

Town Board Meeting
May 11th, 2020 ~ 7:00pm
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 May 7th, 2020. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of April 14th, and April 21st, 2020 (2). A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of April 14th, and April 21st, 2020. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Kim Kost, Tyrel Rayala, Bill King, Barry Hopkins and Lisa Hopkins.

Subjects from floor: None

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: Ty Rayala requested to speak on the **Establish Broadband Working Groups** agenda item. Kim Kost and Barry Hopkins asked to discuss the **Use of Town Facilities for Group Gatherings** agenda item. Kim Kost asked to comment on the **Resolutions for Fair Mapping and Constitution Amendment** agenda item.

Old Business:

-- None

New Business:

-- **Blacktopping of Town Hall and Library:** Chair Hanson obtained a proposal from Pitlik & Wick to replace the blacktop running from the parking lot to the back doors and the Lion's Pavilion. The cost for this would be \$10,700.00. Koller Library has requested blacktop connecting their parking lot to the old Fire Station parking lot. Because this falls in highway right-of-way, a permit will need to be applied for. Pitlik & Wick bid this at \$2,170.00. Both projects would be \$12,870.00. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to proceed with both blacktopping projects. Motion carried.

-- **Establish Broadband Working Groups:** Chair Hanson and Ty Rayala participated in a phone conference with Vilas County Economic Development, (VCED), regarding broadband in the Vilas County area. VCED would like to help countywide to improve broadband. Manitowish Waters will need to establish a working group to represent local interests. Chair Hanson recommended a 5 member working group. A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Bob Becker to establish a 5 member broadband working group. Motion carried.

--**New Part-time Hires for Airport and Transfer Station:** Clerk Hilbert reported that one application was received for each of the part-time positions. Chair Hanson recommended scheduling interviews with both applicants via Special Town Board meeting. Kramer noted that Bill King would cover the weekends until a year round employee is in place. Hanson concluded that he would try to schedule back to back interviews for later this week.

-- **Use of Town Facilities for Group Gatherings:** Following a lengthy discussion and pending the Supreme Court ruling, this item was tabled until more information is available.

-- **Revised Road Project List:** Due to a financial shortfall from unbudgeted architectural fees, the road project list had to be modified. Hanson noted that the section of Alder Lake Road from Avenue of Birches toward the marshes would need to be addressed. Also, Circle Lily Road from Tower Road to the East/West split is in pretty bad shape. Additionally, the Town now owns Manitou Drive, (currently gravel), and it needs to be brought up to Town specs and paved. Although this will eventually be reimbursed through a special assessment imposed on the landowners, the Town will initially have to cover the cost Hanson recommended holding off on making a decision until we see where we are at with the architectural fees. No action taken.

-- **Resolutions for Fair Mapping and Constitution Amendment:** Referendum items on the April 7th Election ballot for Fair Mapping and a Constitutional Amendment were approved by the electors at a 70% and 77% respectively. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to adopt the resolutions as presented. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for April 28th, 2020 equaled \$27,569.77. May 12th, 2020 vouchers will be \$56,936.45. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker 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. Supervisor Becker reported that all is pretty quiet at the Airport. The AWOS electrical line still needs to be repaired or replaced. Rob Schmidt, Chair of the Airport Committee recently resigned. He has done a fantastic job for the last 7 or 8 years and he will be missed. An ad will be placed for a replacement Airport

Committee member. Chair Hanson mentioned that the Airport would be receiving \$30,000.00 in Federal Cares Act funding that could be used to replace the generator and card-reader system.

--**Road Report:** Road Reports were provided to the Board in hard copy. Supervisor Kramer reported that there was one more plowing on April 13th. Weight limit signs and snowmobile crossing signs were taken down on April 30th. The 3rd and last phase of the road sign replacement project was received and will be installed by early fall. Holiday banners were switched out. Sweeping of Town roads has commenced. The boom arm mower is being installed on the John Deere tractor. A safety check on all Playground apparatuses has been completed. Sneeze guards were fabricated for Town election personnel. The Roads Department would be interested in much needed storage space in the old Fire Station, once it is vacated. Kramer felt that the old station could accommodate both a Rec Center and storage. This can be re-visited once the old station is emptied out.

--**Transfer Station:** Supervisor Kramer noted that the chips are still being hauled out, including some of the dirty loads incorporated into the clean loads. Appropriate signage is needed for outlining brush drop off criteria such as sizes, lengths, cleanliness of material and also warning of fines to be imposed for unsuitable loads. Signage is also needed to label the Metal and Demo dumpsters. Kramer added that he would look into having new magnets made to reflect the new seasonal hours.

--**Water Patrol Report:** A schedule needs to be nailed down for the 3 part-time Patrol Officers.

--**Parks Report:** The boardwalk sections of the Koller Park dock system are ready to be installed. Mike Kramer will attempt to get in contact with Joe Mazur for installation. Floats have been ordered for the floating sections of the pier system. The Parks are clean but the bathrooms have not been opened yet. Kim Kost inquired about the dock extensions at the Rest Lake Park boat landing. Chair Hanson responded that they were completed last fall.

Correspondence: None

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 conduction other specific public business when competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Bob Becker to convene to closed session. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Bob Becker, "Aye"; Mike Kramer, "Aye"; John Hanson "Aye".

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned from Closed Session at 8:22pm. No action was taken.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer