

Town Board Meeting October 9, 2006

James Parent called the monthly town board meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at the town hall. Present James Parent, Robert Schultz, Dale Williams, Barbara Anschutz, Jane Pluff, Lois Pluff, Peter Jacobs.

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

Accept minutes- Motion made/second Peter/Barb to accept the minutes with clerk verifying the wording concerning the item with Mr. Hansua in one of the previous minutes of the last monthly meeting. Jim remarks' were if Bill wanted to bring his plans to the Plan Commission as a courtesy and than they would make a recommendation to the town board. Carried.

Treasure report – Paul was here and made adjustments for tax receipts. We will wait until the end of the year for transferring money for the dredging. See where the Marina budget is at for the end of the year. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to accept the treasurer report. Carried.

Citizen input- Mary Ann Johnson stated they did the history of the Catholic Church in town. They had a great turn out and next summer they will be doing the Lutheran Church.

Independent Inspection contract- John and Brett were present for Independent Inspections. They explained the proposed fee schedule changes. The fees were not increased since they have started in the town. We would have to amend the ordinance for the fee schedule. The property owners will still have to receive a zoning permit from the County Planning Dept. The fee increases are very small. All things are charged on square footage. We still will have the \$400.00 bond which is returned if they meet all the requirements. For storage buildings over 150 square feet they would increase from 10 cents to 11 cents. For buildings less than 150 feet they are suggesting no permit would be needed if they don't have electric. If they would put in electric they would need an electric permit. Motion made/second Dale/Peter to amend the ordinance with the fees presented with dropping the 150 feet or less requiring a permit, unless they have electric in the building. Change taking effect on November 1st, 2006. Carried.

County Board Report – Kari Anderson- Not present

Dave Elliot, Stephen Grutzmachen Door County Peninsula Strategic Marketing- They did raise enough money for the study. They increase the size of the board for the Visitors Bureau. There are 33 members, more municipally are involved. The budget was \$660,000 and according to the report it should be increased to \$2.1 Million. There are a lot of ways to increase the budget, one being membership, foundation and grant money, room tax. That would also help with the partnerships between business and local government. The way the room tax is set up at the State once the zone is set up the townships have voted to

be a part of it. A commission is set up and oversees the funds and see that it is spend correctly. 30% would be given to the township and 70% would go back into advertising promoting tourism. The report is online at Door County Marketing.com. Dale said he does understand what they are trying to do. But he has a problem with giving money from a municipal, everyone pays taxes and there are a lot of people who are not in a business and should we be putting taxpayer's dollars to promote business places. At this point they are not asking for any money at this time. Steve said one of the things that Marshall reported are that village, county, towns were separated from the tourism. It doesn't make much sense. There are so many areas that are fighting for all the tourism. There are looking at the room tax issue to help raise money for ads to bring in more people to the County. Jim asked if this is something that the Chamber had failed about getting more people here in the County. Dale said he felt the room tax should have been in place a long time ago but there were problems with the amount the Chamber wanted to take from the monies made. Jim stated there isn't any where in the Country that you don't pay room tax. They were thinking about 6.7% for the tax amount. If you take the 6.7% and add that to the 5.5% would give you the national average tax on lodging across the Country. The maximum is 30% would come to the area where it is collected and 70% would be for marketing of tourism. This is directed by the State. When there is a room tax zone there is an oversight committee, that board would give the townships their money and oversees money back to the tourism development. There are steps and balances so the money is given to the proper places. The town could use their money where ever they see fit. Jim asked if the research found out any results when some are in the program and some are not. Yes because that is why Sister Bay made a motion to move ahead on room tax if the neighboring areas also agreed on the proposal. Most of the areas are looking into it because of the levy cap. They are talking about 5.5%. They are talking about reducing the membership fee to a flat \$350.00 no matter what business they are in if they are in the room tax zone. The group will keep the town inform on any thing that develops.

Diane Haldane/Marilyn Malhberg- Kangaroo Lake sign/report on Lake study- Richard Socks would come and help us with the grant writing. It was suggested that we put in for a grant now. They have completed the marking of the areas in question. Jim will call Mary Gransburg with the DNR, and fine out if we should be doing the grant now. Or do we want to wait for awhile. Jim said part would be how much it would cost to start the application, if it is not a lot it would be better to get at it sooner than later and try to control the problem. Marilyn stated the Lake management plan suggested that we work at the crossway first. Jim will Mary in later this winter and see what we can get completed.

Sign- At the last meeting they came before the board with a display as to what they considered for the sign. The board wanted to have the wording corrected on some of the issues. #3 Under WI. boating regulations is to bring up the Baileys Harbor Town ordinance and add to that section. At the bottom to make it voluntarily for the request. She left a space so at their annual meeting incase they would change it to water skiing etc and not just jet skis. Dale still had a problem with the 500 foot no wake, there has been no policy adopted for 500 feet. Also personal water craft from 10 to 4. Jim – the more he

considered the voluntarily hours there should be something different on the language should say something about being respected by the hours. Jim stated he had reports property owners have chased people on the lake telling them they have to be off by 4 PM. We don't want any room for that kind of behavior.

Clerk suggested "Please use Common Courtesy when operating watercraft during early morning or evening hours." The board felt this was ok and also the Diane and Marilyn were ok with the wording.

Diane's stated there will be 3 signs at \$230.00 to \$250.00 each. The gentleman who makes the signs lives in Ripon. Her goal is to get the wording approved by the board, when approved she would receive some prices. She would than come back and receive approval by Feb. Jim suggested that we have a line item for the budget for just Kangaroo Lake signage. She will make the changes, bring into the clerk and for final approvable from the board.

Set date for Budget meeting- October 16th, 2006 at 6:00 PM. Also on the agenda will be approve final wording for sign, approve Building Inspections fees if received in time.

Transfer Money from road Acct to Rec. park acct for electric entrance upgrade-The entrance line coming into the Rec. Park needs to be upgraded no matter what is decided in the future at the Rec. Park. This has been discussed and suggested in the past by WPS to have this done. Motion made/second Peter/Dale to transfer \$20000 from the Road budget to the Rec Park to have the upgrade completed this year. Carried.

Discuss lights at Rec Park- Barbara stated the cost is about \$145000 to \$150000. We could take off the \$20000 that we are going to do already for the upgrading. Barb stated she knows lights would be nice to have at the park but she is concern about Frogtown Road and should we take the money for Frogtown. What are we going to do with Frogtown Road and we are not going to receive any grant money for the work. Barb feels this should be at the top of our concern. We will wait until budget time to decide if it is possible to consider lights.

Discuss Pavilion at Town Hall- it is decided to move the present pavilion to the Rec. Park. Bob stated he has someone who will donate the moving. The question we had before is how much money is the Business Association willing to support for the Pavilion. Barb asked what the cost would be for new pavilion, \$51000. They will come up with 1/3 of the cost. Barb has a problem with the storage building at the end of the pavilion. She knows the Community Assoc. does a lot for the town but again we have a special interest group putting a building on town property for their sole purpose. What happens if another group comes and wants another building put on town property? Becker said it was a town building, but it would be a storage part for the Community Assoc to store their things on public property. The storage could be 16 by 30 on one end. Bill suggested that we may want to take under consideration; Jacksonport does reserve one of their pavilions if you call ahead. Sevastopol does charge for the use of the pavilion plus they also charge for the use of their ball fields. Barb is also questions how much

green space would be left for the park. Peter stated when someone does give something to the town we cannot accept it under conditions. Bill is going to go back and talk to the Association and see what kind of money they will give to the pavilion without the storage. The reason it was discussed about storage in the first place is to have everything all together for the different festivals. We will discuss this also at budget time and than Bill will also be able to give us an answer on the amount of money coming from the group.

Blacktop on Bluff Road- The County does have to redo the blacktop. We were waiting for a decision on Ward Street for the sewer line. At this point the committee feels the best and only way to come to Ward Street would be up from hwy 57 west on the south side of the Catholic Church. Bob stated the County would have to fit it into their budget for next year.

Committee reports- Roads- October cutting has been done. The rocks at Point Lane have been removed. North Maple has been trimmed and it will be ground and reblacktoped. Dave's Tree Service is doing brushing on North Maple, Bluff Road. The docks at the Marina should be coming out on the 16th of November. Dale – Sewer- At the Budget meeting on the 16th the board will have to approve the plans for changing the sewer line at the Yacht club for the new construction. Clerk will call Steve for the plans. Peter- Planning- There wasn't a meeting this past month. Barb- Ordered 20 new chairs and stand to keep them in. Cemetery Section C is at Baudhuin for final draft. When she receives the work it will be present at the board meeting. Glen Miller looked at the sign and is not comfortable with what we have their. If we can have something on a smaller scale and also one for the new part. Glen will come back to Barbara with suggestions.

Payment of bills- Motion made/second Barb/Bob to pay all invoices. Carried.

Motion made/second Dale/Peter to adjourn at 10:00 PM. Carried.

Town Clerk, Jane Pluff