

Town Board Meeting September 19th, 2005

Steve Parent called the special Town Board meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the meeting room at the town hall. Present Steven Parent, James Parent, Peter Jacobs, Barbara Anschutz, Robert Schultz, Jane Pluff and 5 visitors.

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

Discuss/possible decide on job description for constables- Steve stated he received a phone call from the Sheriff and talked things with Corporation Counsel on radio use, he also met with Eric. Eric will use Mobil to Mobil for use when on duty and in emergency he could use anything. Eric said this is a step in the right direction.

The issue now is what the town board wants the constables to be involved with and not. Should they be carrying guns etc. Barb talked with Al Birnschein today and he said we have to be careful when we give our town constables authority to arrest people, the DA cannot prosecute with town ordinances. She also called NWTC for classes. The person she talked to was in charged of the police training. He stated if the town constable was not a sworn officer to a police force he cannot carry a gun he advise that we do not allow our constables to carry a gun. The liability is too great. He was going to get more information and get back to Barbara. We will check with Del again on our insurance. Al was surprise that our insurance covered both constables. He could see Mark because being covered because of a sheriff officer. Clerk asked Barb if she check about the firearms safety course. She said she had a real hard time getting an answer from anyone. The way she understood it could not be separated it had to be the complete program. Mark said once you have the training you have to have training every year about 24 hours.

Steve said he had talked with the sheriff, once you past the complete course each year there is additional training for 24 hours.

There was discussion on bar disturbance and Barb feels something like that they should just call the police and let them handle it. She feels the constables are here to assist and law enforcement. Board is concern about how it will impact the town.

Jim is concern about carrying guns and not knowing what kind of gun, if any shells have been fired, how many shells they have etc. Mark stated they don't need a permit to carry a conceal weapon. Bob asked if they felt they needed to carry a gun in Baileys Harbor. Mark feels they do, never know what can happen. Steve felt if he was a constable he would not enter into any type of conflict, he would call the sheriff's dept. Eric said he feels the town of Baileys Harbor has been very lucky not having anything happen. Eric doesn't feel he would ever enter into a building by himself. Jim said it would scare him if someone enter into the bar carrying a gun for a problem and it was taken away and someone is shot. Barbara looks at the town constables as a first responder. Check over the

problem, call the sheriff's dept and assist them in anyway they can. She doesn't feel they are a police dept.

Gary Nelson was present and when he was a constable he never carried a gun. But he does feel they should be able to carry a gun to protect themselves.

Steve said we have to look at the town's part in this. We also have to protect the town's interest and what it would cost if something would happen.

We should draft a new ordinance, look into firearm schooling, radio. Make a list of what is expected of constable. Spell out what the town uniform is, maintain peace and order.

Bob asked Eric if he had a bulletproof vest, if he is carrying a gun. Eric does not have one.

The town board members should come back at the monthly meeting with some type of wording they would like to see on an ordinance.

Motion made/second Bob/Peter to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Carried.

Town Clerk, Jane Pluff