

Town Board Meeting November 14, 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, Barbara Anschutz, Roberta Thelen, Peter Jacobs, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff and 4 visitors.

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

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

Accept Treasurer Report – Lois presented budgetary changes to correct overages on various accounts. There will be more changes coming in December. Motion made/second Bob/Barb to accept the Treasurer Report. Carried. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to approve the budgetary changes. Carried.

Citizen input – Carol Williams thanked Barb for the Halloween party.

Jerry Madden thanked the Board for taking the time to look into the abandonment of a small portion of Cana Cove Road. The property owners have decided not to pursue it.

Discuss/decide creation of referendum for appointment of Town Treasurer – Discussion was had as to the merits of having an appointed Treasurer rather than an elected one. This would allow the Town Board to appoint a qualified person, rather than risk someone who may not be qualified winning an election. The question would have to be at a referendum during an election. It would also not take effect until Lois' term is over. Motion made/second Roberta/Barb to create a referendum to have the Town Treasurer be an appointed position. Carried. Doug will do the research as to what steps we need to take and we'll put it on the January agenda.

Discussion/decide Maxwellton Highlands right-of-way resolution – The roads that were accepted last year are only a 50 foot right-of-way, rather than a 66 foot. We need to pass this so we can get the highway aid money for the roads. Motion made/second Bob/Peter to adopt the resolution. Discussion: This is something that we'll need to keep in mind for the future if we take over any roads. It's best to have a 66 foot road. The roads in question were built to Town specifications and they are low traveled roads with sewer within the easement. Vote taken on motion, motion carried.

Discuss/decide amendment to Resolution #04-2011, a Resolution Recognizing International Migratory Bird Day – The Ridges has changed the date of their Festival of Nature, which this day was linked to, so the resolution needs to be amended reflecting the new date. Motion made/second Barb/Roberta to amend Resolution #04-2011 with the new date. Carried.

Discuss/decide change order for extension of completion date for construction of public works building – Original date for completion was October 24. They would now like to

move it to November 18. The Board also needs to consider if we should start fining the contractor the \$500/day penalty written into the contract. There have been some extenuating circumstances so we've been somewhat lenient. Motion made/second Bob/Barb to approve the change order and begin fining \$500/day if substantial completion is not met. Carried.

Appointment of committee/commission members – Paul Kordon (Wastewater) and Jim Rossol (Parks) will accept another 3 year term. Cal Oldenburg (Plan Commission) does not want to accept a 3 year term, but will do it for 1 year. Don appointed Paul and Jim for 3 years and Cal for 1 year. We also need alternate members for the Plan Commission. Four people have come forward; Carol Williams, Christine Salmon, Gordon Rowley and Bill Nelson. Don appointed all 4 for a 3 year term, to be called-in in the order listed. They should also be encouraged to attend meetings even if they're not called-in.

Committee Reports – Chairman/Marina/Wastewater – The dredging machine is working well. There is about 7 feet of depth where there used to be three feet. There will be an Administrator Report beginning with next month's meeting.

Bob – Roads – Manholes are being lifted in preparation for plowing. Sweeping will be done soon. Ridges Road is getting mowed.

Peter – Plan Commission – Join meeting set for this Thursday, November 17 at 6 or 7. Jeff will have to be contacted again.

Barb – Town Hall/Cemetery/Parks – None.

Roberta – BHCA/Historical Society/Community Programs – BHCA met last Tuesday. The Christmas tree lighting/party will December 3 from 4PM to 5PM. Historical Society meets on Thursday. The BHCA will be putting on a community Thanksgiving dinner at the Cornerstone Pub. The meal is free to the public, with a cash bar. Roberta received an email that they are looking for help putting the Christmas trees up in town on Thursday, November 17 starting at noon.

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

Motion made/second Roberta/Peter to adjourn at 6:46PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk/Administrator