

Town Board Meeting May 9th, 2005

Steven Parent called the regular monthly town board meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at the town hall. Present Steven Parent, James Parent, Barbara Anschutz, Peter Jacobs, Jane Pluff and 22 visitors. Absent Robert Schultz, Lois Pluff.

Clerk verified posting/motion made/second Peter/Barbara to accept the agenda. Carried.

Accept minutes- Motion made/second Jim/Peter to accept the minutes. Carried.

Accept treasure report- Peter asked what account # the tax money is put into when collected? Lois will be able to report next month. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to accept the report. Carried.

Citizen input- Gene Schlink asked about the 25-mile speed limit sign and Pedestrian sign that were going to be put on Bluff Road last year. Clerk will tell Bob to have this done as soon as possible.

Mowing issues on Ridges Road Paul Regnier- Paul stated he has worked with Bob Schultz for the past few years on the mowing schedule. Steve explained the reason he was asked to attend the meeting to explain the issues with the flowers. Some of the property owners on Ridges Road have concerns about the amount of foot-bike traffic, there is no place for them to step off the road when a car or truck is coming. If the side was mowed about 1 or 2 feet in there would be room for the people to get off the road for safety. With the policy now with mowing only in October there is so much growth it makes for unsafe conditions. We all know that Ridges Road itself is in poor shape, we have put off in working with it but it has come to the point that we will have to do something. Until we do something is there any other options available mowing wise that we could consider. If we do improve the road, if we put on a 3-foot paved shoulder place a strip along the road to mark for pedestrian/bikers to go. From that point to the tree line we could leave like we do now and mow in the fall. Paul said there are a lot of reasons for us not to mow. This is truly a roadside on both sides of the road that have natural features that we cannot find any place else in the State. There are native plants, flowers, Federal threaten plant, and some other plants of concern. There are some that cannot be transplanted. He has a concern about mowing, when we do mow once a year the woody plants get knock back. If we mowed it several times a year we would end up with basely weeds. That would require more care on the road. There are some steps we would have to take as a public entity. in looking at controlling those plants. We would have to talk to the Federal Dept. and also the DNR to make sure it is done to rules, because of the listed plants that are there. Private ownership is different. They have a different set of rules. Rustic Road does not protect it in anyway from trimming. The town can do the trimming that is needed.

Another concern is the speed on the road. On a Rustic road the max is 45 and it cannot go below 30. It is based on the number of driveways per 1000 feet. Peter asked if the Rustic

Road would come off it would have to go back up to 45. Mark stated the speed limit was never 45 on that road. Grace Frudden said several years ago it was posted at 25 and Mark could not arrest anyone because it was illegal, because it was at 45. When the town board became aware of that they took action and reduce the speed to 30 miles per hour because it became a Rustic Road, and didn't have to go to the DOT. Jim said based on the people that were present last month on more mowing, he didn't get the feeling that they wanted a more intense mowing schedule. Mark stated the flowers came after the trees were cut back several years ago. Kevin Egan said he agreed with everything that Paul stated, he was surprise how many people consider Ridges Road the Ridges. They stop on the side and view area. The speed we cannot control, that is a main concern it is a safety issue. Mark said we do have the beach on the road and many children ride their bikes to the beach. Some one is going to get killed. Gene Schlink said if we had a walking trail we would not have to mow, because they would have a place to walk. Bruce Frudden stated he walks with his grandchildren everyday when they are up and he does not see where cutting would help. He doesn't have a problem with stepping into the grass. Annie Peil suggested in putting in a wooden walk way as they do in the Ridges for people to walk on and then they would not have a problem.

Mark explained the gravel that was put for parking has cause a bigger problem. The town should never have done that and it should be taken out.

Paul stated there are some places that it would not be a problem to have some mowing done. The board will meet with Paul in late June to see what could be cut and what should not be cut. Steve also stated a board member will attend the meeting on Memorial Day for the Harbor Ridges Assoc. meeting at the town hall.

Blue Sky Harbor Development update- Dick Bosman was present to show the plans for the upgrade. Steve stated that he would not vote because his company has done work for the project. He would only answer engineering questions. Dick stated that last November the developer who had plans backed out last November. Mr. Bosman would build 12 duplexes, small restaurant and shower house for the boaters. He would need to vacate Schmitz Road. Harbor Lane would stay as a town road. All the old cottages would be taken down. The force main for the sewer line runs in the area and if that would have to be moved, it would be at their cost. The green space would be the common area. They would need a Conditional Use Permit for the development. The County has changed the zoning rule on developments. Max Sample asked what the town would receive back for giving up the road. Grace Frudden asked who would pay for the cost of vacating the road if the town plans to petition to vacate the road?

Peter asked Dick if he were going to be the one involved with the discussion, the road would revert back to Blue Sky Harbor. We would want some agreement that if the development it didn't go, the road would not be vacated. Also that the plan did not change after the road was vacated. Someone mention the road by the Sandpiper restaurant, which Blue Sky owns, if they would be willing to give to the town.

Jim asked what steps have to be taken. If this is something that we will start, do we need to make a motion and than ask Randy Nesbitt to get it started. The Board would hold a Public Hearing. Dick stated the time frame, pre sell this summer and get ground movement this fall. About 4 months of good weather for a building to go up. He wants to do the two front ones first than the people in the back will be able to see what the view

will be. Motion made/second Peter/Barbara precede with process of abandon Schmitz Road with Blue Sky Harbor reimbursing the town for our cost. Jim, Peter, Barbara yes. Steve abstains. We can have conditions placed on the vacation of the road.

Loren & Annie Peil Conditional Use Permit- they had a conditional use permit when the property was purchase. They had 7 units and 3 different uses. They have plenty of parking for the building. Now they just have the sleeping rooms with the same 1 residential. Jim asked if the EHU's were correct. Don Prust was present and they had checked the building a couple of years ago. They don't plan to add any more but they have to have the conditional use permit for the 8th rental unit. Motion made/second Peter/Jim to write a letter to RPC in favor of the permit. Carried. Peter will write the letter.

County Board Report- None

Sewer/fire dept report- Don Prust- We may have to look into grit removal at the plant in the future. Sturgeon Bay was down to see what we had for removal. They take our sludge. They were checking all plants as to what they had. This is a very expensive project and would have to do some checking on different cost. Complete report included in the minutes.

Fire Dept- The total on the truck is \$397,898.00. We have the \$125,000.00 in the budget for the new truck at this time. We would borrow the rest of the money for the truck. Motion made/second to sign the contract with the down payment and research on loan. Carried.

Harbor Ridges Assoc 4th of July Float- Grace Frudden stated they have the Little Obie train coming for the parade. They will give free rides for the kids during the day. They would like to park the train at the Rec. Park overnight on Sunday. They would be in the area for the parade start on Monday. Board stated that was find. The gate could be locked for the evening.

Rules on Cross Walks in Town- Clerk stated she received letter-requesting permits for each cross walk in town. If we keep each one, the parking area has to be left clear 15 feet on each side of the crosswalk. Do we want to keep each one in town? The board will check each one on June 6th at 6:00 PM before the Plan Commission meeting as to which ones to take out.

Discuss/decide on bathrooms at Rec. Park- Barb had the plans and each board member was to look at the plans and then get back to Barb so she could tell Henry Isaksen if there were any changes or if he could put it out on bids. The main issue is the cost.

Update on development agreement- Steve stated that he talked with Randy Nesbitt and he didn't feel we should do anything because each project is different. He had checked it out for the city of Sturgeon Bay.

Discuss/decide Cemetery ordinance- Barb asked if they were all in agreement with the changes or if they wanted to see something else. Discussion on including pets, only if they are cremated and included in the coffin of the owner. No pets can be buried in a gravesite. Motion made/second Jim/Peter to adopt the cemetery ordinance with the 3 changes. Carried. She will bring it back next month with the changes.

Discuss ordinance on Utility Companies cutting across town roads- Will wait until Bob is at a meeting.

Committee input- Barb town hall- The boiler is cracked on the furnace. If we replace the boiler with one in the same it would be \$9000.00, and no guarantee that they won't find other areas cracked. We could replace the furnace with 2 smaller units at \$27000 to \$29000. If one unit would go out there would always be a back up with the other one. The building would not be completely without heat. They would recommend the two units. If we went with LP it would \$2900.00 for the tank, if we place it underground \$2791.00 not including the digging of the hole. They will decide at the next meeting. No matter what was done already it would still had to be done.

Jim- Harbor- We will be offering a fuel rebate for boaters who has purchase more than 1500 gallons of fuel from the Marina.

Payment of bills- Motion made/second Barb/Peter to approve all bills. Carried.

Motion made/second Steve/Jim to adjourn at 10:00 PM. Carried.

Town Clerk, Jane Pluff