

**Town Board Meeting
June 9th, 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 June 5th, 2020. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of May 11th and May 14th, 2020. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of May 11th and May 14th, 2020. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Jerry Wilke, Tom Ahonen, JoAnn Miller, Brian Jopek, Greg Holt and Karen Wilke.

Subjects from floor: Chair Hanson announced that the Ground Water Committee will be sending out approximately 300 letters to residents asking if they would like to participate in the Ground Water Testing program that is being done in conjunction with the Discovery Center, the Lakes Association and the UW Stevens Point.

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: Tom Ahonen requested to speak on the **Airport Report** Standing Committee Review item. Jerry and Karen Wilke asked to discuss the **Garden Club Proposal for Expansion** agenda item.

Old Business:

-- None

New Business:

-- **Hire Additional Part-Time Water Patrol Officer:** A new application was received from Joe Kraetke, of Butternut, WI who, like Officer Dan Perry, is employed with the DNR. Joe would be a "fill-in" Officer when Dan Perry and Phil Horter are unavailable. A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Bob Becker to employ Joe Kraetke as a backup Water Patrol Officer. Motion carried.

-- **Use of Metal Detector on Town Property:** Chair Hanson explained that he had received a request to use a metal detector on Town property. Hanson checked with the MW Historical Society who discouraged allowing this. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Bob Becker to deny the request. Motion carried.

-- **Policy for Memorials:** We have received an increasing number of requests from people who would like to have some form of memorial for loved ones connected to Manitowish Waters who have passed away. Following discussion, it was decided that inscribed bricks could be placed around the flagpoles at Koller Park or the Town Hall. A proposal will be put together for this and brought back to a future meeting.

-- **Proposed Financing for Manitou Drive Project:** Manitou Drive was recently deeded to the Town from Vilas Co., who is unwilling to pitch in for any form of improvement. The drive is not currently up to Town specs and will need to be paved. The cost for paving is \$73,050, which will likely be assessed against the 12 property owners over a 5 year period. Options will be submitted to the land owners through a mailing, to obtain their input prior to making a decision.

-- **Routes to Recovery Grant Program:** With all the Federal funding going to states, Wisconsin has funding available to help reimburse municipalities with unexpected expenses directly related to COVID 19. The major expense Manitowish Waters has incurred is the April and May elections and the enormous expense created by absentee voting and election sanitation. The first communication from Governor Evers' office specified that this could only be used for expenses going forward. The logic behind this decision is completely non-existent, and due to outrage from many municipalities across Wisconsin, the Governor's office is contemplating re-thinking the ludicrous nature of this decision. Following a phone conversation Chair Hanson had, just prior to this meeting, a faint glimmer of hope remains for the moment.

-- **Gun Club Show on July 26, 2020:** The local Gun Club has utilized the Town Hall and the Lion's Pavilion for many, many years for their Annual Gun Show. The Club has reached out to the Town to determine if they are still able to use these facilities. With the suggested guidelines for social distancing and size of gatherings, their event would be greatly reduced. Additionally, it was mentioned that they would need to research their liability coverage, should someone in attendance contract or test positive for COVID 19. If they are satisfied with these restrictions, the Town Board has no objection to their use of our facilities.

-- **Appointment of Airport Committee Member:** The Airport Committee has recommended appointing Jerry Wilke to fill the vacancy in their committee. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the Airport Committee recommendation and appoint Jerry Wilke to fill the vacancy. Motion carried.

-- **Fire Company Agreement:** Chair Hanson had the most recent draft of the Fire Co. Agreement, which contains everything the Town Board wanted included. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to authorize John Hanson to sign the agreement and present it to the Fire Co. Motion carried.

-- **Cameras at the Transfer Station:** Supervisor Kramer obtained a quote from Great Escape Technologies for a surveillance system at the Transfer Station to monitor after hours unacceptable loads being brought in. For a 2 camera system, the quote came in at \$1,915.43 with installation. A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Mike Kramer to purchase the surveillance system for the Transfer System. Motion carried.

Addendum

--**Approve Slate of Liquor License:** Clerk Hilbert read aloud, the following slate of licenses for approval:

Class A Liquor

Maria & Bob Winter/Cranberry Square

Class B Beer/Class C Wine

The Coffee Shop at Manitowish Waters
The Lodge at Manitowish Waters

Class A Combination

Dietz's Service, Inc./Dietz's Service Station
T.A. Solberg Co., Inc./Trig's Village Market
Brenda Behnke/The Wine & Beer Barn

Tobacco License

Dietz's Service, Inc./Dietz's 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
T.A. Solberg Co., Inc./Trig's Village Market
Brenda Behnke/The Wine & Beer Barn
Ye Olde Shillelagh, LLC/Ye Olde Shillelagh

Class B Combination

Springer Creek Partners, LLC/Aberdeen Lodge
Paul Habram LLC/Angler's
Theisen'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
T 'n' T Tiki Tavern, Ltd./Tammy 'n' Teresa's Tiki Tavern
Audrey Voss Dickerson Trust/Voss' Birchwood Lodge
Ye Olde Shillelagh, LLC/Ye Olde Shillelagh

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

--**Grant Blanket Approval for Clerk to Issue Picnic/Operator Licenses:** A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer, granting the Clerk blanket approval to issue Picnic and Operator licenses. These licenses will be periodically presented to the Board for approval at monthly meetings. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for May 26th, 2020 equaled \$27,907.75. June 9th, 2020 vouchers are \$64,529.63, which includes the first \$12,332.29 installment on the Boom Arm. 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. Supervisor Becker reported that not only has Jerry Wilke filled Rob Schmidt's vacancy on the Airport Committee, but Wilke has also graciously agreed to replace Schmidt as Chairman of the committee. Maintenance issues for the month have been minor, including still working on the AWOS problems. Sharon Diver has started and brought equipment experience with her to the job. Becker went on to report that the approximate \$30,000.00 in Cares Act Grant Funding will be used toward the purchase of a new card reader for the fuel system as well as a new generator. The Airport Committee is still waiting for a bid from QT Pod for the new card reader system. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer authorizing up to \$25,000.00 of the Cares Act funding for a new card reader system. Motion carried. On a final note, another request for a private hangar was received.

--**Road Report:** Road Reports were provided to the Board in hard copy. Supervisor Kramer reported that winter equipment has been removed from the patrol trucks, and they are ready for summer work. All town roads have been swept and gravel roads have been graded. The John Deere tractor with the newly installed boom arm mower was delivered on May 20th. Picnic tables, bike racks and waste receptacles have been placed throughout the parks. At the Transfer Station, a row of compost has reached maturity and has been relocated for distribution. Kramer went on to note that the brush grinding vendor has completed his work, and the "dirty" pile that remains will be leveled out, creating a base for the brush new brush pile. Kramer also commented on well

done repairs at Harrington Road. Chair Hanson added that Pitlik & Wick is coming next week to replace the black topping around the Town Hall and by the Roads Garage. They will also be widening the parking lot across from the playground, adding approximately 5 feet, for a proposed cost of \$7,820.00. A Special Town Board meeting will be called to take action on the proposed additional blacktopping. Approval of road work for two sections of Alder Lake Road and part of Circle Lily Road will need to be addressed at the Special Town Board meeting as well.

--**Transfer Station:** Already covered under previous agenda items.

--**Water Patrol Report:** Clerk Hilbert recapped an instant where a resident submitted a cell phone video that completely captured a SNW, (Slow-No-Wake) violation and clearly recorded the boat tag. Officer Perry was able to use this video to contact and interview the boat owner/driver and determine a course of action based on that interview. If citations are issued and paid without court appearance, the identity of the resident who took the video remains anonymous. If the case goes to court, the resident who took the video may need to testify at the hearing. Just being aware of the use of private cell phone videos can be used as a deterrent to violating boating laws. Supervisor Becker shared posters that were created by the Water Safety Committee to be placed at the Rest Lake and Clear Lake boat landing, as well as being sent out with the Chamber spring mailer. Becker went on to explain why SNW limits are more effective than the use of speed limits. Becker recently participated in a ride-along with the Water Patrol officer and encourages the rest of the Water Safety Committee members to do the same. Becker shared an instant of a resident relocating buoys on Alder Lake, which is a chargeable offense. He is in the process of obtaining all the GPS coordinates for the buoys on the Chain so that the Patrol Officers will know where to locate them when they have been tampered with. A depth finder/graph will need to be purchased and installed on the patrol boat. Becker will bring pricing back to a future meeting. Becker will also be looking into an electric lift for the Patrol Boat shore station, which was already approved at a previous meeting. Results are in on the survey that was mailed out and will be summarized at the next meeting. Comprehensive maps of the chain are a work in progress.

--**Parks Report:** Chair Hanson reported that the two 32 foot sections of the boardwalk for Koller Park dock system are ready to be installed but trying to find someone with a jet for jetting in the support poles has been fruitless. We are at a stand-still until we can track down a jet. Floats have been on order for the four floating piers that will extend from the boardwalk, but until they arrive and we see them, we are unable to design and complete the four piers. Hanson went on to state that all the parks are up and running and in good shape, with the exception of the tables at Star Beach, which are in need of refurbishing

Correspondence: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:13pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer