

Plan Commission Meeting August 2, 2010

Dan Krowas called the regular monthly Plan Commission meeting to order at 7:01PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Dan Krowas, Ken Uhlhorn, Gene Stanis, Peter Thelen (alternate), Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith and 3 visitors. Cal Oldenburg and Jim Schorer were absent.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Ken/Gene to accept the agenda. Carried.

Accept minutes – Motion made/second Gene/Pete to accept the minutes. Carried.

Citizen input – None.

Discussion/possible recommendation to the Town Board on potentially installing emergency warning sirens in the Town of Baileys Harbor – Ken wanted to bring this forward because there is nothing on this side of the peninsula for early warnings. The rest of the peninsula has cable TV which stays on during a storm, whereas dishes tend to go out during bad weather. He was thinking an early warning siren would be a good idea. He spoke with Chief Herlache of the Sturgeon Bay Fire Department. Sturgeon Bay has seven sirens around the city, tested monthly. Ken then spoke with Federal Signal, who installs sirens. For coverage of one square mile, the agent suggested a battery operated siren on a 50 foot pole located at the fire station. Dispatch in Sturgeon Bay would set it off. As for grants, Ken could talk to Ann DeMeuse at the County Emergency Management Department. An average install price is about \$5,500. The siren itself goes around \$10,000 to \$11,000. This would be for one siren only. Gene explained that in the area where he and Dan live, they wouldn't be able to hear it.

Mark Merrill was in attendance. He explained that the siren on the fire station roof is functional right now. He could hear it from Maxwellton Braes as long as there was no equipment running. Kewaunee County has a system covering the entire county, same with Outagamie. If we did it in the township, he feels we'd have to cover the entire town. Would probably need 5 or 6 sirens to cover the entire town from Heidelberg Curve to the AC Tap and out to Penn Center and over to Moonlight Bay. It could be a very expensive project. Gene suggested we talk to the County about it. Gary thought a better spot may be out on Summit Road. Mark explained that's in the area of the highest part of Baileys Harbor. Peter stated that Dane County also has a county-wide system and it works for people outdoors, but if you're inside with TVs and stereos on, it becomes difficult to hear. Ken will talk with Ann Demeuse at the County level and we'll have this on the Town Board agenda next week.

Committee input/recommendations for next month's agenda – Jeff Sanders is working on first drafts of the chapters of the Smart Growth plan and should be in touch with the Clerk soon to start scheduling meetings.

Motion made/second Gene/Ken to adjourn at 7:30PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Plan Commission meeting.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk