

## Town Board Meeting September 14, 2009

James Parent called the regular monthly meeting of the Baileys Harbor Town Board to order at 7:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Peter Jacobs, Barbara Anschutz, Robert Schultz, Dale Williams, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff and 40 visitors.

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

Accept minutes – There is a correction from the November 5, 2007 minutes. They show that there was a unanimous vote with the Planning Commission and Town Board and do not reflect the fact that Jim abstained from. Motion made/second Dale/Peter to correct the minutes from November 5, 2007. Carried. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to accept the remaining minutes as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's report – We received our second payment of taxes from the County. Lois hasn't been able to set up an appointment with Associated to talk about what kind of account options we have. There was a service fee of \$96 last month. The competition offers analysis to see what kind of charges/interest we have with them. Budget adjustments that were approved last month were entered. At the end of September, she will give specific transaction printouts to Don Prust and John Hammarstrom, as budget preparation will start in October. Peter asked where payments from the County showed up. Lois explained that we used to do an actual general ledger entry, but the auditors preferred doing an adjustment themselves. Motion made/second Barb/Peter to accept the Treasurer's report. Discussion: Bryan Nelson asked when the last payment on the Marina occurs. Lois said the last payment will be 2011. That also includes the Town Hall, as it was combined into the same loan. Chairman took a vote on the prior motion. Motion carried.

Citizen input – Francha Barnard asked about the Dark Sky Night lighting program. There was mention of doing it after the road project was done. The cost is \$150/light. We'll get Public Service back here to get some final numbers.

Bill Cecil spoke on behalf of himself and his wife. He wants to express his formal objection to extend the downtown commercial Core. He feels it's in contradiction to the Smart Growth plan. He doesn't want or need a strip mall, go kart track, gas station or whatever a developer might have in mind. They are also disappointed by the unwillingness of the Chairman to put this item on the agenda tonight. He asked if other people agreed with him. One person from the audience suggested people stand if they agree. 33 people stood up in agreement with Mr. Cecil.

Loren Peil asked about School Street. He spoke with the Town Board a couple of years ago about moving School Street to where it belongs. When we get to the Roads Report, we'll set a date to talk about it.

Discuss/decide Petition for Grant of Variance for Penn Door Condo Association – This is on the shore of Kangaroo Lake. It's about four residences with a common property at the top of the hill. On the common property, there is a garage that is falling down and they want to replace it. Tom Vanderlinden was present to explain the situation. They need the variance because it's the fifth building. It's going in the same footprint, just a big bigger. The Planning Commission had no objections to it and recommended approval. Cal Oldenburg was present and did go down and look at the building. It is in bad shape. At the Planning Commission, they had asked about siding. It will look like the other buildings that are there. Motion made/second Dale/Barb to send a letter of recommendation to the County to grant the variance for Penn Door Condo Association. Carried.

Bryan Nelson – Discuss/decide Door County Bicycle Network Plan – The proposal from the Wisconsin Bike Federation was presented last November. There is a study that needs to be done as a first step, the cost of which is approximately \$6,800 or \$6,900. The Town of Gibraltar is going ahead with it, as is the County. Dale feels bicycles should be licensed in the State of Wisconsin. Bryan is also in favor of user fees. Dale doesn't have a problem with the idea of trails. There seems to be more and more people riding bikes and a lot don't follow the rules. Bike lanes would help. John Kolodziej has an estimate of the cost to create bike lanes. They are hoping the \$6,900 could be found in this year's budget, but understand if it has to go into next year. The amount was almost identical for Gibraltar. We'll have to make sure this is still a valid price as well, since this was given last November. Jim was thinking perhaps using some Room Tax funds. Kristie Peil asked if anyone has any kind of number as to cost increases in emergency services. She feels this is a great idea, but thinks there's probably going to be an increase in emergency service expenses, as this would bring more bikers here. Bob mentioned there will be roads that can't be touched due to the endangered species along them. The actual bike paths themselves could be paid for by state and federal grants, but we need to pay this first to have a plan. Bill Cecil mentioned the parking spaces are wider now and was wondering if it's appropriate to stripe a bike lane through town. The state wouldn't allow that. Dale explained the issue with the parking spaces and once they fade, they can be changed.

Billie Johnson agrees the bike lanes are a good idea, specifically for safety. Since County Q is so curvy, it's very dangerous to try to get around bikers and you almost have to cross the yellow lines in order to do it.

Motion made/second Peter/Bob to proceed with the program and try to find money in this year's budget. If not, we will budget for it next year. Carried. Bryan will verify the cost.

Bryan Nelson – Tourism Zone Commission report – May was up over previous years. June fell off by about 27% for Baileys Harbor and 8% for the whole county. July is up a bit in Baileys Harbor, Jacksonport and Washington Island, while everyone else is down. The whole county is down except for those three townships. Year to date through June, comparing apples to apples, it's down 3.9%. The state overall is down about 15%. Jim requested that Bryan supply Doug with the portion of the ordinance that deals with the

definition of rentals. If you rent it to one party for 30 days, it's residential. Less than 30 is tourism. Bryan will get the exact verbiage to Doug.

Finalize and accept Scenic Byways Resolution – It was approved last month, however we had to specify the commercial areas through Town to be part of it, otherwise they wouldn't be. Clerk attached a map and added a paragraph to cover that. Motion made/second Jim/Peter to accept Resolution #2009-3 supporting the Scenic Byways designation. Discussion: Dale just wanted to make sure that by joining this, the Scenic Byways group can't come in and dictate what can and can't be done along the highway. Jim explained that according to the legislation and the guidelines, there is nothing that gives them any authority to tell any property owner what to do. Town of Egg Harbor has pulled out. Chairman took a vote on the prior motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Discuss/decide disbursement of Historical Society funds - \$5,000 has been set aside to help them with startup costs. They have no incurred some costs and we need to decide if we should disburse as needed or disburse the whole amount right away. So far they have sent a survey out to all property owners in Baileys Harbor. The postage was around \$500. The printing was another \$400. They opened a PO Box, which was \$56. Lois feels we should see budgets as well. They will also need money for the 501c3 formation. Susie Bauldry had suggested this a couple of years ago and the Town Board has set aside \$2,500 per year. Bob feels we should just give them the entire \$5,000. Mary Ann Johnson questioned why she hasn't received a survey yet. Barb explained they are still working on it. Mary Ann also stated that in all the years she has been doing this, she was never offered anything. Dale said everyone appreciates and recognizes the work that she has done. Roy Cole is in the process of getting a 501c3 put together. Motion made/second Jim/Bob that upon the creation of the checking account for the Historical Society, the Town Board will issue a check in the amount of \$5,000 to the checking account. Carried.

Award bid for Mill Street project – Engineering report from Baudhuin stated bids were received September 3<sup>rd</sup> for the parking lot construction project. Northeast was the low bidder. Project is in the budget and Baudhuin is recommending awarding the bid to Northeast. Nathan Nichols has no problem with them starting any time. Northeast would like to get it done as soon as possible. Bob said the only problem he has is with the top soil and seed. All we get is the rye grass, and then it's gone within a year. We'll take a look at the specs and make sure it's better than that for this project. Kristie Peil mentioned that when it comes to landscaping, the Baileys Harbor Community Association has a tree planting program. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to award the Mill Street parking lot construction to Northeast Asphalt per recommendation from Baudhuin Inc. Carried. Doug will let Baudhuin know that it was accepted and will call Nathan with a start date.

Approve letter to Associated Bank – Jim read the letter into the record, a copy of which is available in the 2009 Minute Book. Motion made/second Dale/Bob to send the letter as presented. Carried.

Discuss/decide manholes on Thimbleberry Lane – Thimbleberry Lane is a private road. The manholes were covered when the road height was increased. It had been left like that for a couple of years and it needed to get fixed. The Sewer Committee doesn't have a policy to address this situation. The sewer plant employees installed it, so it's done, but Jim would just like to get the bill approved and paid and then send it on to the Sewer Committee to come up with a policy. The amount of the bill is \$1,050.00. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to approve payment to Davies Water for the purchase of manhole extension rings. Carried.

Engineering report – Jim went through the engineering report, a copy of which is available in the 2009 Minute Book.

Committee reports – Chairman – We need to set a date to talk about the employee retirement fund. Next Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM.

Bob – Roads – Harbor Lane is done. Will be putting topsoil on the sides and getting grass planted within the next couple of weeks.

Bob and Doug took a ride through Town at night to check reflectivity. By 2012, all stop signs and stop ahead signs need to be replaced with the new high intensity reflective signs. By 2015, the rest (curves, speed limit, etc.) need to be done. By 2018, the green street signs will need to be done. The Highway is done right now. We'll take sections at a time.

Gentleman in the audience asked about a speed limit on Bluff Road going west. We will be taking care of that, but we do need to go through and check our ordinances to make sure which limits are legal.

We also need to set a date for the School Street discussion that Loren Peil requested earlier. We'll have to get the neighbors involved as well. The whole Board should probably meet on site. We'll change the start time of the employee meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> to 6:30PM and meet up by School Street at 6:00PM. Clerk will contact Steve Leonard and Lynn and Everett Matke as well.

Barb – Town Hall/Cemetery/Parks – Barb was in touch with Rick Bernstein from the Wisconsin State Historical Society who gave her information on grants for repairs to the Town Hall. Trent Margriff, the director of the Wisconsin Field Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation would like to meet with Barb and anyone else who might be interested on September 28 at 9AM to go over the different repairs. The Board should probably get together before that to go over anything else that might need fixing.

There was no Parks Committee meeting next month. Annie Peil found a picture of Anclam dock with two structures on it.

As for the cemetery, we'll need to budget to fix the standing water issue.

Peter – Planning Commission – Reminded people of the RPC meeting at 7PM on Thursday.

Dale – Sewer Committee – Sludge pump quit working. It's 20 years old. They got a price to rebuild it and price for a new one. The Committee is recommending replacing it, which makes sense. It will come out of the replacement fund. The new meter project is in process.

Bob went back to the roads report and mentioned the fire chief should send a letter to the owners of All Creatures Lane and have them cut it. He received a phone call on it. We may have to look into having some sort of ordinance. Doug will call Gibraltar or Liberty Grove and ask if they have an ordinance for it.

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

Motion made/second Peter/Barb to adjourn at 8:17PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith  
Town Clerk