

Town Board Meeting May 9, 2011

Donald Sitte called the regular monthly meeting of the Baileys Harbor Town Board to order at 7:00PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Donald Sitte, Barbara Anschutz, Roberta Thelen, Robert Schultz, Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff, John Hammarstrom and 21 visitors.

Clerk verified posting. Item #18 on the agenda will be eliminated and item #12 will be moved up to immediately follow the Treasurer's report. Motion made/second Bob/Peter to accept the agenda with the changes. Carried.

Accept minutes – Don will abstain from approving the April 11 Town Board minutes. Motion made/second Peter/Roberta to approve the April 11 Town Board minutes. Carried, with Don Sitte abstaining. Motion made/second Peter/Roberta to approve the remaining minutes. Carried.

Accept Treasurer Report – Lois reported that we've received about \$20,000 for the state highway aid. Everything else is moving along normally. She reminded the Board that if any of the accounts they're responsible for appear to be off, she can print a transaction detail for them to review. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to accept the report. Carried.

Discussion/decision on monetary/public safety issues with gate at Bues Point – There are some issues, one of them being cost. It's cost up to \$5,000 over the last two years. As for public safety concerns, the Fire Dept. is concerned about access to the water if there is a fire in that area. Even when the gate is opened, it makes it difficult to back a truck up for adequate access. Also, every firefighter would probably need a key in the event there is a fire during the hours the gate is closed. Either way, it delays response time. Another concern is how fisherman would get back in if they are still on the water after the 11PM close time. Don opened the topic up to for the audience to have their input. Sean Moroney mentioned another concern is launching a rescue boat during the overnight hours. John Hammarstrom gave an update as to the current status. It is ready for operation. The reason the gate is there in the first place is due to salmon fishermen launching during the early morning hours, as well as to prevent people partying in the middle of the night. There currently is no signage saying anything about noise prevention, nor is there an ordinance for it. Henry Saperstein spoke and thanked the Board for installing it and stated it has stopped all of the problems. If the gate is a problem, he suggested having an ordinance in place with some fairly substantial fines. Jim Parent stated since the Board essentially created the problem by improving the launch, he feels it should be the Board's responsibility to try to make sure it's not a nuisance. After much discussion and many ideas, it was decided to put the gate back up as soon as possible and have the town attorney draft a noise/use control ordinance for the gate. Once the ordinance is adopted, we'll discuss the matter further.

Citizen input – Don read two emails he received. One was from Lee Nordgren in regards to document shredding and electronics disposal. The second was from Nancy Miller

requesting some sort of severe weather alert system. These items will be on the next Town Board agenda.

Discuss/decide possible adjustments to personal property tax bill for Anissa Ehmke DBA Espresso Lane Coffee – Mike Walker reviewed the equipment at the shop and feels a fair assessment is somewhere between \$18,000 and \$20,000. As for the actual tax bill, Lois explained some of the options and how the Town would go about getting some of the money back from the other governing bodies, since it's already been paid out as required by state law. Of the \$344.24 that was due, \$261.39 has already been distributed to the other taxing districts. The full amount was taken off our February settlement from the County, as it was considered delinquent and therefore becomes out responsibility to collect it. The total penalty (3 months) is \$15.49. Motion made/second Don/Barb to reduce the bill to an even \$200.00 for the 2010 tax assessment year, due by May 31, 2011. Don, Barb, Bob, Roberta, aye. Peter, nay. Motion carried, 4-1.

Michael Walker – Update on sales vs. assessments – Currently, the Kangaroo Lake area is the highest assessed area of the Town. As a general rule, the assessments are holding. Since the reassessment in 2006, it's slipped about 4%, but is still acceptable. The prices haven't been slipping, but the number of sales has been. Overall we're not doing too badly.

Discussion on possible replacement for Town Assessor – Mike has decided to stay on for the 2012 year. Contract terms will be discussed at a later date.

Discuss/decide Scenic Byways grant application for Anclam Park – Steve Leonard of the Ridges Sanctuary, who has been helping the Town with grant applications, and Jim Rossol (Chair of the Parks Committee) came forward to talk about this topic. Steve has been working with the Parks Committee on the Anclam Park project and potentially getting a grant for it from the Scenic Byways program. The application is due May 24. The time limit to use the grant is about 3 years. It's an 80/20 grant opportunity and we would be applying for approximately \$392,000 for the access features of the plan, based on an estimate by Lakeshores Landscape, which included the boardwalk and parking area being done with recycled glass, which drove the cost up a bit. If approved, the 80% (or roughly \$313,600) would be reimbursed. The 20% wouldn't necessarily have to be cash, it could be volunteers or donations as well. The details of the plan can be discussed at a later time, as changes could be made, since they understand the application is based on a conceptual design. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to have Steve apply for the grant on behalf of the Town of Baileys Harbor. Carried.

Discuss/decide financing for Maintenance Building – Lois requested quotes from 2 different financial institutions as well as the State Trust Fund based on borrowing \$575,000 with a principle payment of \$57,500. A copy of the numbers is available in the 2011 Minute Book. Motion made/second Peter/Don to apply at Baylake Bank for the 7-year balloon/10-year amortization loan at 3%, rolling the existing \$80,250.00 loan into it, applying when the money is actually needed. Carried.

Consideration of possible purchase of hydraulic dredging machine – Dockmaster John Hammarstrom was present and gave a brief history of the dredging situation at the Marina as well as the current problems. The machine he’s looking at is similar to the machine that was used in 2007 and essentially sucks the sludge/sand into a giant filter for dewatering, and is then hauled away to the old Town dump. The cost of the machine is about \$85,000.00. It’s like a small pontoon boat and is roughly the size of a camping trailer. Motion made/second Don/Bob to authorize John to purchase the hydraulic dredging machine for the Marina. Carried. The cost will be added to the loan for the maintenance building. Timeline will be determined by John.

John Hammarstrom – Marina report/update on dredging/update on boat launches – The Kangaroo Lake boat launch’s pier was bent, so it will be taken out and repaired. There is also a large deep spot due to power loading that’s being looked into. The main dredging project for the Marina will be posted in the paper and around the Town for interested parties to give their estimates. We will have another meeting to award the job. It should be done within a couple of weeks. As for the Marina itself, it’s looking like it’s going to be a good season. John will have a Marina report every month, either in person or on paper.

Discuss/decide temporary class “B” beer license for Baileys Harbor Community Association during Spring Fling and Ride for Nature – Motion made/second Bob/Peter to approve the license. Carried.

Discuss/decide tent being placed on front lawn of Town Hall during Ride for Nature event – Motion made/second Don/Barb to approve placement of a tent on the lawn of the Town Hall. In future years, Barb, or whoever is in charge of the Town Hall, will simply make the approval. Carried.

Discuss/decide temporary class “B” beer license for Baileys Harbor Athlete Club – Motion made/second Peter/Barb to approve the license. Carried.

Discuss/decide taking over cost of some street lights along Hwy. 57 near Maxwellton Braes – Baylake Bank no longer wants to pay for the lighting along the highway. Lights should be kept by the main entrance and by the utility entrance on the south end of the property. It costs \$186 per month per light. Motion made/second Peter/Bob to have the town take over the two lights discussed. Carried.

Discuss/decide pay request from Peninsula Flatworks for work on Town Hall stairway – Architect is recommending approval. Motion made/second Barb/Peter to approve the pay request of \$7,470.00. Carried.

Committee reports – Chairman/Marina/Wastewater – None.

Bob – Roads – Engineer is working on the Chapel Lane project, as well as Cana Cove Road. Bob measured Cana Cove and there are certain areas where 5 feet will need to be added.

Peter – Plan Commission – Dan Krowas has resigned from the Plan Commission. Joint meeting with the Plan Commission regarding the Smart Growth Review process will be June 6th.

Barb – Town Hall/Cemetery/Parks – Peninsula Flatworks is hoping to have all concrete poured for the Town Hall stairway project by May 20th. Parks Committee has staked out the location for the bocce ball court/horseshoe pit at the Rec. Park. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to approve the location. Carried. There will be a joint meeting with the Parks Committee in the fairly near future to talk about the Anclam Park project. Plans are being put together for drains at the cemetery.

Roberta – BHCA/BHHS/Community Programs – BHCA is working on the Spring Fling. She will be attending the next BHHS meeting. For community programs, shredding day and emergency warnings will be on the next agenda. Bobby suggested looking into a community compost area, perhaps located at the old town dump (we'll also come up with a new name for that).

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

Motion made/second Don/Bob to adjourn at 8:48PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk/Administrator