

**Town Board Meeting
November 12th, 2019 6:00 pm
Manitowish Waters Community Center**

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm.

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

Approval of Agenda as posted on November 8th, 2019. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from October 8th, 2019. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of October 8th, 2019. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Dan Stella, Emily Heald, Paul Puccinelli, Jody Miller, Greg Holt, Karen Dixon, Dave Krembs, Dave Hanson and Janelle Kohl.

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: None

Subjects from floor: Chair Hanson took the opportunity to update visitors and fellow Board Members on the status of Dead Pike Lake. Negotiations with the DNR are ongoing. A lump sum of \$70,500 from the DNR is dedicated to the *design and permitting of the water control structure and liming of the lake*. The DNR will not contribute to the actual construction of the water control structure, however up to \$0,000.00 can be provided by the Schwartz Fund. Following construction and liming, a monitoring phase will go on for a couple years. Help with this from the Discovery Center Interns would be greatly appreciated and Discovery Center representative, Emily Heald agreed to work with the Town on this.

Old Business:

-- None

New Business:

--**Resolution for Fire Hall Financing:** A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve Wood trust Bank to provide interim financing for construction of the new Fire Station. This would entail a non-revolving \$2,796,848.00 line of credit at a 3% interest rate, with a 1 year term. Interest will be paid quarterly.

--**Approve Baird Terms of Engagement:** We have engaged the services of Baird for bonding for the 3 projects. Chair Hanson and Clerk Hilbert met with Baird associate, Justin Fisher, last Friday. Baird sent a letter with the *Terms of Engagement* that needs to be signed prior to conducting business. The plan is to start putting the numbers together, and Baird will do all the necessary pre-work in getting ready for the bond. One issue is that bonding companies like clients to have a budget reserve, (cash on hand), equivalent to half a year's budget. We will have to figure a way to work around this with items in the budget and possibly accumulate this amount over a couple of years. Our long-standing debt-free status will also help with this issue. Payment term length options and the impact on taxes will be presented to taxpayers at the Annual Town Meeting. We should be ready to go to the bond market in July when the projects are complete. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve the Baird Terms of Engagement. Motion carried.

--**Approve 2020 Budget:** Agenda item tabled until after the Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of Electors.

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for October 22nd, 2019 were \$90,750.11, which included the \$63,650 appropriation to the Manitowish Waters Fire Co. November 12th vouchers equaled \$56,395.50. 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 and bank balances were provided to the Board in hard copy. Clerk Hilbert related that bank balances were provided for the last two months and that all Associated Bank issues had been rectified.

--**Airport Report:** Airport Reports provided to the Board in hard copy. Supervisor Becker reported that AWOS electrical problems had been corrected. Electronic gate cards were verified and cleaned up, including cancelling 80 inactive cards. Plane fuel is low and will need to be purchased soon. Airport hangar snowplowing rates have been the same for many years and will be increasing about 50% in the near future. 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 shared that Powell Road/Marsh culvert has again been flushed of beaver debris. Buoys, picnic tables, bike racks and park refuse cans have been pulled and stored. The playground bathrooms and park bathrooms have been winterized and shut down for the season, including Town port-o-potties. Town piers and docks have been removed. Patrol trucks have been outfitted with winter equipment and are ready to go. The WISLR road inspection has been performed and submitted

--Transfer Station: Supervisor Kramer has made 4 unreturned phone calls to the chipper out of Conover. Kramer reached out to the outfit that did our grinding last year and was able to shave \$500 off what we paid last year for a total of \$10,500.00 and it sounds like he would take all of the chips. In lieu of the expense of the brush pile, it may be necessary to once again double vendor access prices. Transfer Station seasonal hours were reviewed.

--Parks Report: Chair Hanson noted that Parks are basically shut down for the winter. The boardwalk dock hardware for the new dock system at Koller Park is already in, and 6' X 8" sections will be built over the winter. The method of attaching the sections to the shore is still under contemplation.

Correspondence: Chair Hanson shared a letter from the DNR announcing the final installment of \$6,250.00 which satisfies the previous Dead Pike Lake grant. Clerk Hilbert reported that the Vilas County Public Health Dept. performed an eight element evaluation of the water system at the Town Hall and provided written assurance that the drinking water is completely safe and compliant on all elements of the inspection.

Adjournment: The meeting was temporarily adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Reconvened: The Town Board meeting was reconvened at 7:22 pm.

--Approve 2020 Budget: A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve the 2020 Budget. Motion carried.

Motion to Convene to Closed Session pursuant to Wisconsin Statue 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: Mike Kramer – "Aye"; Bob Becker – "Aye"; John Hanson – "Aye"

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer