

Town Board Meeting December 18, 2008

James Parent called a special Town Board meeting to order at 6:30PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Barbara Anschutz, Peter Jacobs, Dale Williams, Robert Schultz, Steve Parent and 5 visitors.

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

Discuss/decide plans for Anclam Park storm sewer – Steve took the plan that Miller Engineering prepared and tweaked it. They eliminated some piping without losing any efficiency and saving some cost. The Miller plan showed two outfalls. Baudhuin came up with a different treatment system using tanks that would use only one perforated pipe. When the DOT comes through in spring, they are going to repave and replace storm sewers throughout town. DOT did agree to share 17% of the cost of the tanks. Steve also got permission from the DNR to lower the 3 culverts that cross the jetty. He also asked if we could dredge the area, but the DNR has a moratorium on new dredging permits until June. We should also be able to cut the hill down as you enter the park. Jim mentioned it would be nice to blacktop the entire parking lot area to the south fence. Bob mentioned we could curb the entrance and funnel it to the middle. That would add a fair amount of cost. It could be put in the bid documents as an alternate. Another thing Jim would like to do is fill the drop off near the swing set area. That could be done on our own and not part of the bid package. It's currently coming in around \$78,000. That does not take into account the 17% cost share with the DOT, so it will be slightly less than that figure. We should try to get permission to install bigger culverts on the jetty. Steve will change them to 48" and then send an application to the DNR. The answer should be back within two weeks. Steve's intention was to bid it out by late January.

Discuss/decide plans for sanitary and storm sewers by Catholic Church – For the sanitary sewer, back in 1999, we were asked to look at different options to bring service to the remaining lots there were unsewered. The most efficient method would be to come up through the alley on the south side of the Catholic Church. About a year ago, the Lutheran Church approached the town, wondering what it takes to eliminate the sewer running down the side of the parish hall. Neither of the projects ever happened, but now with the DOT coming through next year, if there is any thought at all about doing something within the next 10-15 years, we should do it now. We do have an easement from the Catholic Church to put the sewer in there. It would make sense to bring it up to the top of the hill now. It would be about a 200 foot run. The cost would be approximately \$37,000. This is another thing that should be done before the state goes through. Dale asked if their picking up the cost of paving the parking lanes. Steve thinks the \$44,000 is our cost no matter what, with them paving curb to curb. They may do a couple of the curbs as well. As for crosswalks, in order to be official, they have to have ramps. In doing that, you lose 4 parking spots per crosswalk. The DOT is going on whatever is permitted now. The majority of them throughout town are technically not permitted. We should decide pretty quickly which ones we want. Steve will look into it. The sanitary sewer project will be bid at the same time, but as a separate bid.

For the storm sewer/retaining wall, Steve had heard that the church may be looking at improving their parking lot up above. They may resurface, put curbing in, or put sloping in to have a drain to catch the water and then bore underneath the retaining wall and tie it into the Town storm sewer system. There is no storm sewer in front of the wall, so it would have to run down the street a bit. The cost would be about \$17,000. Dale said if anything is going to happen, it's going to have to happen real soon, before the highway gets resurfaced so we don't dig it up again. There were conversations about whose responsibility the wall may be. Dale had heard rumor that the DOT may fix the wall, but he hasn't heard back from them. The concern is that if the wall falls on the sidewalk and someone gets hurt, the Town could be in a lawsuit. Dale suggested maybe have an open end on the pipe coming out of the curb to redirect the water, instead of running pipe all the way to the storm sewer. That way it would just follow the curb, other than heavy rain days. Bob asked if the state would pick up running the pipe to the storm sewer, if we go with that option. Steve will contact them to find out. If the DOT could incorporate it, it would most likely be much cheaper. We should really have a meeting with the Catholic Church soon too. Steve will let us know what he finds out and we'll advance after that.

Discuss/decide emergency repairs to snow blower – Gearbox burned up and cost about \$1800. Had to get it fixed right away. Motion made/second Dale/Peter to approve approximately \$1800 for snow blower repair. Carried.

Discuss/decide possible revisions to liquor license ordinance – Jim did some research and came up with some ideas for changes. One thing, in regards to the continuation of business portion, he suggested a minimum of being open for 4 hours per day for 150 days of the year. It's currently sort of a complicated formula. One exception he put in was that the requirement could be waived by the Board in extenuating circumstances. The holder would come before the Board to determine it. There could be a lot of reasons as to why somebody may not open.

As for the 300 seat exception, Jim talked to Randy Nesbitt and did some research into some of the other cases here in Door County. Jim then read through the document he created containing the potential requirements, a copy of which can be found in the 2008 Minute Book, for reference along with these minutes. Dale mentioned storm water runoff/Door County Soil & Water issues for added parking. Jim spoke with Baudhuin, Inc. and just adding parking spaces may not necessarily trigger Door County Soil & Water getting involved. Dale would still like to see something in the document requiring their involvement. Peter feels any outdoor seating should be in a contiguous area to the indoor seating. Peter was also wondering if we should also consider the 50 room/150 seat banquet hall and opera house/theater exceptions. Jim will look into it. As for pricing, Jim didn't put anything in, he just wanted to talk about it first. \$10,000 seems to be the going rate in the local municipalities. Sister Bay includes items about traffic impact, fire protecting and neighborhood protection. Board feels everything is a good start. Jim will rework it with some of the suggestions made and bring it back at a future meeting for further discussion. What Jim plans on doing is to create the guidelines and then have the ordinance refer to the guidelines, so you don't have to change the ordinance

if you want to make changes. Dale Kiehnau asked if the Town has to issue the license. No, the Board just wants to have guidelines in place when this issue comes up.

Motion made/second Barb/Bob to adjourn at 7:47PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk