

Town Board Meeting September 10, 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, Jane Pluff, Doug Smith, Lois Pluff and 9 visitors.

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

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

Accept Treasurer Report – Lois reminded everyone to start thinking about budgets. We will set a date once September's numbers are firm. Motion made/second Barb/Peter to accept the report. Carried.

Citizen input – Hugh Mulliken spoke. County is under levy limits. It has yet to be decided what the levy limit is. It could be between 0% to 4%. For this year's budget, the county expenditures were \$50 million and they had \$49 million to spend. To make everything balance they took \$1 million out of the savings account. This year it's hard to tell what the final budget will be. Probably a 4% increase, for a \$52 million budget. There will be a shortfall of \$1.5 to \$2 million and the savings account is empty. The question was put to the county board how to make up the difference between what is spent and what's brought in as income. One idea was to put it onto long term debt and bonding. Another was to put it in short term debt (i.e. to borrow and pay it back within 30 days). There's a hole in the state law that says debt is not covered under levy limits. A vote was taken and it was decided that any budget deficit to make up would be taken in short term debt.

Kari Anderson – County Board Report (moved up) – Got a large grant from the state to update the airport runway. A slight increase was given to non-union employees. Huber program went from \$15/day to \$17.50/day. To remodel the current county building, the bids came back higher than what's left in the current bond. Kari is not in favor of spending anything above the bond.

Greg Curzon – Discuss dredging at Kangaroo Lake Boat Launch – Due to the unusually low water levels in Kangaroo Lake, the new public ramp has become very difficult to load and unload boats. People have been using their motors to back the boats off the trailers as well as push them back onto the trailers. What this has done has eroded the sand and gravel away from the concrete ramp. There is at least a 6" to 8" drop off from the back of the last plank. The trailers are dropping down in there and could cause problems for a regular vehicle. There is only 22" of water at the end of the ramp. The immediate concern is to get rid of the drop off. The ridge is only about 15 to 20 feet beyond the concrete. Clerk or Deputy Clerk will call the DNR to find out if we can just knock down the big ridge.

Pat Palmer, Novel Ideas – Discuss possibility of trashcans being placed around town – Pat has noticed quite a bit of litter around town and was wondering if we could get some kind of trashcans to be placed around town. The board talked about this before and the decision was made not to do it because you end up with people's home garbage. Jim's opinion is it would create more of a problem, rather than fixing one. We will tell the maintenance people to stop and pick up garbage when they see it. Pat also asked about the Kangaroo Lake Boat Launches in regards to trash out there, but for the same reason, we don't have trashcans out there.

Loren & Annie Peil – Discuss possibility of moving School Street – Part of School Street is on Loren & Annie's property. Lee Traven is selling his property, so Loren & Annie feel it would be an appropriate time to at least stake out so that whoever buys Traven's property aren't under the assumption that they own right up to the present blacktop right now. Three quarters of the road is basically on the old school property. Part of the sewer line also runs there, which there is an easement for. Towards Traven's, it drops off quite a bit. We will get it surveyed to see exactly where the lines lay and that way whoever buys Traven's property will know. We'll also get it cleaned up. Loren also thanked the Town Board for the work being done around town, especially the flag poles.

Approve Ridges Sanctuary sewer extension with 10 year payback agreement – The Ridges would like to extend sewer service to their buildings. It currently goes to the Ridges Motel but does not go to the end of their property. The agreement was that the Ridges Motel would have to pay whenever the sewer was to be extended. We will have an agreement similar to that with the Ridges Sanctuary. The Sewer Committee recommends it for approval. Motion made/second Bob/Peter to approve Ridges Sanctuary sewer extension to manhole #4, with a 10-year payback, and Ridges signing agreement if the sewer is extended they would pay the cost of the extension to the end of their property.

Approve bar screening at sewer plant – We need bar screening because the treatment plant is getting a lot of unwanted material and Sturgeon Bay is getting to the point of not wanting to take our sludge any more. We received estimates from the following companies: Kaempfer, Robert E. Lee, EarthTech and Reuckert-Mielke. Steve Parent went through all the bids and feels all the firms are more than qualified. For the engineering, Kaempfer came in the lowest at \$23,000, Robert E. Lee at \$42,000, EarthTech and Reuckert-Mielke each at \$56,000. Steve's recommendation is to go with Kaempfer. Regarding using replacement fund, Clerk called DNR. We can use some of the replacement fund for the bar screening, but not all. The cost of the bar screening has to be divided by the years of its projected lifetime. That amount has to be added to the replacement fund in addition to what we are replacing each year. Motion made/second Dale/Peter to contract Kaempfer and Associates to do the design and take it through to bidding. Carried.

Adopt Room Tax ordinance amendment – Bryan explained the amendment is to allow the Commission to issue penalties, rather than the town or village. It also specifies penalties a little more clearly. The penalty is now \$20 to \$100 per room night per violation.

Motion made/second Peter/Dale to adopt ordinance #2007-03. Carried. Bryan also handed out a sheet of information from the last month, which is attached to these minutes.

Update on Lakeview Road – On the south side, the brush will be trimmed back. White pipe will be removed and hooked in with other pipe. Cedar trees will be left alone. Bryan Nelson requested meeting with Bob Schultz on any trimming to be done. On the opposite side, some of the trees that are hanging really low will be trimmed. As for phragmites, the DNR, along with Dick Campbell, will be working on removal. Because it's so massive, it's going to be treated as a neighborhood problem. The town will hold off on the dredging permit for right now and see how it goes. Grace Frudden asked about the work being done with the curbing near Lakeview and whether there would be flag people there. Jim Parent said the curbing work would be done the next day, and once graveling/pulverizing starts, there should be flag people. Regarding the phragmite clean-up on Lakeview, Grace stated that they are very much in favor of the town doing it, so long as the town only pays for their share and not someone's private property. She also said she would be willing to donate money to the town to assist the cleanup.

Committee reports – **Chairman report** – None. **Barb – Town Hall** – None. **Dale – Sewer** – None. **Peter – Planning Commission** – None. **Bob/Bill Becker – Parks** – Bill Becker spoke and part of his report is to gather information so the Parks Committee can proceed with some ideas of budgeting. They need to know what's left in the budget at the Rec. Park and how much of it is standard maintenance that will happen the remainder of the year. The biggest issue revolves around baseball. At one point, Jim Parent said the baseball field should be open to the general public. Bill said that brings up an issue as to who will fix up the field to be ready for play if someone goes out there and uses it before a game, after it has already been prepped. If it is to be open, the town should budget for more overtime for the maintenance personnel. It's also an issue on the Little League field. Dale's opinion is the baseball field should be locked, but feels the Little League field should be open at least certain days. Somewhere along the line there has to be a compromise. Jim said the reason that the committee was formed was to decide these kinds of things and then report back to the town board. Barb likes the idea of the Parks Committee making up a set of rules and then bringing it back to the Town Board for approval. Bill said they will do that. Another issue is with Anclam Park. The Parks Committee feels Anclam could really be a crown jewel for Baileys Harbor. When the roads are dug up in 2009, it would really be a perfect time to do a lot of work. They've heard bits and pieces of what the Town Board wants to do with it. Dale stated that the town board has not made any decisions except for what's going on with the storm sewer. Bill said it's just been stuff he's heard individuals say. He'd like to see a new study done, or at least a landscape plan. Jim and Bob feel the Parks Committee needs to have a little more guidance as to the direction the board wants them to go. Dale strongly questioned where Bill was getting the information from. Peter feels Bill brought up a very good point, because Anclam has a lot of users as it is and a little more work could make it great. However, we don't even have the design for what's going on there in 2009. Bill would like to know how to recommend to the Town Board that they'd like to see an engineering study or a plan for Anclam Park. Jim said one of the main things he would

like to see at budget time was whatever they need from a replacement or repair standpoint, above and beyond normal expenses at the ball park. Part of the next thing is to come back with a "wish list," on which the study could be placed. The Board may or may not be able to fit it into the budget, but at least they will know what direction you want to go. Dale said he understands where Bill is coming from, but we really need to see the storm sewer plan first. Dale said we should remember we'll be getting money from the Room Tax Commission and it's supposed to be used for this sort of thing. Annie Peil mentioned that the kiteboarders are running a business, plus they take up the whole beach. Jim said someone should address it next summer. Lois said she's been down there a few times this summer and she did not feel welcome. Bill also brought up Kendall Park. Last year there was \$25,000 in the budget on a two-year plan for a new pavilion. That money will end up being used for roads. Bill's question is, if we budget money for a large project over a two year period, could it always be used for something else, and if so, would they then request double the amount for the following budget year. Jim said the pavilion was up in the air to begin with and wasn't a sure thing. Jim doesn't think it will be an issue. **Bob – Roads** – Brought up Clayton Moegenberg filled in the drainage ditches. If this causes problems for other people, Bob just wanted it on record that we're not responsible for that. Bob also got estimates from Northeast and the County for paving the small section of Frog Town Road. Northeast's estimate to pulverize the existing asphalt, grade it and then "construct a 2 1/2 inch compacted average depth asphalt pavement on approximately 3511 SY," came to \$28,150. The county's was \$29,725. The county also gave an estimate to heavy wedge the entire road which came to \$27,975. The area in question is on Frog Town from Chapel Lane to St. Andrew's Drive. Filling in the two gravel spots is only \$14,000, which, given the expenses of Ridges/Frog Town, is probably the way to go. Motion made/second Dale/Peter to have county grade and patch the graveled areas on Frog Town Road. Carried.

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

Motion made/second Bob/Dale to adjourn at 9:30. Carried.

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

Doug Smith
Deputy Clerk