

Town Board Meeting
September 14th, 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 September 10th, 2021. Approved on motion from Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of August 10th, 2021. A motion was made by Mike Kramer and seconded by Bob Becker to approve the minutes of August 10th, 2021. Motion Carried.

Visitors Present: Sam Solar, Dawn Holt, Greg Holt, Delp Schafer, Dan Stella, Emily Heald, Trevor Greene, Karen Dixon, Bob Fuller, and Stephanie McClellan

Subjects from floor: None.

Agenda Items Requested to Speak On: Greg Holt requested to speak on the **2022 AIS Contract with Discovery Center** agenda item. Dan Stella asked to discuss the **Rec Center in Old Fire Station** agenda item. Dawn Holt expressed interest in commenting on the **Broadband Committee Report** Standing Committee Review item.

Old Business:

-- None

New Business:

-- **Repurchase of Cemetery Plots:** Clerk Hilbert shared an email from an individual wishing to sell back one of two plots purchased back in 1981 for \$35 each. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to buy back the plot for \$35. Motion carried.

--**Report on AIS Program with Discovery Center:** Emily Heald provided a very thorough summary of the AIS Program including the various phases and the effectiveness of the program. In addition to the funding the Town commits to annually, Emily applies for 3 different grants to supplement the program. The Board expressed gratitude to Emily for her presentation.

--**2022 AIS Contract with Discovery Center:** The Discovery Center is seeking a \$38,000 contribution from the Town, (unchanged from previous year), to renew the AIS Contract. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the 2022 Contract. Motion carried.

--**Rec Center in Old Fire Station:** Dan Stella explained that the Chamber had already earmarked \$16,000 to use toward the development of a Rec Center in the old Fire Hall building. Stella went on to describe the various equipment they were looking to purchase, all within the \$16,000 budget. He mentioned that he was waiting for a bid from Great Escapes Technology for a timed locking system and a surveillance camera, but was certain they would still be within budget. It is now a matter of removing property owned by the Fire Co and cleaning the building prior to bringing in equipment. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to proceed with cleaning out the building and purchasing the equipment, not to exceed \$16,000. Motion carried.

--**Room Tax Committee Recommendations:** Chair Hanson stated that the Room Tax Committee met and made the following recommendations:

\$1,000 to the Manitowish Waters Sno-Skeeters

\$1,500 to Music in the Park

A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the recommendations. Motion carried.

--**Proposal for Paving at Library and Old Fire Station:** Chair Hanson shared a proposal to pave the parking area at the library and old Fire Hall for \$12,100. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the \$12,100 proposal. Motion carried.

--**Temporary Easement Access at Koller Park:** David Simon, owner of Parkside Tavern, has requested a temporary easement road to run from the Koller Park parking lot, behind the EAU property, to his property. The grounds would be restored after his project is completed. A motion was made by Bob Becker and seconded by Mike Kramer to approve the temporary easement and eventual restoration. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Review:

--**Vouchers:** Vouchers for August 24th, 2021 were \$169,466.26, which included \$146,320.18 to Pitlik & Wick for paving. September 14th, 2021 vouchers equaled \$58,367.95. 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 commented on how nice the Airport is looking with all of the recent improvements. The runway lights are completely fixed following the lightning strike. We had to purchase fuel, but Airport fuel sales have been substantial. Work continues on new hangars. The purchase of neighboring property is almost done, including the Slaney and

Roemer parcels, along with a buffer strip on Powell Road. Supervisor Kramer mentioned the danger of bikes on Alder Lake/Powell roads, and hoped to see the buffer used for a future bike trail.

--**Road Report:** Supervisor Kramer read aloud from the Road Report prepared by Roads Foreman, Tom Lentz. The crew is still chipping up debris from last months storms. Patching has been done on some roads. Mowing of the road shoulders is completed. Turning compost, pushing up brush and filling up dumpsters continues at the Transfer Station. The pressure washer required repairs. The boom and winch for the pontoon boat arrived and has been installed.

--**Transfer Station:** Supervisor Kramer said that there was not much to report and that everything is going good.

--**Water Patrol Report:** Clerk Hilbert shared August stats, including 1,148 contacts with boaters, 42 verbal warnings, 6 written warnings and 1 citation. In August, the Officers patrolled 106.25 hours.

--**Parks Report:** Chair Hanson noted that parks are just about done for the season. The Koller Park floating docks will be detached and floated into the bay near the dam, to be tied up and stored for the winter. Dan Stella mentioned that attention was needed at Little Star Beach Park. Chair Hanson responded that they will be working on that over the winter months and are hoping to enter into a longer term agreement with the DNR.

--**Cemetery Report:** Supervisor Becker stated that a dog house over the new pump still needs to be completed using leftover materials from the Airport remodel.

--**Broadband Committee Report:** Chair Hanson reported that Lumin, is selling off all of their assets in 17 states, including Wisconsin. This should create more revenue to invest in projects like ours. There will never be 100% grant funding for this project, so eventually the tax payers will need to decide if we want to place this financial burden on the tax roll. We are not to the point of making that decision yet.

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

The meeting was reconvened into open session at 8:14 pm.

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

A motion was made by John Hanson and seconded by Mike Kramer, to notify the DNR that the Town of Manitowish Waters is terminating negotiations on the MOU for the dam in Lost Creek at the outlet of Dead Pike Lake because of their requirement that the Town take ownership of the dam. Motion carried.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dana Hilbert
Clerk/Treasurer