

Town Board Meeting July 9, 2007

The regular monthly town board meeting was called to order by Chairman James Parent at 7:00 PM in the meeting room at the town hall. Present James Parent, Dale Williams, Peter Jacobs, Barbara Anschutz, Robert Schultz, Lois Pluff, Jane Pluff, Doug Smith and 22 visitors.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Dale/Barb to accept agenda with deletion of item 9, "Bryan Nelson – Update on Tourism Commission." Carried. Bryan submitted a report and it is attached to these minutes.

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

Accept Treasurer Report – There is \$200,000 in CD coming due at Baylake Bank on July 27. Lois will see where the rate is. If it's lower than the state, we will transfer it back to the state. Transfer fee is \$17. She is also researching checking accounts with Baylake. There is a program called CDARS where we can have more than \$100,000 and still be covered by FDIC insurance. Currently, Baylake's Money Market is at 5.05%. Ours at Associated is 4.20%. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

Citizen input – Mary Ann Johnson would like traffic flow controlled on Frogtown Rd. She says traffic has increased three to four times since May 25. It seems to be coming from Chapel Lane and they drive very fast. She would like a sign at the end of Chapel Lane that says "No Right Turn, Left Turn Only" that would direct them towards Highway 57.

County Board Report – Kari Anderson – Kari arrived later.

Approve picnic license for Stella Maris Parish on Aug. 5, 2007 – They are having a polka mass and have a one day only picnic license. Motion made/second to accept the request for a picnic license for Stella Maris Parish Bob/Barb. Carried.

Appoint Kenneth Uhlhorn to Plan Commission – This would be to replace Kevin Egan. Kevin's term was up so this would be a three year appointment. Motion made/second Peter/Dale for Chairman to appoint Kenneth Uhlhorn to Plan Commission. Carried.

Discuss/decide on crosswalk markers in town – Several people have requested that the Board install the brightly colored crosswalk markers like they have in several other towns. We got some info from the DOT. They have to be bought from the state and each one costs roughly \$250-\$260. They can only be installed in legal, permitted crosswalks, of which we only have two. One goes from the Marina to the Town Hall and the other is by Yum-Yum Tree. We do need to get permission from the DOT. They have to be removed in the fall and cannot be fastened or bolted to the road in any way. Adhesive may be used. Motion made/second Dale/Bob to purchase and install, after the proper applications, 2 crosswalk markers.

Michelle Palmer of Novel Ideas – Discuss/decide on closing and renaming Guy St. for Harry Potter night – Note: It’s actually Howard St. in question, not Guy St. On July 20th they are having a Harry Potter release party for the seventh book. There will be quite a few people and some things going on in the parking lot, so they would like to close off Howard St. from 6:30PM to 12:30AM and rename Howard St. for the night. Jim Parent asked if there will be adequate lighting. They will be renting a tent that will have lighting, plus the lights from the store itself, as well as the street light, so it should be fine. They are hoping for a couple hundred people. Other businesses will be involved. They will make something to put over the street sign. Jane will contact EMS to let them know the street name will be changed for one night. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to close off Howard St. on July 20th from 6:30PM to 12:30AM and rename it for one night only. Carried.

Diane Haldane – Discuss/decide on sign that reads “No Boat Launch” at Kangaroo Beach Rd – She thanked the board for the signs and she’s gotten a lot of good feedback. In the past there was some talk about not having a boat launch at Beach Rd. Since there are so many kids there, it would be good to do away with boat launching. They talked to the DNR and they suggested putting up parking bumpers to prevent people from backing their boats in. The Kangaroo Lake Association board would also like to have signage posted saying something along the lines of “No boat launch.” She said they would also like to see a trash can. However, in the past, there was a trash can down there and everyone started putting garbage from their homes in it. Animals would get it in it and it was very messy. As for parking bumpers, they would have to be removed during the winter. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to put parking bumpers with a sign that says, “No Launching, Swimming Beach Only, Swim at Your Own Risk.” Carried.

Jim Schorer – Discuss/possibly decide on McArdle property issue next to boat launch on Kangaroo Lake – The tax parcel ID is 002-03-31302822D. It is just south of the Kangaroo Lake Lodge and north of the boat launch. In the process of having the land surveyed, there were some discrepancies discovered. It is supposed to be 300 feet wide and it is actually only 280. What’s being proposed is to do a quick-claim deed to the town, adding approximately 12.5 feet to each side of the boat launch, bringing the parcel down officially to 280 feet. Clerk or Deputy Clerk will check with the attorney to see if it can be gifted to us. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to investigate and possibly accept the quick-claim deed if it’s legally feasible to do so. Carried.

Gary Nelson – Discuss high speed internet in Baileys Harbor – Gary is having some problems at his business. His new computer system is designed to run on high-speed internet. He’s having some problems with his orders because they are getting bigger and there is more data to be transferred. The system times out. He is also having problems with credit card submittal. During the day as the transactions happen it works fine, but at night when the entire batch is sent, it times out. The credit card company will not allow wireless or satellite internet connections to be used. Deputy Clerk has attempted to contact Charter but was unable to get a live person. He will keep trying to contact them.

Kari Anderson arrived for the County Board Report. Jim asked if there was a communications and/or technology committee that would be in charge of trying to figure out how to get high-speed solutions to the towns. She said the Door County Economic Development and the CATS committee would handle that. Kari then gave the County Board report.

Approval for dredging machine at Marina – There is about 3 feet of sand/organic matter at the Marina, leaving only about 3 feet of good water. Larger boats that have stainless steel screens on their engines to keep them from overheating have to constantly clean their screens. The only way to get rid of it is to use a suction method. The company we're looking at does reservoirs, golf course ponds, etc. They will rent us the equipment and then come up and train staff how to use it. There's a big bag that's about 200 feet long and 45 feet in diameter into which the material is pumped. The clarified water goes back into the lake as the stuff dries and then the dried out sand/organic matter is then trucked away to a safe place. Because of the composition of the material, a bucket cannot be used to scoop it out. John is still getting costs. He had 2 gallons sent to the lab to fully analyze what it consists of because they will add an appropriate amount of polymer to it to prevent the system's tubes from getting clogged. Once that gets back, he'll have a better idea of many cubic yards per linear foot the bag will hold. He's anticipating it will be somewhere around \$20,000 to a little bit over to take care of the entire marina. That should last somewhere from 3 to 5 years before the algae will build back up. As for the sand, that can be removed once a year for about \$5,000 each year. There is also some interest from the Yacht Club people that they could use it after we have it and then share the cost. It's really not any more expensive than doing it conventionally. John is checking with DNR as far as permits. Motion made/second Bob/Peter to proceed on the dredging this fall. Carried.

Doug – Discuss/decide to change payroll frequency schedule – Doug (Deputy Clerk) would like to change the pay schedule from the 1st and the 15th of every month to bi-weekly. The main reason is simply that when Jane retires, it will be a lot easier to make sure they are signed. Doug will get the checks done every other Monday and then Lois has until that Friday to get them signed. Motion made/second Jim/Barb to change payroll frequency from semi-monthly to every other week (bi-weekly). Carried.

Update on Frogtown and Ridges Rd. – See attached report from Steve Parent. Permit application is for 800 feet. Board was asked about blacktopping on Frogtown. Could probably get that done this fall. Bob will take a look at the distance and the price. Bids for Ridges Rd will be opened by Steve Parent at 2PM on July 16. He will verify all the information and then bring it back for a decision at 5:30PM on July 23. Jim was asked who is liable if someone is hit on Ridges because the grass is too long and they can't get off to the side. It really is no different than any other town road. As long as the town is not negligent in its upkeep, they are not liable. We will need a resolution for Harbor Lane saying that it is a 50 foot wide right-of-way.

Update on Town Hall Cupola – Got an estimate from Peil Construction. Total of \$1530.00. That would not include any screen replacement, if there is a screen

replacement. For polishing the copper, it would be an additional \$350.00. There are a couple more estimates that will be coming in, so we'll wait until we see that.

Committee reports – None.

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

Motion made/second Jim/Peter to enter into Closed Session per state statute 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss employee compensation. Roll call vote Jim Parent, Barb Anschutz, Bob Schultz, Peter Jacobs, Dale Williams, yes. Carried. Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Treasurer were also present.

Motion made/second Dale/Bob to enter back into open session and continue with agenda. Carried.

Discuss/decide on any recommendations from Closed Session – Motion made/second Jim/Barb to give raises to both Mark Franke and Jeff Kita to get their salary to \$16.50/hour and give Mark Franke one week's vacation. Neither will receive a cost-of-living increase in 2008. Carried.

Motion made/second Jim/Barb to adjourn at 9:30PM. Carried.

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

Doug Smith
Deputy Clerk