

Town Board Meeting April 13, 2009

James Parent called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order at 7:25PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Dale Williams, Barbara Anschutz, Peter Jacobs, Robert Schultz, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff and 6 visitors.

Clerk verified posting. Item #16 will be removed from the agenda. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to accept the amended agenda. Carried.

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

Accept Treasurer Report – CDs are coming due this week for the sewer replacement fund. The local government pool is currently at .87%, so the CDs are higher. Lois will look into getting the best rates and keep the flexibility that we need. The lawnmower will be in new equipment for now. Dale mentioned we should start a rotation for lawnmowers. We may end up trading one off sooner than we normally would so we can get the rotation working. Motion made/second Barb/Peter to accept the Treasurer's report. Carried.

Citizen input – None.

Discussion/possible decision on Scenic Byways program – Barb read through the material and feels the negatives outweigh the positives. She feels it's just more government telling us what we can and can't do with our main corridor. She said it seems like a lot of trouble for just a chance to get grant money. An entire plan, almost mile by mile, would have to be created. Jim has the same opinion of it, but does feel bad that it may mess up other townships' plans. Annie Miller was present and explained she has a group of people that are willing to do the work. She feels it would help promote events in the Town. The DOT has to approve and 70% of the core has to be considered natural, cultural, or historical. A mile-by-mile assessment would have to be done and rated as one of those, or as a distraction. There are four volunteers who would drive around and do the assessment. Jim's concern is with labeling a site a "distraction." He feels those properties that are labeled as such, would have pressure put on them at some point to change their property. There are 17 different grants that give favored status to the program's participants. Jim just doesn't like the idea of someone coming on his property and labeling. It's a ten year program. Annie wasn't sure what happens after ten years. In order to get out of the program, it takes 2/3 of the municipalities involved to agree to it. Would not be able to get out on our own. There is no way they can enforce the management plan. The general feeling is that we don't want to have people get pressured to change their property. Motion made/second Barb/Dale to not participate in the Scenic Byways Program at this time. Carried.

Mike Meulemans – Baileys Harbor Community Association Update – New brochure came out. Got some funding from the CMF fund for it. \$5,000 has been raised back for the fireworks. They have also taken on the responsibility to help collect and maintain the history of Baileys Harbor. They are also donating a defibrillator unit to the First Responders and will be replacing Kendall's picture in Kendall Park.

Discuss/decide on sludge processor from Egg Harbor – Jim talked to Don Prust about this today. They're not in a big hurry. We would have to take a wall apart to get it out and then repair the wall. The machinery would concentrate the sludge. We wouldn't have to create any new structures. Money would come out of the sewer fund. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to allocate no more than \$5,000 to retrieve the sludge processor from Egg Harbor and install it. Carried.

Discuss/decide Town Office hours – Will all the meetings and elections recently, there hasn't been a person in the office on Fridays. Jim was thinking we could post hours Monday through Friday, but tighten them up and make it well known that these are the office hours that the Clerk will be available. Doug will work it out and have a sign printed, plus post the new hours on the website.

Discuss/decide repairs of sweeper and gearbox for tractor – Gearbox needed to get fixed. Cost was \$945. Motion made/second Jim/Dale to approve the repairs for \$945. Carried.

Discuss/decide mud jacking repairs of Town sidewalks – There are certain areas where sections will have to be removed. Mark will do that portion of it. For the mud jacking, for the whole downtown section is \$4,250. This would be done after the highway construction is complete. Bobby also had County F looked at, but since there's going to be work done next year, we'll wait on that. Also took a look at Guy Street. Eventually, Bob would like to put curbing and sidewalk on the west side of the road up to the schoolhouse. One of the landowners by the sidewalk on Guy has no problem with waiting to fix the sidewalks. Jim feels it could be fixed now. Dale feels we should go look at it first. We'll wait on the Marina as well. Motion made/second Dale/Bob to approve \$4,250 to fix the downtown area's sidewalks after completion of the highway construction, provided the proposed dollar amount is held. Carried.

Discuss/decide irrigation system for Town Hall front lawn – We can put underground irrigation in that runs on a timer. It would run at night. All three sides of the Town Hall lawn could be done for \$5,495. It's a pretty sophisticated system that can be programmed. The only concern would be the tent stakes when the crafters set up. The irrigation lines will be down a foot. Crafters will be made aware that they can only use a certain length of stakes. Also, areas will be marked before they set up. It could be installed this spring. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to approve installing an irrigation system in the Town Hall. Carried.

Discuss/decide application for Class B Beer/Class C Wine license for Valenti Holdings, LLC (Sandpiper Restaurant & Gift Shop) – Reason for the application is because they changed corporate structure. Motion made/second Bob/Peter to approve the application for Class B Beer/Class C Wine license. Carried.

Discuss/decide holding two Town Board meetings per month – We always seem to end up scheduling at least a second meeting. Jim was thinking we could set aside the fourth Monday of the month as a second meeting date, if it was needed. We'll play it by ear and see how it goes.

Discuss/decide Town Clerk attending UWGB Clerks Institute July 12-17, 2009 – Motion made/second Dale/Barb to approve Town Clerk attending the Institute. Carried.

Committee reports – Barb – Parks/Cemetery/Town Hall – Anclam Park and Rec. Park restrooms are open. Anclam will be left open 24 hours and see how it goes. As for the Rec. Park, Bob said the newly formed Baileys Harbor Athletic Club will handle it for the most part. Clerk and Bob will work it out.

Chairman – Some concrete by the little lift station will have to be looked at. It's peeling up. There is also a service manhole cover that got destroyed today that will have to be looked at.

Bob – Roads – We should have some kind of meeting with the Catholic Church on the wall that fell. It should really be fixed before the new highway is installed. Jim will look into it and set something up with the Catholic Church. Bob also received a call from Mike LeClair at the Lutheran Church. They need to have a wheelchair accessible ramp. Bob would like to bring the whole Board down there to take a look. What he would like to do is start where the old driveway is and come down to the curbing and come off the sidewalk. Bob was thinking that since the sidewalks are owned by the Town, we would split the costs. Our material cost would be \$2,897. Board will need to go look at it first.

Sewer Committee report – Lois explained that some of the bills and change orders will have to be looked at. Doug looked the next day and everything appears fine.

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

Motion to enter into Closed Session per state statute 19.85 (1) (e) for deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. In this case, to deliberate the purchase of public properties – Motion made/second Jim/Dale to enter into Closed Session. Roll call vote: Dale Williams, aye; Peter Jacobs, aye; Barbara Anschutz, aye; James Parent, aye; Robert Schultz, aye. Motion carries. Also present were Town Clerk Douglas Smith and Town Treasurer Lois Pluff.

Motion made/second Dale/Peter to return to Open Session. Carried.

Discuss/decide recommendations from Closed Session, if any – Will be bringing up the topic for consideration at the Annual Meeting on April 14, 2009.

Motion made/second Dale/Barb to adjourn at 9:39PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk