

Town Board Meeting September 29, 2009

James Parent called a special Town Board meeting to order at 6:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Barbara Anschutz, Peter Jacobs, Dale Williams, Douglas Smith, Jeffrey Kita, Donald Prust, Bert Sawyer and 3 visitors. Robert Schultz was absent.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to accept the agenda. Carried.

Discuss/decide disbursement of Historical Society Funds and/or payment of Historical Society bills – This was discussed at the Town Board the other night, but the Society is unable to open a checking account because they cannot get their Federal ID number until the State Historical Committee meets, which is Friday. After that, it could take anywhere from 2 to 5 weeks to get the number. They were going to try to have an individual do it as a “DBA” account, but an accountant recommended against that. There are some outstanding bills for printing and postage. They are hoping to get those paid, with the balance going into their checking account when it’s open. There is another meeting on Thursday and the bills will be collected. Motion made/second Dale/Peter to temporarily pay the bills the Historical Society has incurred upon approval by the the Town Clerk and the Town Chairman. Carried.

Discuss/decide purchase of a sludge pump for the Waste Water Treatment Plant – It’s been ordered already and will be coming out of the replacement fund. Motion made/second Jim/Dale to approve the purchase of a sludge pump for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Carried.

Discuss/decide next action for possible relocation of a portion of School Street – Board met on site last week. Jim had to leave to go to the RPC meeting and he just wanted to confirm what was decided at that point. If Loren and Annie Peil are in agreement, we could go from the center line over to the north and they would possible grant easement to the Town and we wouldn’t have to encroach as far as we’d have to. Next step is for Dale or Jim to meet on site with Baudhuin. Dale will call Steve. Clerk will call Loren and Annie when everything has been staked.

Diane Kirkland – Presentation/discussion on the Wisconsin Employee Trust Fund/Wisconsin Retirement System – A while back, this subject was brought up and the Board wanted to discuss it, but no one could really explain the system to us. Doug talked to Diane, who is familiar with the system and had managed it for about 20 years, and she was willing to give a presentation to get some more information and a feel of the system. Diane presented the information. Sign up has to occur by November 15. A resolution has to be passed. There are over a half million people in the system. If an employee works more than 600 hours in a year, they are eligible, even if they are seasonal. This year, the contribution is 10.4%. Next year it will be 11%. The Village of Ephraim pays the entire amount, but the employee contribution can be up to 5.9%. There is also a Wisconsin Deferred Compensation program that can be signed up for if the Town would go with the program. The Town can also choose to cover employee’s previous years and

can amortize the payment over 30 years. It's very easy to maintain, as everything can be done online. The actual retirement payments are based on a formula using how many years a person was employed by the Town. Additional information that Diane presented is available upon request at the Clerk's office.

Discuss/decide joining the Wisconsin Employee Trust Fund/Wisconsin Retirement System to replace the current Town employee pension program – Motion made/second Peter/Barb to proceed with whatever steps are necessary to move the Baileys Harbor Town Employees into the Wisconsin Employee Trust Fund, with the details worked out and ready to be acted on at the October 12, 2009 meeting. Carried.

Motion made/second Dale/Barb to adjourn at 6:50PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk