

Town Board Meeting October 9, 2007

James Parent called a special town board meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the meeting room at the town hall. Present James Parent, Peter Jacobs, Robert Schultz, Barbara Anschutz, John Hammarstrom, Doug Smith and 1 visitor. Dale Williams arrived at 6:02PM. Absent Jane Pluff.

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

Discuss/decide options for finishing dredging project at the Marina – Dale arrived. Jim wanted to bring everyone up to speed on the dredging project. We're approaching the end of the project. A couple of days ago we had a few options/different paths to go. Those questions have been answered, but Jim just wants to update everyone on where we are financially and what's been accomplished and what's not going to be accomplished. John Hammarstrom handed out a map showing what's been taken care of thus far, which is the spots that were the worst of the worst. Basically those areas are along the south dock as well as the entrance to the marina. We're back to the point of anyone who can get to the marina, can now get into the marina. There was a learning curve on the dredging system. So far everything has done very well. There isn't really anymore room for the bags and they're not dewatering quite as fast as previously thought. They may have to stay there for several months in order to get hard enough to take the stuff out. Originally we had hoped to dredge a little more out. Right now we just can't. Jim talked to Gary Bies and asked if we could get some money from the state to do this again in the spring. He didn't promise anything, but also didn't think it would be a big deal to get \$30,000 to finish up. In order to do a little more right now, sewer pump trucks have been brought in to the empty out the bags and bring it to our areas upland. On the other side of the Marina, there really hasn't been a problem. There should be another 4 days or so of dredging. What we're going to do is go ahead with everything and go into a little bit of debt budget wise, in the hopes that Gary Bies comes through with some money. Jim just wanted to let everyone know that we may be around \$15,000 to \$17,000 over what we thought it would be if Gary doesn't come through. Right now, we're at \$29,000. Between what we have to do to finish, tack on the labor, etc, we'll probably be up around \$42,000. There was \$17,000 budgeted for dredging. As for labor, the marina employees budget is looking good. We'll also be getting money from the room tax commission. If we do go over, we'll basically just reimburse ourselves with what we're hoping to get from the state. There have been a couple of containment areas made out at the old town dump. The original harbor was dredged to 9 feet and we're hitting about 7 ½ to 8 feet now, which makes sense because the water is so far down. Dale said something really has to be done about the Great Lakes in general. Water levels are going down year after year and no one seems to want to do anything to fix it. We should really talk with senators or congress people to get something going. Back to the dredging project, if this job would have been handed over to a contractor, it would have cost approximately \$125,000 to \$130,000.

Motion made/second Dale/Peter to adjourn at 6:45PM.

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

Doug Smith  
Deputy Clerk