

Town Board Meeting February 14, 2011

James Parent called the regular monthly Town Board meeting to order at 6:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were James Parent, Barbara Anschutz, Peter Jacobs, Roberta Thelen, Douglas Smith and 10 visitors. Robert Schultz and Lois Pluff were absent.

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

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

Citizen input – Kari Anderson delivered the County Board Report under Citizen Input when she arrived later in the meeting.

Del Herrbold of Rural Mutual Insurance – Discuss/decide Town insurance rates/quote – Del presented the annual insurance quote. A couple of changes for this year include the Town Hall being bumped up to \$3.9 million in coverage, as well as adding the Kangaroo Lake Dam to the policy. One item that also needs to be added is the wood chipper for the maintenance department, as that wasn't added when it was purchased. The increased coverage for the Town Hall did bring the price up a little bit, but it can be brought back down by about \$1,000 if we increase our deductible to \$1,000. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to approve the insurance quote with the higher deductible of \$1,000. Carried. A complete detailed copy of the insurance quote is available from the Clerk's office upon request.

Discuss issues concerning Kangaroo Lake Dam ownership – Jim just wanted to bring this to the Board's attention that the Town of Baileys Harbor actually owns the Kangaroo Lake Dam. It is technically in the Town of Jacksonport, but we have received documents from the Kangaroo Lake Association showing Baileys Harbor's ownership. It was built in 1937. It is well constructed and is currently in good shape. Paul Mahlberg of the KLA was present and went over some of the technicalities and time line of the dam.

Discuss/decide funding and design of Scenic Byways kiosk – Steve Leonard was present to explain this item. He is here as liaison between the Byways council and the Town Board. He explained the interpretive master plan of the Scenic Byways council, which includes signage and kiosks explaining what makes each community special. The kiosk for Baileys Harbor would have four panels, one of which would explain the Niagara Escarpment and the scenic byway. The others would describe cultural history, natural history and sites to visit. A grant is being applied for. For the kiosk, the Parks Committee suggested adding on to the existing kiosk in front of the Town Hall. The total cost for the municipality would be just over \$16,000. \$15,000 would be reimbursed through the granting process. Right now, Steve is looking for a letter from the Town saying the Board supports the project and will come up with the up-front money and the 20% match. He's not looking for funds at this moment. The actual cost could be budgeted for in the 2012 budget. The Town would need to come up with the \$16,875 up front, \$15,000 would be reimbursed. Essentially Steve is just looking for confirmation from the involved Towns that they want to do it. Motion made/second Peter/Roberta to send a letter of agreement to the Scenic Byways committee. Carried.

Acknowledge gift received from Ridges Sanctuary – The Ridges Sanctuary has donated \$1,400 to the Town to show their appreciation for using the Town Hall. It can be used at our discretion, but we should come up with some ideas as to what to use it for, formally. Francha Barnard suggested a projector that could be used for both upstairs and the meeting room downstairs. The Board felt that was a good idea. Clerk will do some research as to what's available. Motion made/second Barb/Peter to accept the gift of \$1,400 from The Ridges Sanctuary. Carried.

Discussion on procedures for annual report mailing – Historically we have sent out the report to every property owner in the Town. Given the technology that's available, the Clerk is suggesting sending only postcards to out-of-town addresses, stating that the report is available online, and the full report to Baileys Harbor addresses. We will try it this way this year.

Discussion/update on Anclam Park project – The Board discussed the overall cost of the project and Jim asked whether the Board should go ahead with the bulkhead line ordinance. There probably wouldn't be any work begun until late summer or early fall of this year anyway. The Board felt we should go ahead and get the bulkhead line ordinance in place and at least get the permitting process started for the project, whether or not we decide to begin work this year. The ordinance will be on an agenda in the near future.

Committee reports – Chairman/Sewer – Jim shared the letter written to the RPC regarding the proposed communications tower on East Meadow Road. Sewer Department will be doing a capacity study at the Anclam Park lift station.

Barb – Town Hall/Cemetery/Parks/Historical Society – Historical Society is working with the BHCA to have a pancake breakfast at the Spring Fling festival.

Peter – Planning – Peter will be meeting with the Bike Path Steering Committee to go over the plan. Also, the Town Board should review the Implementation chapter of the Smart Growth plan.

Roberta – BHCA – They are currently working on the Spring Fling and Brown Trout Tournament. The theme for the 4th of July is “Hats Off to Our Heroes.” Kevin Egan will be requesting Room Tax money sometime within the next month.

Payment of bills - Motion made/second Roberta/Barb to pay all bills. Carried.

Motion made/second Jim/Barb to adjourn at 7:30PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk