

Town Board Meeting June 14, 2010

James Parent called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order at 6:45PM outside of the Town Hall on the west side of the building. Present were James Parent, Robert Schultz, Robert Thelen, Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff, 4 visitors. Barbara Anschutz was absent. 11 more visitors arrived later.

Clerk verified posting. Jim stated that item #9 on the agenda will be removed. Motion made/second Peter/Bob to accept the agenda with the removal of item #9. Carried.

Discuss/decide repairs to stairway on west side of Town Hall – Stairway has become somewhat in a state of disrepair. Bob stated we should have someone come and tell us what should be done with it. We also have to be careful with any changes, due to the building being on the National Register of Historic Places. Peter suggested Chris Renier could take a look at it. One part of the problem is that the sidewalk also seems to be sinking/shifting. Jim will see if Steve Parent knows of a structural engineer to take a look at it.

At this point, the meeting moved to the meeting room at the Town Hall and reconvened at approximately 7:00PM.

Accept minutes – Motion made/second Peter/Bob to accept the minutes. Carried.

Accept Treasurer report – Nothing out of the ordinary this month. Motion made/second Bob/Peter to accept the Treasurer Report. Carried.

Citizen input – Grace Frudden spoke. She would like Bob to consider removing some of the dead trees on the north side of Ridges Road. Bob will take care of it.

Larry Fass – Discussion/possible decision on storm water runoff problems near Harbor Sands Condominiums – Larry Fass is the president of the homeowner's association at Harbor Sands Condominiums. He presented a letter detailing the problems. The storm sewer drains onto Town property and then makes its way to the Lake via the beach. He had presented this two years ago to the Board and at that time there was still some work being done on Ridges Road and Hwy 57. The only place that the water can go is onto the sand beach by Harbor Sands. They are concerned about stagnant water creating a smell, as well as mosquito problems. It also allows phragmites to grow aggressively. Tourists that go down Lakeview Drive tend to end up on their private property as well. A couple of years ago it was said that the Hwy 57 reconstruction would correct the problem, but that wasn't the case. The Board of Directors of the homeowner's association is discouraged because nothing has been done, but they are willing to provide support and/or financial help. Jim stated that he understands the problem, but once you get past a certain spot, it becomes the DNR's jurisdiction. Larry stated if it's impossible to get it fixed, he would just like a letter back stating that. Clerk will call Carrie Webb with the DNR and talk with her about it. A letter will be written one way or another.

Michael J. Walker – Update on sales vs. assessments and set date for Board of Review – Michael presented his update. The market has been consistent, but with a little softness. The number of sales is a little low. New homes are on track. The market hasn't dropped but it is very flat. There are a lot of properties available right now. A copy of sales vs. assessments for the last year is available in the Clerk's office. For Board of Review, Clerk will be gone the week of July 12, so the regular Town Board meeting will be July 19. Board of Review will be set for July 21st at 5:00PM. Open book will be that morning from 10AM to Noon.

Discuss/decide Bernie Friedenfels' property tax refund request – Jim explained the situation. Bernie had come before the Board a few months back asking for a refund based on part of his land not being in crop assessment, as he had failed to alert Mike to that fact. He had requested a refund for last year based on the difference. It was explained to him that the Town only keeps a small portion of that and the remainder goes out to the County, State, Tech. School and School District. Based on last year's figures, the Town portion comes to \$291.67. Motion made/second Jim/Bob to refund Bernie Friedenfels \$291.67. Carried.

Discuss/decide all liquor/beer/wine/picnic/cigarette licenses for 2010-11 year – One that is not included with this group is Maxwelton Braes. There may be a special meeting later towards the end of the month to decide on that one. Sewer billing will be checked before the license is issued. If it isn't paid by June 30th, the license is not given out. There is an addition to the picnic licenses, that being the Catholic Church at the Rec. Park. Jim explained there was an issue at Harbor Fish Market regarding their grease trap and new meter installation. It will be approved conditionally based on the meter being installed by July 1. Motion made/second Peter/Robert to approve all presented licenses per Clerk's confirmation/approval. Carried.

Discussion on Constable recertification to continue to perform duties – Mark Merrill was present. He retired from the County Sheriff Department, so he is having his license moved to Baileys Harbor. In order to get that accomplished, there is quite a bit of paperwork that needs to get sent in to the Department of Justice. Mark is working with the Sheriff's office to accomplish this. There are many technicalities involved with this. The paperwork has been filled out and sent in, including a description of job duties and a certified copy of the Constable ordinance/resolution. He also had to have a drug screening done. As for firearms training, he has to go to 24 hours every year. The Sheriff is going to invite him to join their classes. Mark is intending to run for the office of Constable for around 14 years, as long as his health holds up.

Adopt resolution for CMAR report – This is something that is done every year. Once again, we received a grade of "A." The adopted resolution has to be sent to the DNR. Jim read the resolution into the record. Motion made/second Peter/Roberta to approve resolution #03-2010. Carried.

Appointment of Scenic Byways representatives – Kris Schorer has volunteered her services and Steve Leonard would be an alternate. Motion made/second Jim/Bob to

appoint Kris Schorer as the Scenic Byways Rep. and Steve Leonard as an alternate. Carried.

Creation of Bike Plan Committee – This committee would work the Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin in the creation of the plan. Meetings would start in July and there would be about four of them. Motion made/second Jim/Peter to appoint Dave Hansell, Bryan Nelson and Jim Parent to the Bike Plan Committee. Carried.

Discuss/decide resolution approving the Public Participation Plan prepared by Community Planning & Consulting for the Comprehensive Plan review – Plan Commission has recommended approval. The plan outlines what the Town Board and Plan Commission need to do to ensure proper public participation in the review of the Smart Growth plan. Motion made/second Peter/Roberta to adopt resolution #02-2010, the Public Participation Plan Resolution. Carried.

Discuss/decide distribution of budgeted Baileys Harbor Historical Society funds/Historical Society update – Barb wasn't in attendance, but she wrote a letter explaining that the BHHS is looking into buying projectors and computer equipment and she would like to request the \$2,500 in the budget by distributed to the Society. Motion made/second Bob/Peter to distribute the \$2,500 to the Baileys Harbor Historical Society. Carried.

Discuss/decide Town Clerk signing holding tank agreements – Currently the Town Chairman has to sign them. Someone has to try to find him during the day and give him a check. Jim checked with attorney Randy Nesbitt to see if the Clerk could be authorized to sign them. Jim would like to transfer the authority to Doug. Motion made/second Peter/Bob to have the Clerk sign holding tank agreements. Carried.

Discuss/decide possibility of a Baileys Harbor Farmer's Market – The Baileys Harbor Community Association has been talking about this. They're interested in doing it in conjunction with the Saturday concerts in the park at the Town Hall from 2PM to 4PM. Bob asked Mark Merrill if there were any sort of ordinances against it. Since it's something the Town Board would be approving, it would be okay. Mike Meulemans was present, who became familiar with the local markets through his job. He went through the list of markets occurring already. It takes about an hour to set up and an hour to take down for a vendor. Jim doesn't see any problem with it and would like to see a little more information. It comes down to having the right location. Bob would say they're welcome to any Town property, but we'd need some more information. The Association will continue the discussion.

Discuss/decide problems with Town Hall roof leaking – There's been a pretty bad leak. Bob said there should be some kind of warranty on it. Doug will look through the Town Hall papers and find out who put the roof on.

Committee reports – Chairman/Sewer Committee – None.

Bob – Roads – Everything is getting done on F. From what he's been hearing, it's only going to have one layer of blacktop down before the 4th of July. Sidewalks will be done. Sidewalks by the Church are done. Dead trees on Ridges Road will be taken care of. Sides of the roads will start to be cut, aside from the ones that are not supposed to be. The County has the list of the roads they are not to cut until after October 15.

Peter – Plan Commission – Tomorrow night is the Cognitive Mapping meeting at 7PM upstairs.

Roberta – BHCA – They're very busy getting ready for 4th of July. The theme for the parade is "Friends & Neighbors." Sandy & Rich Weisgerber will be grand marshals for the parade. They raised \$2,000 in the trout tournament. Bob Bultman spoke on behalf of the Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership. They would like to install signage related to the "We All Live on the Water" campaign. There would be not cost to the Town. Board didn't see a problem with this. In more BHCA business, the Visitor Center has had a problem with people coming in needing an accessible restroom. They would like some type of signage directing them to the bathrooms by the library. Roberta will talk to Barb about it.

Loren Peil asked a question pertaining to the Roads report about School Street. Jim explained the attorney is working on it.

Payment of bills – Motion made/second Peter/Bob to pay all bills. Carried.

Motion made/second Bob/Peter to adjourn at 8:16PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Town Board meeting.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk