

**Town Board Meeting
September 8th, 2020 ~ 7:00pm
Manitowish Waters Town Hall**

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 September 3rd, 2020. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of August 13th, 2020. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of August 13th, 2020. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Dennis Emily Heald, Jim Aitken, Chuck Kreml, Greg Holt, John Grimmer, Karen Dixon, Jeff Boneck, Jerry Yencich and Kim Yencich.

Subjects from floor: None

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: None

Old Business:

-- **Ashland Air Curtain Burner Pricing:** Supervisor Kramer reached out to Northern Clearing Incorporated out of Ashland, WI to obtain pricing for having them come in and burn our brush pile. He had not heard back from them yet and did not have any pricing to report on. Kramer also met with John from Eager Beaver Tree Service out of Conover, WI and John still hasn't gotten back to Mike with pricing. Bucklin's Tree Service, who did our chipping last year for \$8,500.00, has been contacting Mike because they would like to get an earlier start than last year. Kramer has read up on the subject, and it costs an average of \$16/ton to have the brush chipped, whereas curtain burning would cost approximately \$1/ton. Kramer will report back as soon as he has more information.

New Business:

-- **Finalize and Approve 2019 Audit:** Copies of the 2019 Audit draft were provided to the Board in hard copy. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the 2019 Audit. Motion carried.

--**Water Safety Committee Request for Map Funding:** Supervisor Becker explained that the Water Safety Committee was looking to have a map created showing details of the Manitowish Waters chain of lakes, such as slow-no-wake areas, hazards, business locations, boating rules and regulations, etc. They will be selling ads to be printed on the back side of the map, which will just about pay for the printing, but they will need approximately \$3,000.00 in seed money to get the project started. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve \$3,000.00 seed money to get the map project going. Motion carried.

--**Planning Commission Recommendation for Quinlevan Rezone:** At our August Town Board Meeting, the Board approved amending the land use map, changing the Quinlevan property from recreational zoning to single family residential zoning. This motion approves amending the 2020-2022 Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the previously approved changes. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve amending the 2020-2022 Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried.

--**Aquatic Invasive Species Report – Emily Heald:** Emily Heald, from the North Lakeland Discovery Center, (NLDC), gave a very comprehensive presentation about the Aquatic Invasive Species Program, (AIS), on the Manitowish Waters Chain, as well as land based invasive species. The Town has signed a contract with the NLDC for many years, contributing funds to offset the expense of treating AIS in our chain of lakes and community. We are pleased to work cooperatively with the AIS Project and pleased with the overall success of the program.

--**Bids for Road Work:** The Town of Manitowish Waters solicited road bids for 3 separate projects in the Lakeland Times on August 18, 2020 with an August 25th sealed bid deadline at 1:00 pm. As of this meeting, only one bid was received from Pitlik & Wick with pricing as follows:

350' Portion of Alder Lake Road	\$13,120.20
1,220' Portion of Alder Lake Road	\$46,276.82
1,800' Portion of Circle Lily Road	\$63,371.70

A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve the Pitlik & Wick bid for a total of \$122,768.72. Motion carried.

--**Budget Workshop Date:** The first Budget Workshop is scheduled for September 29th, at 10:00am

--Schedule Informational Meeting for ATV/UTV Use on Town Roads: An informational meeting regarding ATV/UTV use on Town Roads will commence at 6:00pm on Tuesday, October 13th, prior to the regular Town Board Meeting. Proponents both for and against this subject are encouraged to attend and speak and be heard.

Standing Committee Review:

--Vouchers: Vouchers for August 25th, 2020 equaled \$38,774.78. August 11th, 2018 vouchers were \$73,232.69, of which 21,840.00 was offset by donations, and \$11,371.00 was comprised of the 2nd Quarter Room Tax payment to the Chamber. 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 will be provided to Board Members at a later date. Supervisor Becker reported that they will be replacing the fuel system this week and the generator will be replaced soon. These expenses will be mostly covered by the Cares Act funding. The AWOS power issue is still outstanding with repairs to be scheduled for this fall. We are working with the state to take care of replacing the aluminum wiring with copper wiring. Fuel sales were way up for the month.

--Road Report: Provided to the Board in written form. Supervisor Kramer shared that mowing along the roads is basically done and the crew will transition the tractor over to the boom arm apparatus for trimming of tree limbs and brushing. A row of compost at the Transfer Station has reached maturity and is ready for distribution. The Transfer Station has received an over-abundance of demolished dock/pier sections from a contractor who should be taking the material directly to the County "G" landfill. This is too much material for the demo dumpster and it's not intended for commercial materials. Following discussion, the Board determined that this falls into the category of construction materials that we currently refuse. Kramer will let Transfer Station employees know that they are to refuse docks and piers. On a final note, the Road Crew Foreman is requesting some storage space in the Fire Co building once it's vacated and their equipment has been moved to the new station. The Board agreed that this was okay.

--Transfer Station: The Transfer station was already covered during the Road Report .

--Water Patrol Report: Clerk Hilbert shared the following stats for the month of August: 129 Patrol Hours; 1,544 Contacts with Boaters; 83 Verbal Warnings; 21 Written Warnings; and 6 Citations. Supervisor Becker added that the accident which occurred the previous month involved a jet ski and a *ski boat*, rather than a *wake boat* . Unfortunately, the passenger who was struck in the back of the head by the jet ski has suffered more severe injuries than originally indicated and is still unable to return to work. This is truly awful and sad. Becker went on to mention that the Water Safety Committee is working on reviewing the locations of all the buoys and obtaining their exact GPS Coordinates. The Water Patrol boat needs to be equipped with a GPS system so that proper location can be maintained. The 2 wide openings in the Rest/Stone channel seem to be the cause of confusion for many boaters who think the slow-no-wake ends there. A different notification needs to be established in these areas

--Parks Report: Parks are in good shape with not a lot going on. The bathrooms will be closed and shut down in October. The piers at the Rest Lake Park landing are in need of attention and repairs.

--Broadband Committee Report: Chair Hanson reported that there have been no committee meetings since the last Town Board meeting. Hanson has been in contact with a few vendors regarding the possibility of towers . Hanson went on to share that there is a lot going on up here with broadband, and he hopes to gain a little more clarity on what the prospects are for Manitowish Waters in the months to come. He will keep us posted.

Correspondence: Clerk Hilbert shared a Thank You note from the Discovery Center Intern, Jarod Scheff, who enjoyed a second summer on the Manitowish Waters chain.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer