

**Town Board Meeting**  
**March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 ~ 7:00pm**  
**Manitowish Waters Town Hall**

Meeting called to order at 7:07pm.

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

**Approval of Agenda** as posted on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Approved on motion from Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes** of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by John Hanson to approve the minutes of February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Motion Carried.

**Visitors Present:** Lynn Schroeder and Colin Aspinall

**Subjects from floor:** Chair Hanson summarized an Aflac Presentation that took place immediately before the Town Board Meeting.

**Agenda Items Requested to Speak On:** Lynn Schroeder expressed interest in speaking on all agenda items.

**Old Business:**

-- None

**New Business:**

-- **Bauers Memorial on Playground:** Chair Hanson shared a request from Lois Bauers to do some kind of a memorial in honor of long-time Board Member, Henry Bauers. Henry headed up the project to redo the playground early in his tenure among many other major improvements. Several ideas and options were discussed with nothing specific agreed upon. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the request from Lois Bauers to establish a memorial to Henry on the playground. Motion carried.

**Addendum**

**New Business:**

--**Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Compensation Type:** Clerk Hilbert requested that Deputy Clerk, Jessie Knipp, be switched to salary compensation rather than hourly pay. Frequently hours have to be carried into the next pay cycle to keep the weekly number of hours in line with the budgeted amount of \$30,000 for the position. Additionally, Jessie often has to leave prior to completing tasks to avoid going over on hours. With the budgeted \$30,000.00 already in place, it makes sense to switch Jessie to salary and discontinue hourly wages. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to change the Deputy Clerk's compensation to salary, effective with March hours to be paid in April. Motion carried.

**Standing Committee Review:**

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 were \$1,300,588.34, which included \$1,288,207.00 in February Settlement tax payments to Vilas County and the 3 schools. March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 vouchers equaled \$35,409.98. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve the vouchers as stated. Motion carried.

--**P & L/Bank Balances:** P&L's were provided to the Board in hard copy. Clerk Hilbert mentioned that the dip in bank balances was due to making the first principal payment and interest payment for the construction bonding, totaling \$325,770.52. Chair Hanson added that we would be making one more interest only payment in September.

--**Airport Report:** Supervisor Becker noted that it's been pretty quiet out at the airport and their committee meeting is scheduled for this Friday morning. The runways are currently bare and snow free. Becker mentioned that we did buy gas for the airport at a good price, prior to the recent rising fuel costs. Hanson added that we just purchased diesel fuel and it was a dollar higher than our last purchase. Hanson also indicated that a teleconference call with the Bureau of Aeronautics would take place during the Friday committee meeting to discuss the airport's 6-year plan.

--**Road Report:** Supervisor Kramer stated that February witnessed 6 plowings and 3 scrapings and sandings. The hydraulic wing ram on one of the patrol trucks was repaired. Old picnic tables were either fixed up or thrown out. The crew framed up, stained, and put floats on the 12 sections of dock for Koller Park. The septic line at the shop was thawed out after a warm snap drove the frost deeper down. Chair Hanson noted that we received out trip funding for a total of \$25,288.32. Clerk Hilbert reiterated a phone call she received from a resident who pointed out that the Osprey Bay Lane road sign was mislabeled and read Osprey Lane. Hilbert went on to say that the sign needed to be replaced in effort to comply with global response addressing and she will order a new sign tomorrow. Chair Hanson pointed out that road weight limits will go on at noon on Friday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Hanson will be ordering the replacement light fixtures so the crew can begin working on that.

--**Transfer Station:** Supervisor Kramer said that there was not much to report and that everything is going swell. Kramer expressed praise for Dave at the Transfer Station and Scott too.

**--Parks Report:** Chair Hanson noted that as already stated, the Koller dock sections are already built and the decking will go on after they have been placed. Lynn Schroeder inquired on the status of Little Star Lake Park improvements, to which Hanson responded that he had yet to hear back from the DNR. Becker requested that a dock at Little Star Lake beach be revisited. Becker also shared a quote for 18 new buoys from Rolyan Buoys, and Clerk Hilbert had already placed the order the day before. Hilbert added that she had received the first check for advertising on the new comprehensive water patrol map. Between advertising and the \$2.00 fee for the maps, the cost to the Town should be minimal. Becker shared that a discussion from their last committee meeting which focused on establishing a 5 mile per hour speed limit, including a motion to pass this idea. After further discussion and a recommendation from Officer Perry, who attended the meeting, the motion was rescinded and a decision was made to not enforce a speed limit. Lynn Schroeder mentioned that it would be great to have Officer Perry attend and speak at the Alliance Annual Meeting if he was willing to do so.

**--Broadband Committee Report:** Chair Hanson reported that at a zoom meeting this afternoon with two representatives from Lumen, which is the new name for CenturyLink, and Bill Niemuth, the broadband guru from Boulder Junction. One thing that will complicate the process is that the last round of grants that were given for broadband in our area were given to a company called LTD out of Minneapolis and Las Vegas. They will get the funding to expand broadband. So here we have Lumen with all the fiber in the ground already throughout town, and we don't know where we go with grants. This is what the committee will be working on. The compact square mileage of Manitowish Waters will be an advantage and areas of density will come into play. Lynn Schroeder asked about Bug Tussel and Hanson responded that they are currently negotiating with Hilgy's.

**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 8:25pm. No action was taken.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dana Hilbert  
Clerk/Treasurer