

**Town Board Meeting  
February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ 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 February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Approved on motion from Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve the minutes of January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion Carried.

**Visitors Present:** Lynn Schroeder and Kim Kost.

**Subjects from floor:** None.

**Agenda Items Requested to Speak On:** Lynn Schroeder and Kim Kost requested to speak on the **Little Star Lake Park Renovations** agenda item, the **Request for Transit Funding** agenda item, the **Water Patrol Comprehensive Map** agenda item, and the **Fire Burner Demonstration** agenda item. Both Lynn and Kim also wished to comment on all Standing Committee Review items.

**Old Business:**

-- **Little Star Lake Park Renovations:** Chair Hanson relayed that the DNR was not interested in selling the Little Star Lake Park property to the Town, but would be okay with a longer term agreement with the Town. Renovations would include a small pavilion or two, and flush toilets. The possibility of installing docks was discussed and shot down for multiple reasons. Hanson is waiting to hear back from the DNR prior to looking into grant funding and donations for the renovations.

**New Business:**

-- **Request for Transit Funding:** Following a brief conversation, it was decided that the transit program was completely unused by residents and the request for funding would be denied. A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Bob Becker to deny the \$2,500.00 request for funding the transit Service. Motion carried.

-- **Water Patrol Comprehensive Map:** Supervisor Becker provided a detailed description of the comprehensive maps including, but not limited to, high water hazards with a disclaimer, slow-no-wake zones, and restaurants and hot-spots. The maps will be made out of a durable plastic material and ads on the back side will be sold to help offset the cost. They plan to order 5,000 maps and go to print in April. The total cost for the maps will be \$10,180, excluding receipts for the ads. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to commit \$10,180.00 up front for the proposed maps, which will be considerably less when fees for advertisements are collected. Motion carried. Comments regarding the practice of leaving buoys along the shoreline were also made, and Becker stated that with the purchase of all new buoys in 2021, this would be unacceptable and buoys would need to be removed and stored over the winter. Removal of stumps in the water was additionally discussed and is strongly discouraged.

-- **Fire Burner Demonstration:** Supervisor Kramer had yet to hear back from the DNR regarding holding a demonstration of the Fire Burner at the Manitowish Waters Transfer Station. This item does not require a motion, but was tabled nonetheless.

**Standing Committee Review:**

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021 were \$232,661.12, which included \$84,121.93 to Pitlik & Wick, and \$75,746.15 to Birchfield Nurseries for post-construction landscaping of the Town Hall and Library. The landscaping was offset by a donation from the Ms. Uihlein. February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 vouchers equaled \$37,954.21. 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:** Chair Hanson noted that the main thing being worked on right now is the land purchase of neighboring properties and easements of properties across the road. This needs to be accomplished by the end of June because related funding will be expiring. Lynn Schroeder inquired about Marathon Road needing to be moved. Hanson responded that it would be moved to create greater distance between the end of the runway and Marathon Road. Hanson also reported on the bathroom remodel that will allow pilot access to the bathroom without allowing access to the entire terminal.

--**Road Report:** Supervisor Kramer noted that in January there were 4 plowings, 2 scrapings and 2 sandings. Christmas banners and displays were taken down and put away in storage. Brushing with the boom arm is working out really well. Lawn equipment has been readied for the upcoming season. Hanson added that they will be starting on building the dock sections for Koller Park and working on the LED lamp replacement project, for which Hanson received a quote of \$7,000.00 from Viking Electric.

--**Transfer Station:** Supervisor Kramer stated that there was not much to report that was not already covered in a previous agenda item. All is going well with Dave at the Transfer Station.

--**Parks Report:** Little Star Lake Park renovations and Koller Park docks already covered under previous items.

**--Broadband Committee Report:** Chair Hanson reported that at this time, trying to set up a meeting is like chasing his tail. There is still no word on results of our grant application.

**Correspondence:** None

A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to Convene to closed session according to Wis. Statute 19.85 (1) (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.

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

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned from closed session at 7:42pm. No action was taken.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dana Hilbert  
Clerk/Treasurer