

Annual Meeting April 12, 2011

Robert Schultz called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00PM in the auditorium of the Town Hall. Present were Robert Schultz, Donald Sitte, Barbara Anschutz, Peter Jacobs, Roberta Thelen, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff, Steve Parent and 72 visitors. Jim Parent was not present; therefore Robert Schultz ran the meeting. He then explained the format for the Annual Meeting and that anyone can make or second motions. He also went on to thank Jim Parent for his years of service to the Town and asked for a round of applause from the audience.

Accept last year's minutes – Motion made/second Mike Meulemans/Frank Pammer to accept the minutes. Carried.

Accept financial report per auditors – Lois went over the report, starting with the General Fund. The difference of expenditures and revenues is due to the fact is because the Board designates funds for future year expenditures which does not show as actual revenue. In 2010, money was brought forward from the fund balance due to the County F project. The current designated fund balance is \$7,000 for the Town Hall, \$32,398 in Fire Dept. donations, \$115,000 for fire truck replacement (this will be decreasing due to a new truck being purchased in 2011) and \$78,000 for road construction.

For the Wastewater Fund, as with previous years, depreciation makes the fund seem to be at a loss. Our auditors have suggested that we review our billing and determine if increases are in order. We will be taking a look at other Towns in Door County.

The Marina Fund generally runs as a break even, however \$6,000 was transferred from the General Fund due to the purchase of a new fish grinder as the old one had broke. We also purchased a backup, since it's a very important piece of equipment.

Our total debt obligation is only at \$393,600 as of Dec. 31, 2010. The Town is able to borrow up to \$24 million based on the total valuation, so we are in a very good situation.

Motion made/second Bryan Nelson/John Hammarstrom to accept the financial report per auditors. Carried.

Old business – accept reports as printed – Motion made/second Bob Bultman/Frank Pammer to accept the Clerk's, Fire Chief's and Constable's Reports.

New Business – Update on Anclam Park project – Jim Rossol explained the history and formation of the Anclam Park landscaping project and how the landscaping architect (Lakeshores Landscaping) was selected. Steve Parent explained the technical details and the formation of a bulkhead line ordinance, which is a mechanism that will allow the Town to maintain the current beach without having to get new permits every year. It essentially establishing a new high water mark. Currently, the plan and the ordinance are in the hands of the DNR awaiting approval.

Update on new maintenance building – With the purchase of a new fire truck this year, the fire station won't be big enough to house both the maintenance department and the fire department. Rather than build a new fire station, the Board decided to build a new maintenance building, located on Summit Road by the Rec. Park. The building itself will be around \$443,000 with site work coming in at around \$52,000. Susan Bauldry asked why a mound system was being used, rather than hooking up with sewer. Steve Parent explained that every foot of trench would have to be blasted in order to do that, which would greatly increase the cost.

Bob – Roads report – County F was finished last year and the improvements help with storm water runoff and snow melting. We also did some work on Ward Street. Bob will be looking at Frogtown Road and Chapel Lane for this year, but nothing is confirmed yet, as we have to look at funding sources and budgetary constraints. Karen Smuda asked about a sidewalk on Bluff Road. Steve explained that there would be enough room on the south side for a dedicated walkway. It will be considered as a possible future project. As for the Chapel Lane/Frogtown Road projects, landowners will be made aware and have a chance to give input.

Roberta – Baileys Harbor Community Association report – Roberta explained what the BHCA does and went over the list of events they sponsor throughout the year. They also help compile a brochure which helps to promote the Town and its business. The calendar year for the Association ends in October.

Barb – Town Hall/Cemetery/Parks/Historical Society – Barb with Sue Bauldry on the design of a sign for the cemetery. It is currently being designed and will hopefully be installed before Memorial Day. The Town Hall west stair case will be repaired in early spring. The lower level of the Town Hall will be getting new carpeting.

For parks, improvements will be made at School Park, such as picnic tables and a sign, so people will know it's a park and able to be utilized. A bocce ball court and horseshoe pit will be added at the Rec. Park. Jim Rossol also stated there is possibly grant funding available for the Anclam Park project and that Steve Leonard is working on that aspect.

Sue Bauldry presented information on the Baileys Harbor Historical Society. They've had very good turnout for all of their presentations. This year, some of the presentations include the McArdle family in May, Krowas Farms in June, Harbor Fish Market in July and oral history training in September. DVDs of the programs from the past year are available for checkout in the McArdle Library. The BHHS is also looking for monetary donations in order to have a historical survey done. Sue also mentioned that even though the current Core debate is over, everyone should be proactive in thinking about future discussions, because it could come up again years down the road. We should have a clear plan of what we want it to look like.

Peter – Plan Commission – The Plan Commission was busy last year working on the Smart Growth review. The Plan Commission and Town Board will be holding a joint meeting at some point in the near future to continue the process. The Bike Plan is

currently undergoing its final revisions and will be talked about soon. Bridgette Moroney asked about the Bike Plan. Bryan Nelson gave her a brief history of the steps taken to prepare the plan.

John Hammarstrom presented some information on the Marina. It will be open for the Trout Tournament. There will be dredging taking place on May 18. The last time it was done was 2006. The dredging will probably have to be an ongoing situation, given the current depth of the lake overall, and will be looked at on a regular basis. Right now there is narrow channel with a depth of about 2 ½ to 3 ½ feet.

Any other business per State Statutes – Agnes Kubicz asked about emergency warning systems. Bill Becker suggested buying a weather radio. It actually was talked about at a prior meeting. There are a couple of problems. The coverage of a siren system is very limited so there would have to be several of them spread throughout the entire town, which would be very costly. The other problem is that somebody has to turn it on and there's no infrastructure for that. People do ask about this and there are some different systems available, so the Board will possibly look at some of them in the future.

Question raised about people cleaning up after their dogs in School Park. A dog-bag station will be installed.

“Dark Sky” compliant street lights will hopefully be installed in the rest of the Town this year, depending on budgets.

Bridgette Moroney voiced her concern about trees being cut on Point Drive. Bob explained that it is a Town road and is therefore subject to routine maintenance.

Set date for Annual Meeting 2012 – Date is set for April 10, 2012.

Motion made/second Doug Smith/Mike Meulemans to adjourn at 8:00PM. Carried.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk