

**Town Board Meeting
October 13th, 2020
Immediately Following Town Informational Meeting
Manitowish Waters Town Hall**

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

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

Visitors Present: Barry Hopkins, Rich Hajt, Bryan Heinrich, Gretchen Heinrich, Craig VanArk, Tom Ahonen, Dennis Reuss, Marilyn Wittry, Ellen Schlichting, Phil St. Claire, Joan Galloway, Deane Galloway, JoAnn Miller, Lynn Schroeder, Kay Krans and Brian Jopek.

Approval of Agenda as posted on October 9th, 2020. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of September 8th, 2020. Approved on motion from Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer. Motion carried.

Agenda Items to Speak On: Kay Krans requested to speak on the **Support for Roadside Memorial for FBI Agent Carter Baum** agenda item.

Subjects from floor: None.

Old Business:

--None

New Business:

-- **Support for Roadside Memorial for FBI Agent Carter Baum:** Kay Krans shared aloud, the following letter she addressed to the Town Board:

This summer, FBI Agent Scott Mahloch from Milwaukee approached the Manitowish Waters Historical Society to find out information about Carter Baum, the Bureau of Investigation Agent who was killed by Baby Face Nelson on April 22, 1934 in Spider Lake, Wisconsin. I made arrangements to meet him and spent about three hours with him telling him about what I knew about the night of April 22, 1934. He wanted to see the place where Agent Baum was killed and I took him to the old Koerner residence on Old 51 across from the Blue Bayou. As we talked, he informed me that Carter Baum is the only agent ever killed in Wisconsin and that there should be a memorial for him. He sent a message to the FBI Agents Association and the FBI Headquarters about the project and needs approval of the Manitowish Waters Town Board. The Town needs to also decide the best location to place the memorial. He thought a stone monument would look good in the Northwoods. It should be close to the site where Agent Baum was killed.

Krans concluded noting that a letter of approval from the Town Board to the FBI was needed in order to proceed with a memorial. She went on to express that this memorial could also include local Constable Christiansen who was wounded the same evening Baum was killed. Discussion ensued regarding the best possible location for the memorial, and it was agreed upon that just north of the Highway 51 bridge, across from Blue Bayou, a pull through Memorial could be developed next year when that portion of Highway 51 gets repaved. Chair Hanson stated that he would contact the DOT regarding this plan and thanked Kay Krans for her presentation. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to draft a letter to the FBI acknowledging approval of this memorial. Motion carried.

--**Schedule Budget Workshop:** A date of Tuesday, October 20th, 2020 at 4:00pm was set for the next budget workshop.

--**Set Date for Budget Hearing & Special Town Meeting of Electors:** A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by John Hanson to schedule the Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting of Electors for Tuesday, November 10th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried.

--**Proposal for Parking Lot at Library:** Chair Hanson explained that the proposal for the Library parking lot is actually the parking lot at the old Fire Station location. A section of the existing lot on the east side of the building toward the highway has to be removed and lowered to obtain proper drainage and eliminate pooling

by the Library. The proposal from Pitlik & Wick to remove and replace the existing lot and dispose of the old pavement came in at \$15,370.00. Hanson spoke with Pitlik & Wick about doing the removal and base prep this Fall and completing the project in the Spring of 2021. Pitlik & Wick were agreeable, so the cost this Fall would be \$5,300.00. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve \$5,300.00 for redoing a portion of the Library parking lot. Motion carried.

--**Brush Pile Disposal:** Bucklin has proposed to grind and remove the brush pile for \$7,500. Chair Hanson advised that we go ahead with this for this year and then get back on track next year to align the grinding expense with the grant we receive through the Wildfire Protection program. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve Bucklin for \$7,500.00 to grind and remove the brush pile. Motion carried. Kramer added that he would contact Eager Beaver regarding burning the remaining chips from last year.

Standing Committee Review:

-- **Vouchers for September 22nd, 2020 and October 13th, 2020:** September 22nd vouchers = \$39,757.52 and October 13th vouchers = \$62,869.46. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the vouchers as stated. Motion carried.

--**P & L/Bank Balances:** Information provided to the Board, in writing.

--**Airport Report:** Hard Copy Reports were not available. On a very sad note, relatively new private hangar owner, Bob Orre passed away unexpectedly from a pulmonary embolism. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his wife Ann and their family. Scott Clendening has been busy readying the Airport for Winter and is doing an overall excellent job. The AWOS was finally repaired, finding 3 separate areas that needed to be spliced. The Airport Beacon needs to be replaced. The new generator is due to be installed Thursday or Friday and the new card reader system is already up and running.

--**Road Report:** Reports were provided to Board Members in writing. The John Deere Tractor was switched over from the shoulder mower to the boom arm tree limb trimmer. The tractor is still experiencing some problems with the bucket unit. A drainage area was dug by the salt shed to alleviate a water pooling problem. The Water Patrol boat is out and stored and an inventory of buoy conditions was presented to the Town Board. The Roads Garage is in the process of changing over to LED lighting which will increase longevity and save money in the long run. Pitlik & Wick is slated to complete the two sections of Alder Lake Road and a section of Circle Lily Road.

--**Transfer Station Report:** The problem with disposal of docks has been remedied. A vendor was somehow locked in at Transfer Station on Saturday, while loading 2 dump trucks with compost.

--**Water Patrol Report:** A survey will be going out in the near future. There has been a great deal of positive feedback with regard to our 3 Water Patrol Officers. Officer Perry attended the last Water Safety Committee meeting, expressing a need for a camera with a sim chip. Clerk Hilbert added that both Officer Perry and Officer Kraetke completed their Fire Arms Certification, so all three Officers are set.

--**Parks Report:** The park bathrooms will be shut down by the end of the month.

--**Broadband Committee Report:** The proposed tower intended to go up near Island Lake, in Boulder Junction has raised a lot of alarm. In a teleconference with Bugtussel and about 25 residents, Bugtussel explained the importance of the tower but agreed to look into alternative locations. Basically, Manitowish Waters has no authority over this project but will continue to provide information as a public service.

Correspondence: None

--**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm..

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Town Clerk/Treasurer