

**Town Board Meeting
December 8th, 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 December 4th, 2020. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of November 10th, 2020. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the minutes of November 10th, 2020. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Brian Jopek.

Subjects from floor: None.

Old Business:

-- None

New Business:

--**Proposal from Great Escapes for Guest WiFi:** A proposal from Great Escapes Technologies for Guest WiFi was shared by Clerk Hilbert. Hilbert explained that this would eliminate guest use of the Town's WiFi, and eliminate the reduction in speed as a result of additional persons being signed on to the Town's WiFi. The proposed cost would be \$1,147.97. Hilbert urged the Board to consider the proposal for security purposes alone. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the proposal for Guest WiFi for the price of \$1,147.97. Motion carried

--**Cemetery Well:** Supervisor Becker obtained a quote from Richardson Well for \$9,290.00 for a new well to be installed at Pine Lawn Cemetery. Becker needs to check with the Wisconsin Historical Society regarding placement location requirements. Becker already discussed increasing the power voltage with for the well pump with electrician, BJ Bauers. The well would provide 3 spigots to be spaced along the split-rail fence. Becker added that we already have \$2,000.00 of this expense covered through a donation from the Manitowish Waters Lioness and he would like to see this approved now for spring installation. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by John Hanson to approve the Richardson Well quote for \$9,290.00. Motion carried.

--**Eagle Waste Report & Rate Increase Request:** The representative from Eagle Waste was not in attendance, so this item was tabled and no action was taken.

--**Recognition Resolution:** Chair Hanson read aloud a resolution recognizing Jerry Blach's 23 years of service on the Road Crew and as the Road Crew Foreman. Gratitude for all his years as well as best wishes for his retirement were expressed in the resolution. Blach will be retiring the end of December 2020. A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Mike Kramer to adopt the resolution recognizing Jerry's years of service. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for November 24th, 2020 were \$104,725.83 which included \$79,472.03 to the Manitowish Waters Fire Co. for their annual appropriation and 2% Fire Dues. December 8th, 2020 vouchers equaled \$105,680.55, of which \$49,135.74 incorporated the 3rd quarter room tax payment to the Manitowish Waters 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 were provided to the Board in hard copy.

--**Airport Report:** Supervisor Becker reported that things are pretty quiet at the Airport. The AWOS and all electrical issues have been taken care of. The new generator has been installed, as well as the new card reader system. Chair Hanson has submitted the paperwork to the Cares Act for \$30,000.00 in reimbursement for Airport projects.

--**Road Report:** Supervisor Kramer shared that in November witnessed 1 plowing, 2 scrapings and 3 sandings. The final phase of the road sign replacement has been completed. The new and larger culvert on Alder Lake Road west of Ave of Birches has been installed and surface completion, (blacktopping), will be done next year. Manual limbing of tree branches is still being performed. The John Deere tractor has come back from Serwe Implements and is once again operational. Hauling away of the Transfer Station chips is complete.

--**Transfer Station:** Mike Kramer noted that removal of the chip pile was already mentioned during the road report and nothing else was new.

--**Water Patrol Report:** Supervisor Becker reported that new buoys have been a major topic at committee meetings and that they are researching a different style of buoy that is more visible. He added that the Manitowish Waters Lakes Association has agreed to contribute half the cost of buoy replacement. The map that is being developed will include depth lines, slow-no-wake zones,

roads that run in the proximity of the lakes, and various businesses that can be accessed by boat. Advertisements on the map will be sold to offset the cost of the map. They hope to have the map ready to go by spring. The committee has also discussed the placement of red/green traffic lights at the Clear Lake bridge to prevent congestion under the bridge. Becker also approached Chuck Kramer about dredging out under the Clear Lake Bridge because of how shallow it is. Kramer told Becker he will need to clear this with the DNR prior to going forward. Supervisor Kramer suggested that Becker look into a breakwater to prevent sand from washing back in. Hanson added that the grant paperwork for the Dead Pike Lake Water Control Structure had been submitted to the DNR and he anticipated hearing something soon.

--Broadband Committee Report: Chair Hanson reported that the Broadband Working Group will be participating in a teleconference on Thursday morning with the representative who headed up the project in Boulder Junction.

Correspondence: Chair Hanson shared correspondence from Vilas County Economic Development acknowledging the Town's annual commitment of \$4,000.00. Clerk Hilbert shared the receipt of two donations made in the memory of Scott Lenicheck who recently passed away. Scott served on the Town's Board of Appeals for many years and was a valuable member of the Airport Phases. He will be missed.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer