

Town Board Meeting October 8, 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, Robert Schultz, Jane Pluff, Doug Smith, Lois Pluff, Kari Anderson, Bryan Nelson and 9 visitors. Absent Barbara Anschutz.

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

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

Accept Treasurer Report – Lois reminded the board to start thinking about the budget. The meeting is October 23. There will be a meeting with Steve Parent prior to that to go over some of the big projects that will need to be included. Don checked all the numbers and feels the expenses are in the correct categories. Sewer budget will be done on October 22. Currently have \$7,000 more in interest income than what we budgeted. If there are some accounts that are over, we can use that. Chairman will let Dock master know to have things set for the budget meeting. Jim asked about the credit card sales/payments account. We had budgeted \$1200, it's at \$7800. Lois explained it's a waiver account until the bank statements arrive and then things can be transferred around. Motion made Bob/Peter to accept Treasurer's report. Carried.

Citizen Input – Carol Lay spoke. They are summer residents of Baileys Harbor at 1450 Pine Drive by Gordon Lodge. Concern is traffic, what with the changes at Gordon Lodge. It's a very narrow, curvy road. There used to be a few cars, but that traffic has increased. They'd like to see some sort of signage as far as speed limit, like at 20 or 25MPH. Also some kind of pedestrian sign would be nice. Jim explained that we are limited statutorily to what we can do. We can only limit the speed limit based on the number of driveways per 1000 feet. There are no signs right now, which means it's automatically 45MPH. You can't really drive that fast down that road, but we can't really change it. We can, however, put pedestrian signs up. We'll take a look at this issue during next year's road check.

Suzanne Bauldry spoke. She said we should be proud of what's happened in the Town of Baileys Harbor in the past 20 years. As we look to the future, we need to remember to take the past with us. We were the first county seat. At this point, we have nothing that's coordinated that points in the direction of having a historical society. As the budget is developed, she would like to see the board establish a fund towards a historical society. By establishing a fund supported by the board it gives validity to the fact that we do want to establish a historical society. Without Marianne Johnson, we would have nothing. She would also like to see the board keep in mind finding a place to house the historical society. Think about it as properties go up for sale. The Board will discuss this at further length during the winter.

Bryan Nelson mentioned Eunice Schlintz recently passed away. Her nephew is the mayor of Milwaukee. The house she owned is one of the more historical places. Perhaps the town could engage in a conversation with the current owners.

Kathy and/or Kelly Johnson – Discuss/decide on possibility of placing “Children at Play” signs on West Meadow Road – Kathy and Kelly were not in attendance. Deputy Clerk explained the situation to the best of his knowledge. It’s a very curvy area and people drive too fast. From a budget standpoint, we won’t be able to do it this year. We’ll take a look at it during the road check next year. Deputy Clerk will send a letter to Kathy and Kelly.

Kari Anderson – County Board Report – Commented that the marina project is amazing. She then proceeded to deliver the County Board Report.

Bryan Nelson – Tourism Zone Commission Report – No preliminary figures for August yet. Guesstimating that total collections for this year will be about \$1.75 million. Bryan’s guesstimate is between \$45,000 and \$50,000 for the town. Bryan asked if the town wanted to pick an alternate in case Bryan can’t make it to a Commission meeting. We’ll discuss this at the next Town Board meeting. Randy Nesbitt resigned as the Commission’s attorney because there could potentially be conflicts since he represents many of the towns that are members. One option they’re looking at is the person who worked with the stadium tax in Green Bay. It would be hard to go with someone in the county, because most of them are involved with various townships. There was some discussion about perhaps hiring a part-time clerk or administrative assistant. They currently have approximately an \$80,000 budget. Jim Sarkis is vice-chairman, Bryan is secretary-treasurer. There are currently about 80 non-responding properties, of which there are approximately 10 or 12 are in Baileys Harbor.

Correspondence from Blacksmith Inn on Lakeview Road right-of-way – Letter is in minute book. Trees had been removed from Lakeview Road, but some of them were on Blacksmith’s property. Bob had originally promised Bryan that there wouldn’t be any trees cut. Bob apologizes takes the full responsibility. He thought the fence was supposed to be on the line. It is on the line close to the water, but then it veers away. As for trees that were cut, Bob counted one 4 inch, one 3 ½ inch, two 2 inch and two 1 inch. Bryan said Joan did a very thorough examination and came up with roughly 20 and a lot of them are pinky size. The point Bryan would like to make is that when you’re dealing with lot lines, you have to be really careful. Just because someone thinks they know where a lot line is, doesn’t necessarily mean it is right there. He’s not after a big settlement, so perhaps if the town could just get a landscaper to take a look at it and come up with some kind of value. Jim would still like to clean up the right-of-way up to the property line. Bryan wants to discuss it on site. Board agreed this is a good idea.

Discuss/decide resolution granting D.O.T. permission to go on to Anclam Park, Mill Street and Marina property and any other town property that may be required for 2008/2009 upgrade of storm sewers – Dan Seegerstrom had called and said they would need this in order to do the work. Motion made/second Dale/Jim to approve Baileys

Harbor Town Board Resolution #4 granting D.O.T. permission to go on to Anclam Park, Mill Street and Marina property and any other town property that may be required for 2008/2009 upgrade of storm sewers. Barbara Anschutz was absent. Carried.

Jim – Discuss/decide on request from DNR for monitoring equipment placement on island between sidewalk and road in downtown area – Jim received call from DNR. Verlin Kiehnau has to drill 4 or 5 monitoring wells. One of them the DNR wants in Nita's Garden Gate's front yard. She doesn't want it there. The DNR asked if they could put it in the green space between the sidewalk and the road. We don't have jurisdiction. It would be a D.O.T. approval. However, we still need to be in the loop because there is a manhole right in front of the area. We need to make sure they don't drill through something. Jim emailed the DNR and said they'll have to check with the D.O.T. and once they approve it, they need to let us know.

Committee reports – Chairman – Meeting the following night to discuss how to finish the Marina project.

Bob – Roads/Parks – Ridges Road blacktopping is done. Still has to be shouldered. We'll be over on that. The bid called for 790 tons of blacktop to be bought from Northeast Asphalt and 2100 to be bought from the county for a total of 2890. It took 3470 tons. Approximately 580 tons over. It took a little more on some of the driveways. There was approximately 113 tons on the driveways. The road got 3 ½ inches. Dale thinks the manholes weren't set to grade and blames our engineers. He thought it should be up to Northeast Asphalt should have been responsible for bringing them up to grade. It's approximately \$40/ton for asphalt. Jim told Steve that once we get the final numbers together, we'll take a look and distinguish where some of the extra went to. Bob went down the road every night. Northeast did a good job on grading the road out. The problem came with the manholes. Jim also noticed some ruts that were holding water, not just around the manholes. Blacktop tonnage is approximately 15% to 18% over. Jim will find out what the typical variance is. Grace mentioned the road is actually 21 feet. Bob will go measure it. Bob also brought up the right-of-way on Harbor Lane. Dick Bosman has rocks and a fence placed right where the snowplows will hit it this winter, in the right-of-way. Also, the WPS boxes are placed 5 feet off the road. Deputy Clerk will remind Chairman to send a letter to Mr. Bosman. As for parks, when the toilets get shut off at the Rec. Park, we should really have a port-a-potty out there for recycling days. Clerk will check to see if we're required by contract to provide a bathroom.

Barb – Town Hall – Absent.

Dale – Sewer Report – Steve Parent was there as a representative to Joe Parent about the 80 acres adjacent to the treatment plant and presented a plan for doing some sewer work; collection lines, laterals, lift station, etc. The only thing that's up in the air is where it's going to go. Dale talked to Don about it and Dale thinks it can go right into the 70,000 gallon tank. They'll talk about it more.

Peter – Planning Commission Report – No meeting was held.

Payment of Bills – Motion made/second Dale/Peter to pay all bills. Carried.

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

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

Doug Smith
Deputy Clerk