from the entryway off USH 51 to the back edge of the parking lot is technically Town owned Marathon Road. The back half of Marathon Road was redone this past summer with the front half slated for repaving next year. Given the circumstances, a quote was obtained from Pitlik and Wick for \$20,832.17 to repave the portion of the road adjacent to the church parking lot. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve \$20,832.17 for this project. Motion carried. The remainder of Marathon Road will still be completed next summer.

--**Set Date for Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting:** A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Mike Kramer to set the Date of November 12th, 2019 at 7:00 pm for the Budget Hearing, to be immediately followed by a Special Town Meeting of Electors. Motion carried. The regular Town Board meeting will be held on the same date at **6:00 pm**, adjourning for the Budget Hearing/Special Town Meeting of Electors and reconvene afterwards, to take action on approving the budget.

Addendum:

Old Business:

--**Select Financial Firm for Long-Term Financing:** Chair Hanson concluded that the pricing from Baird was a little better than the pricing from Ehlers. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to select Baird for the Long-term financing of the construction projects. Motion carried.

--**Approve Wood Trust Bank for the Interim Financing for the New Fire Station:** Wood Trust Bank is currently handling the short-term interim financing for the Town Hall and Library projects, and they have agreed to do the same for the Fire Co. project. A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve Wood Trust Bank for the interim pricing for the new Fire Station. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for September 24th, 2019 were \$187,199.63, which included a \$160,834.89 payment to Pitlik & Wick for various road work. October 8th, 2019 vouchers came to \$57,131.50. 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 were provided to the Board in hard copy. Clerk Hilbert noted that bank balances were not available as she had yet to receive bank statements. She added that this would no longer be an issue when the accounts were straightened out and she could access statements on line.

--**Airport Report:** Airport Reports provided to the Board in hard copy. Supervisor Becker reported that not much was happening at the Airport, however, the State has finally started to work on the land purchase and easements across the highway that have been needed for many years. A survey crew will be sent to do an archeological survey as part of the regular property survey. Supervisor Kramer noted that the AWOS wiring still needed service before the ground freezes again, making work impossible.

--**Road Report:** Road Reports provided to the Board in hard copy. Supervisor Kramer questioned if specs had been received yet for a boom arm mower. Hanson responded that the entire package would be roughly \$50,000.00. Kramer stated that he thought this would be a very worthwhile investment and Hanson agreed. Hanson went on to point out that this could be purchased with a 5

year lease and we would own it at the end of the 5 years. Supervisor Becker inquired about some potholes on County roads and Hanson responded that he had already sent an email to Vilas County regarding the areas of concern. Hanson went on to remind all that Whistler Ratings have to be done this year and that he and Kramer should do some ride-alongs. Kramer brought up a busted culvert on Townline Road. Hanson replied that he had already reached out to someone regarding a quote for the Townline culvert; the relief culvert needed on Circle Lily Road, and also has been trying to reach the gas company for the culvert near Little Manitowish. Hanson noted that a Special Town Board meeting may be necessary in the interim to take care of some of these things.

--**Transfer Station:** Supervisor Kramer reported that other than the brush pile/wood chip issues; all is going well at the Transfer Station. Dan Stella questioned if a compost pile would be an option for all the clearing at the Community Garden. Hanson recommended piling it up here and using the Town bucket loader to haul it over to the existing compost area at the Transfer Station. Stella said he would follow up with fellow gardeners to determine interest.

--**Parks Report:** Chair Hanson noted that all things with the Parks are winding down. The Board is contemplating checking with Barry Hopkins about storing the picnic tables on the stage in Koller Park. Number one, this would be more convenient for the Town Crew and number two, it would prevent snowmobiles from going on the stage. Aesthetics of this, however, is a concern. Another option would be to place decorations on the stage. Discussion ensued about a bike trail to Little Star Beach, but no immediate action will be taken. The boardwalk dock hardware for the new dock system at Koller Park is already in, and the boardwalks will be built over the winter.

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer