

Town Board Meeting March 15, 2010

James Parent called a special Town Board meeting to order at 7:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Robert Schultz, Dale Williams, Barbara Anschutz, Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith and 19 visitors.

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

Discuss/decide repairs to Fire Tanker #11 – Truck is leaking water. Brian received a quote from AH Stock. It's a non-budgeted repair, but Brian feels it needs immediate attention. A copy of the quote is available in the 2010 Minute Book. Motion made/second Dale/Peter to approve the option of the stainless steel repair for \$2,505. Carried.

Discuss/decide installing high-speed internet at Fire Station – Online Door County has approached all the northern Door Fire Departments with a good deal on their high-speed wireless internet service. Installation is free and the cost is \$34.99/month. Right now, there is no access at the Fire Station and since so many classes are being offered online, it would be helpful to have. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to approve \$35 per month high speed internet services for the Fire Station. Carried.

Bryan Nelson – Tourism Zone Commission report – There has been some success with pursuing violations. Bryan will be asking the Board to consider passing a resolution that the Town remain in the Zone past December 31, 2011. That is the sunset on the original document, after which anyone can simply withdraw. They're hoping to get enough on board saying they are going to remain in the Zone. Dale asked if anyone was considering withdrawing. Currently, two aldermen in Sturgeon Bay are talking quite a bit about withdrawing, so it could be an interesting debate at the end of next year.

Baudhuin Inc. – Engineering report/update on County Road F project – Steve brought along some updated plans, which will be left at the Town Office, in case anyone wants to review them. The project will be bid out this week and next week. He is tentatively looking at a bid opening of April 2, so if the Town Board could meet sometime during the week of April 5th to award the contract, that would help get the project done by Memorial Day. County F will be the County's first project this spring. They will be pulverizing County E at about the same time. County will be pulverizing the parking lanes for the Town as well. Steve isn't sure if the Town will have to pay for that or not. As Steve mentioned last month, the intention is to widen the road and have curb and gutter on both sides and sidewalk on both sides. On the Town Hall side, the sidewalks will be replaced exactly where they are and the tree lawn will be gone. The power poles are basically on the right away. All the work will be on the inside of them. On the south side, it will be about 8 feet from the edge of the pavement now until the end of the sidewalk. The County F work will be the base bid, with the work on Guy Street as an alternate, depending on where we are at with budget. Steve asked if the Town is going to pay for the work outright. We will have to check with Lois. As for Guy Street, Bob

asked if it would be possible to save a couple of the trees that are up there. Steve will work on it. We'll schedule a meeting sometime the week of April 5.

Discuss/decide Bernie Friedenfels' property tax refund request – Bernie was in attendance. They purchased in the property in 2006 and began building in 2006. They moved in the next year. Before they started building the house, they've had corn there every year. He wrote a letter requesting last year's taxes, but he'd really like all year's taxes refunded to some degree. Dale stated the bad part of it is the taxes that were paid were split amongst all taxing jurisdiction and the Town can't get that back. We may be able to do something at this year's Board of Review, but would have to check the legal ramifications beforehand. Since we don't have enough information, Jim said Bernie should contact Mike Walker and Jim will do the same to gather some more information. Between Doug and Jim, the Town will get back to Bernie formally in writing, with what to expect and when.

Baylake Bank – Discuss/decide request to turn Maxwellton Braes' private roads over to the Town of Baileys harbor – The Town had requested that the Bank get some sort of indication of what the owners want. Of the 30 lots, Baylake owns 9 of them and 24 of them are owned by individual owners. 22 of the owners are in favor of the Town taking them over. 2 said no and 5 didn't respond. One party checked it off but didn't sign it. The roads were built to Town specs. Bruce Herbst was in attendance and explained that the property will be kept looking nice. As to whether or not the commercial aspects of the property will be operational this year, that will be up to the Bank board. Bob wants to make sure the property owners understand that once the Town takes over, ditches will be mowed and trees will be cut. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to proceed to get legal advice on moving forward to bring the Maxwellton Braes' roads into the Town property. Carried, with Dale Williams abstaining from discussion and decision.

Discuss/decide Bicycle Master Plan Proposal prepared by Bicycle Federation of Wisconsin – This was talked about last year. We did budget money to proceed with this plan. This isn't something that would be one big new project. The paths would be added as roads are upgraded. The Door County Silent Sport Alliance is backing it. The County is on board with it, as well as Gibraltar and Egg Harbor. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to approve \$7,040 for the Baileys Harbor Bicycle Master Plan Proposal as budgeted. Carried.

Discuss/decide request from The Nature Conservancy to write a letter in support of nominating certain wetlands in the Town as wetlands of international importance – Mike Grimm and Bobbie Webster of The Nature Conservancy and explained what the program (called Ramsar) is about. Information is available upon request at the Clerk's office. The program does not have any ramifications as far as land use for neighboring properties, such as additional setbacks or things of that nature. There could be some benefit to the community with tourism. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to write a letter in support of the Ramsar designation. Carried.

Discuss/decide request to write letter to President Obama and members of Congress urging them to take action concerning the Asian Carp situation – Motion made/second Dale/Peter to write a letter concerning Asian Carp to President Obama and all of our state and federal senators and congressman in the State of Wisconsin, including our Assembly Representative. Carried.

Appoint Sewer Committee Member – Jim spoke with Jim Anschutz who said he would try it. Motion made/second Dale/Peter to appoint Jim Anschutz to the Sewer Committee. Carried, with Barb Anschutz abstaining.

Motion made/second Dale/Bob to adjourn at 8:15PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk