

Town Board Meeting December 10, 2007

James Parent called the regular Town Board meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at the town hall. Present James Parent, Peter Jacobs, Barbara Anschutz, Robert Schultz, Jane Pluff, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff, Richard Bosman, Kari Anderson, Norman Becker.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to accept the agenda with changing #9 to 5. carried.

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

Accept treasurer report – Lois reported she has opened up an account at Baylake Bank for the tax monies. Money will be transfer from that account to our checking account when it is needed. Board granted Lois permission to transfer monies within the budget before the closing of the year. Motion made/second Barbara/Bob to accept the report. Carried.

Dick Bosman – Waterstone Development easement agreement – Mr. Bosman was present to see just what type of wording we would like in the easement. There were some concerns with people being able to park or walk on the property to watch the sunset etc. The intent of the easement was not to prevent people from sitting there with lawn chairs. We're on the same page; we just need to make sure the wording of the easement is correct. Randy Nesbitt will talk to Colin Dahl to get the wording correct. We won't sign anything until everyone is happy with it. We'll bring it back after the wording has been changed. After it's approved, it will be recorded.

Citizen input – None.

Kari Anderson – County Board report. Kari delivered the report.

Appoint poll workers for next 2 years – Jim Parent appointed the following people: Sally Zak, Kim Berns, Jola Gray, Bonnie Viste, Max Sample, Jane Pluff and Doris Parent. Alternates: Loretta Prust, Barbara Shine and Gordon Rowley.

Discuss/decide recommendation from Plan Commission for zoning amendment for Anthony Walter – This is the same thing Heidi Walter did a couple months ago. Going from Wetland to Heartland 3.5. Kari Anderson mentioned a group of people should do it so they're not all paying the separate fees. They have to go to the county Planning Dept. first, so they should be told that by them. Planning Commission recommended approval of the change. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to write a letter to the county in favor of the zoning change. Carried. Clerk wrote letter and faxed it the following day.

Discuss/decide recommendation from Plan Commission for zoning change on large parcels per Smart Growth to Countryside 5 – Plan Commission recommended going ahead with it. The land is currently zoned CS10. There are approximately 6 sections that would be changed. Basically everything west of Logerquist Rd. to Kita Rd. On the Egg

Harbor side, everything is 3.5. Jacksonport is larger at 20 acres. Gibraltar is at 5. People at large landowner meetings during the Smart Growth process wanted this. Jane called Mariah to find out what steps we had to take. She's the one who suggested Countryside 5, because it would have the same rules/restrictions as Countryside 10. Countryside is basically rural agricultural to rural residential. Heartland is strictly residential. One thing we'll have to do is list all the parcel numbers that will be changed on the application. According to Mariah, public hearing will be at the county, not at the town. CS5 is on page 11A in County Zoning Ordinance Book. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to proceed in changing large parcels, per smart growth to Country Side 5 as presented. Barb, yes. Bob, yes. Jim, yes. Peter abstains. Carried. Clerk will call county to find out how to proceed. Town will pay cost.

Discuss/decide on joining WI. Towns Assoc. Urban Towns – It's a spin off of the Wisconsin Towns Association. It seems like it's mostly for towns that could be annexed. Motion made/second Jim/Bob to not join Wisconsin Towns Association Urban Towns Committee. Carried.

Discuss/decide on town bench maintenance – A lot of the memorial benches throughout town are starting to show some wear. Barb called Ed Stoeger to get his opinion on what to do. He said the best thing to do would be to power wash them with a bleach substance and then put on a solid stain to help prevent UV rays from the sun. They'd last a lot longer and would only have to bring them in every five years to wash them and put another coat of stain on. Ed said not to use a sealant on them. Jim said we should probably try to do this let the maintenance guys take one or two of them and try it. We'll get a dark brown/dark grey kind of color. Barb will count how many benches we have.

Engineering cost for bar screening – Sewer committee feels that because the plant was paid by whole township and since this would be part of the plant, the whole town should pay for the bar screening and the engineering. We'll most likely have to borrow money no matter what, when it is installed. Motion made/second Jim/Barb that the engineering costs for the bar screening comes out of the sewer fund. Carried.

Chairman report – Marina is cleaned up. It was done in less than two days. Jim also went over engineer's report, which will be in the minute book.

Bob – Roads/Parks – None.

Barb – Town Hall – New blinds have been installed in auditorium. Clerk received letter from Maritime Museum asking permission to use pavilion and parking area for the Lighthouse Walk in May. Clerk will call them and tell them they can.

Peter – Plan Commission report – Peter was absent for last meeting, but clerk reported that aside from working on the Walter and large lot changes, they worked on the 1 to 3 year categories from Smart Growth Plan.

Payment of Bills – Motion made/second Jim/Bob to pay all bills, including the Northeast Asphalt bill, which was explained in the engineer’s report. Carried.

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

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

Doug Smith
Deputy Clerk