

Town Board Meeting December 12, 2011

Donald Sitte called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order at 6:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Donald Sitte, Robert Schultz, Roberta Thelen, Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff and 3 visitors. Barbara Anschutz was absent.

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

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

Accept Treasurer Report – We received our state shared taxes. We've also received our highway state aid. Budget adjustments will be done in January. Motion made/second Peter/Roberta to accept the Treasurer Report. Carried.

Citizen input – None.

Discuss/decide the following items pertaining to the Ridges Sanctuary: Resolution #2011-7, a resolution stating that the Town of Baileys Harbor in conjunction with the Ridges Sanctuary, Inc. will cover the grant application match in the event the Ridges Sanctuary, Inc. cannot do so & Discuss/decide protection of Town's interest relating to Ridges Sanctuary funding – Steve Leonard was present to explain the situation. Since the Town is in the Scenic Byways program, non-profit entities can apply for the grant opportunities the program offers, but the municipality has to be a sponsor and commit to coming up with the 20% match if the non-profit is unable to do so. The Ridges is applying for the grant to cover the interpretive media that their new center will be offering (at the old Sandpiper property). As for the protection of the Town's interest, the Ridges has agreed to sign an agreement with the Town that states if they don't have their 20% raised by January 31, 2012, they would withdraw their grant application, so the Town will not be liable for anything. Motion made/second Roberta/Peter to adopt resolution #2011-7. Carried. Motion made/second Bob/Roberta to approve the agreement with the Ridges Sanctuary and the Town of Baileys Harbor. Carried. The Board would like to see the Ridges use as many local contractors as possible.

Discuss/decide resolution #2011-5, a resolution adjusting wastewater user rates/fees – It's a 2% increase rounded to the nearest five cents. Motion made/second Peter/Roberta to adopt resolution #2011-5. Carried.

Discuss/decide acceptance of \$1,000 from Baileys Harbor Woman's Club for benches at the Rec. Park – The Board has to formally approve this because they are specifying what the money is to be used for. They will give us the money and we will get the benches made. Motion made/second Peter/Roberta to accept the \$1,000 donation to be used for benches. Carried. It will be disbursed in 2012.

Discuss/decide naming of old Town Dump site – Motion made/second Roberta/Bob to rename the old Town Dump site “The Baileys Harbor Green Site.” Carried. We will get a new sign made next year.

Discuss/decide appointment of election workers for 2012-13 election cycle – Clerk/Administrator presented his list of election workers with no changes from the previous term. Motion made/second Bob/Don to appoint the listed workers. Carried.

Discuss/decide carpeting for portions of Public Works building – We received a quote of \$2,326.00 to install carpeting in the lunchroom at the new building, with tile around the sink. Motion made/second Don/Bob to approve the installation of carpet/tile for \$2,326.00, to be completed by the first of the year. Carried. Barb will be in charge of it.

Set date for closed session meeting relating to employees – January 10, 2012, 6:00PM.

Clerk/Administrator report – The final pay request for the Public Works building is at the architect’s office right now. As soon as the Town receives it, we will schedule a special Town Board meeting at the building to review the request. Roberta has been working organizing a Wisconsin Towns Association Door County Unit meeting on Thursday, February 9 at 7:00PM. Lois got tax bills in the mail today. The Town’s portion of the mill rate only went up about a penny. The overall mill rate is approximately \$9.97.

Chairman/Marina/Wastewater Report – None.

Bob – Roads – Pro-Tree Services will be hired to take down some dead trees near the dead-end of Summit Road.

Peter – Plan Commission – The Commission will be meeting with Jeff Sanders on January 3, 2012 to go over the Implementation chapter changes.

Roberta – BHCA/Historical Society/Community Programs – The Christmas party went well. The Association meets again tomorrow.

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

Motion made/second Bob/Roberta to adjourn at 6:41PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk/Administrator