

Town Board Meeting September 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, Peter Jacobs, Barbara Anschutz, Roberta Thelen, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff and 16 visitors.

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

Accept minutes – Correction to Barb's name from the August regular meeting minutes. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to accept the minutes with the correction. Carried.

Accept Treasurer report – The second payment of property taxes has been made. The loan for the maintenance building and the dredging machine has been approved with the proceeds deposited to our account. Motion made/second Barb/Robert to accept the report. Carried.

Citizen input – Maureen McGrath asked why the new maintenance building has a septic tank instead of being hooked up to sewer. It was due to the cost involved with installing a line from the plant to the new building.

Update on 2012 dredging at Marina – Bryan Nelson and David Elliot (the two property owners directly north of the Marina) were present. One idea is to take the dredged sand and place it in front of the Dave and Bryan's property to try to remedy some of the drainage problems, since part of the permit for the Marina includes a condition that we must keep some sort of drainage opening along the north side of the north pier. Another option could be to transfer the sand to Anclam Park as it's needed for the landscaping project. Don has been in contact with Senator Cowles for possible financial aid and for assistance in working with the DNR. We will wait to hear back from the DNR and Senator Cowles. In the meantime, we'll have a special meeting at the Marina to view some of the problems first hand.

Grace Frudden – Discussion on safety on Ridges Road – Grace represents the Harbor Ridges Association. Safety is still an issue on the road. The Association would like someone from the Town Board appointed to work with them to find a solution that would address all the various concerns involved, such as safety, parking, biodiversity, etc. We will talk about this further at the next regular Board meeting in October.

Discuss/decide possible adjustments to property tax bill for Bill Cecil – Mr. Cecil had his property surveyed and it turns out his lake frontage is actually 285 feet, rather than 298 feet. Since he has been paying taxes on the higher footage for years, he is wondering if his tax bill could be adjusted. Board of Review for 2011 has been completed, so no assessment adjustments can be made. Also, since the tax bills haven't been cut, we have no idea of what the mill rate will be to base any decision on. Bill will come back once the tax bills have been completed and sent.

Discuss/decide letter of intent for Frogtown Road study – Some money has become available for a study to be completed by the Army Corps. with most, if not all, of the cost to be covered by grants. Motion made/second Bob/Peter to approve the letter of intent for the Frogtown Road study. Carried.

Discuss/decide procedures for issuance of Temporary Class “B” Beer/Wine Licenses – These licenses are commonly referred to as “picnic licenses.” Since more and more licenses of this type are being requested, it would simplify the process if the Clerk/Administrator could approve them, rather than taking them to the Board. Other towns do it this way as well. The Clerk/Administrator would consult

with legal council prior to the issuance of a license to someone who hasn't had one before and would inform the Town Chair of all licenses issued. Motion made/second Bob/Barb to allow the Clerk/Administrator to issue Temporary Class "B" Beer/Wine Licenses and inform the Town Chair when was is issued, and to consult with legal council prior to the issuance of a license to an entity who hasn't had one before. Carried.

Set dates for various upcoming meetings – Budget meeting will be November 8 at 6:00PM. Closed session for property that has been offered to the Town will be September 21 at 6:00PM. Board will meet at the Marina on September 15th at 6:00PM to look at the drainage/dredging issues.

Committee reports – Chairman – None.

Bob – Roads – Kangaroo Beach Road will be ground this week, along with West Kangaroo Lake Road in the near future as well. Mailboxes that are close to the road will be moved back at no cost to the property owner. This will help prevent snowplows from hitting during the winter. Cava Cove will be completely soon as well. All three should be completed by early October. Dark sky compliant night lighting will be installed on various streets as well.

Peter – Plan Commission – Joint meeting with the Board and Commission will be held on October 3 at 6:00PM.

Barb – Town Hall/Cemetery/Parks – Someone offered to donate money to fix the hand pump well at the cemetery. However, any work performed on it would trigger different rules by the state, increasing the cost dramatically. It will be left as-is for now.

Roberta – BHCA/Historical Society – BHCA will meet tomorrow to talk about Autumnfest. The Historical Society has another presentation on Wednesday.

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

Motion made/second Bob/Peter to adjourn at 7:17PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk/Administrator