

Town Board Meeting October 11, 2010

James Parent called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order at 7:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Peter Jacobs, Robert Schultz, Barbara Anschutz, Roberta Thelen, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff, Steve Parent and 7 visitors.

Clerk verified posting. Kari Anderson will not be in attendance so item #12 will be removed. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to accept the agenda with the removal of item #12. Carried.

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

Accept Treasurer Report – Committee budget meetings have been scheduled. Town Board will be scheduled later tonight. Motion made/second Peter/Bob to accept the report. Carried.

Citizen input – Jim Parent mentioned that Merrell Runquist, County Board Supervisor and Town Chair of Gibraltar, passed away over the weekend.

Discuss/decide vacating an unimproved portion of an easement for Ward Street – Steve of Baudhuin, Inc. was present to explain the situation. The area in question was used as a shared driveway by the property owners on both sides. With the sale of the easterly property to Lois Cermak, a survey was conducted and it was determined that the driveway is entirely on the Cermak parcel, eliminating the use of the driveway by Tim Tishler, the current owner of the westerly parcel. The Town doesn't have a need for this portion of Ward Street and since they've never improved or maintained the roadway it could be vacated. When a road is vacated it gets split evenly between adjacent property owners. One problem is that the Tishler house is actually into the right of way, but Steve feels there would still be a way to ensure that the easement is divided evenly and eliminate any encroachment issues. Steve will do a little more research to find out if there may be other issues and then will contact the land owners. They would both have to formally request that the Town vacate the road.

Discuss/decide remediation of flooding/water problems on Chapel Lane – This was discussed briefly at the Sewer Committee level, where Cathy Hoke-Gonzales was present. The property that is flooding is owned by her parents, who sent a letter along with pictures to the Town Board. During extreme rain events the sewer trench becomes flooded and the water eventually surfaces, crosses Chapel Lane and floods the Hoke property. Steve came up with a plan that would utilize an existing easement on the neighboring owner's property. However, the owner is reluctant to add another thing to the easement because of a decrease in property value/potential to sell. Another possibility would be if the Hokes would grant an easement on their property. Steve will send a letter to the neighboring owner first asking for a definite answer and if he says no, he will contact the Hokes about working with their property.

Discuss/decide basement flooding issues at a home located at 7722 Prestwick Way – This is less of a Town issue, due to the way the house was built, but if the prior agenda item works out, it may help this issue as well. The owner of the home was present and stated that Reinhardt can't install a pump strong enough to keep up with the water coming in when there is a major storm event. Steve will go forward with the prior agenda item and see if it helps this as well.

Discuss/decide Petition for Zoning Map Amendment for Kristine Schorer, Parcel #002-03-31302822D3, on North Kangaroo Lake Drive – Kristine wasn't present, so Jim Schorer presented on her behalf. This would actually be a downgrade to a "less impact" zoning district, from HD to SF20. The reason they would like it changed is due to setbacks from wetlands, making it a nearly unbuildable lot. The Plan Commission is recommending approval. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to write a letter to the County in favor of the zoning change. Carried.

Discuss/decide finalization of Anclam Park landscaping plan – John Meredith was present and went over the new copy of the plan that includes the revisions discussed at the last Parks/Town Board meeting. The next step is to adjust the bulkhead line ordinance and get it approved, and then it would go to the DNR and Door County Soil & Water for approval. Motion made/second Bob/Peter to keep move forward with the Anclam Park landscaping plan, including the beach restoration aspect, permits and bulkhead line. Carried. Before it goes out for bids, the Board will review the cost.

Discuss/decide letter of intent to Door County Soil & Water in relation to funding from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative – DCSW just needs to know whether or not the Town is interested in applying for grant funding at this point. Details/approval would come at a later time. Deadline is the 27th of Oct. DCSW is looking into whether or not the funding could be retroactive to cover some of the cost of the storm water project that was done already. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to write a letter to Door County Soil & Water stating that we are intending to apply for the funding. Carried.

Review draft revisions of Chapter IX (Intergovernmental Cooperation) of the Smart Growth/Comprehensive Plan – The Board reviewed the draft and determined no changes were necessary.

Discuss/decide replacement of alum level meter at Waste Water Treatment Plant – Sewer Committee is recommending approval. Cost would be about \$2,500. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to replace the alum level meter with the money coming out of the replacement fund. Carried.

Discuss/decide replacement of pumps at lift station #4 – This would also be a replacement fund item. For the three pumps it would be \$13,559, which only went up about \$275 since we bought them originally when the plant was built. Don Prust is going to work on a schedule of replacement for the remaining 26 or 27 pumps in Town. Sewer Committee is recommending approval. Motion made/second Barb/Roberta to replace the pumps at lift station #4 with funds coming from the replacement fund. Carried.

Set date for the following meetings: budget, maintenance building, and Marina – Marina and maintenance building can be handled on the same night. Date set for October 20th at 7:00PM. Budget will be October 27th at 6:00PM.

Committee reports – Chairman – None.

Bob – Roads – None.

Barb – Town Hall/Cemetery/Parks/Historical Society – None.

Roberta – BHCA – We have received their budget request from the Room Tax money. Their Annual Meeting/Dinner is tomorrow night at the Baileys Harbor Cornerstone.

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

Motion made/second Barb/Roberta to adjourn at 8:28PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk