

Annual Meeting April 15, 2014

Donald Sitte called the annual meeting to order at 7:00PM in the auditorium at the Town Hall. Present were Donald Sitte, Robert Schultz, Peter Jacobs, Roberta Thelen, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff and 47 visitors.

Accept last year's minutes – Motion made/second Mike Meulemans/Karl Klug to accept last year's minutes as presented. Carried.

Accept financial report per auditors – Lois presented the information. For the General Fund, there was new debt of \$173,000 with the purchase of the Toft House. As of the end of the year, our outstanding debt was \$959,300. We still have a fund balance/savings of \$1.34 million compared to \$1.26 million last year. \$400,000 is assigned funds for specific things such as roads, fire trucks, the Town Hall, etc. The reason our expenses are more than our revenues are due to the fact that loans are not reflected on the revenue side of things. For the Wastewater Fund, we have a net income of \$47,508, prior to non-cash depreciation. One concern in the 2012 audit was that our utility rates weren't increased. Rather than raise rates, the Town Board decided to transfer \$15,000 to the Wastewater Fund out of the General Fund. This is reviewed on annual basis. For the Marina Fund, some money was transferred from the General Fund due to the fact we had unexpected expenses with the building leaking. Don added that the auditors stated we are in outstanding shape and thanked Lois for her work. Motion made/second Howard Williamson/Jim Jennings to accept the report. Carried.

Before moving to Old Business, Don called on Bill Becker to give a report on activities at the Rec. Park. Bill is the Secretary/Treasurer of the Baileys Harbor Athlete Club. This will be the 140th year of baseball in Baileys Harbor. Besides their normally scheduled events which include Youth Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball and County League Baseball, there are both men's and women's softball teams and the soccer field gets used continuously throughout the summer by various youth groups. One thing they are looking for are volunteers to pick up soccer goals that were donated by Gibraltar. They are also always looking for volunteers for coaches and concession stand workers. Two things that are coming up this year: On July 19th, the Midwest Semi-Pro football league has scheduled to play their Championship game in Baileys Harbor; on July 26th, we will be hosting the All-Star game between the Door County League Baseball and Shoreline League Baseball. Bill thanked the Maintenance Department for keeping one of the best facilities in Northeast Wisconsin. The Door County Destroyers' first game will be in early August.

Old Business – Accept Reports as Printed – Clerk/Administrator; Doug thanked the Town's employees for the great job they do. Mark Stevenson has retired. Replacing him is Brett Guilette who formerly worked for Independent Inspections. There have been recent election law changes that Doug and his election workers will be learning about in the coming months. Don added that Mike and Sue Spitz wrote a letter to the editor thanking the Town employees, which he read aloud.

Fire Chief Brian Zak reported that they auctioned off the old brush truck and used the proceeds plus pancake breakfast money to purchase a new truck. The Fire Department appreciates the support given by the community.

Town Constable Mark Merrill reported that it was a normal year in number of calls, which included car accidents, dog bites, etc.

Harbormaster John Hammarstrom reported that the dredging is completed and they are hoping to have a deep channel. The interior of the marina was dredged with the hydraulic dredger. The lake should be up about 10 to 12 inches. A lot of reservations have been coming in so it looks like we'll have a decent year. We will be fixing the leaking problems in the building, as well as adding a roof to make it more usable. The Brown Trout Tournament is coming up on April 25-27. Launch ramps will go in on Thursday.

Motion made/second Suzanne Bauldry/John Hammarstrom to accept the reports. Carried.

New Business – Update on Town projects – Engineer Steve Parent presented. The second phase of the Anclam Park project is going to begin shortly. Some of the funding for the project is federal and unfortunately was delayed a year. The low bidder was Rass Excavating and Materials from Sturgeon Bay at about \$459,000. The grant that we have is for 80% of certain eligible items up to a max of \$217,000. Based on the bid we received, we will receive the full amount of the grant, equaling approximately 47% of the project. We're hoping to get started in the next two to three weeks and have it completed by the end of June. Recycled glass will be used in some of the walking/parking areas. It's a newer project that is environmentally friendly. A significant amount of landscaping will be done. A small seasonal boat dock will be installed for silent sport-like activities. Karl Klug asked if the jetty will be reconstructed. The shoreline itself will stay as it is, but a ten foot wide walkway will be added with an area on the end for benches, along with lighting and a fair amount of landscaping. Francha Barnard asked about the lighting. It is low-level LED lighting, approximately 42" high, facing downward. We will work closely with the electrician to make sure we have just the right amount of light. They will be on a timer. Francha also asked why all no-mow grass would be used. Steve explained that no-mow grass tends to be a little higher. Francha will get Steve some information as the no-mow grass she has doesn't get that high. John Christenson asked about the runoff problems that are still occurring. We will be reconstructing the drainage system that's there. It's possible the pipe was undersized. Harbor Construction will be replacing the pipes as soon as possible.

Historical Society Update – Suzanne Bauldry went over the programs planned for this year. On June 18, there will be a presentation on the origin and growth of the Baileys Harbor Fire Department. On July 16, there will be a program on the history of the Kiehnau family and their service station. August 21 will feature a presentation on the history of Bjorklunden and Boynton Chapel (this will be held on Bjorklunden). Finally, on September 17, the history of the Tishler family will be presented. Over the winter Kristen Peil worked on a community quilt program. It is now on display in the library and will be up for auction during Autumnfest. Kristie has also been working with the Bradley family from Egg Harbor who has an extensive collection of folk art, which is currently at the Milwaukee Art Institute. They asked the BHHS if they would like to have a fundraiser by opening their home to people to walk through and see the display. On Wednesday, June 4, a speaker from the Milwaukee Art Institute will give a presentation about the collection. A maximum of 60 people will be able to listen to the presentation at the Town Hall and then the Door County Trolley will take 15 people at a time to the Bradley home in Egg Harbor. Suzanne has also been working on digitizing cemetery records. Someone has volunteered to take

pictures of headstones, so once everything is completed, there will be a searchable database that will show the lot information along with a picture of the headstones. The Historical Society also needs members and volunteers. They are also looking forward to working with the Town on utilizing the recently purchased Toft House. The display case in the Town Hall is changed every month by Kristie Peil, currently featuring girls' basketball.

Any other business - John Christenson asked about the compost site. We're hoping to get things moving forward this summer. There was a bit of a delay due to the driveway being on DNR property, but now that that's been taken care of, we can move forward. The entrance way is going to be widened and the property will be graded. There are still things to be determined. The DNR may also want us to install a parking area.

Mike Meulemans, Vice President of the BHCA reported that Brynn Swanson is now the full time Administrative Assistant and Events Coordinator for the Association. Brynn stated she is working on growing their membership and went over the list of the events the BHCA puts on. This year, they added a Winter Carnival which went quite well. A new restaurant (Chives) will be going in to the former Restaurant Saveur. Farmer's Markets are every Sunday starting the week of Spring Fling and going through at least late September. Concerts in the Park start the last Friday in June and run through the last Friday of August.

Suzanne Bauldry asked about the Marina roof. The first advertisement for bids should be in the paper tomorrow. A pre-bid conference for contractors will be held at the Marina on April 22. The bids should be ready for the May Town Board Meeting.

Brian Zak reported that the Fire Dept. has been awarded a FEMA grant to provide free weather radios and CO detectors to residents. Postcards will be mailed out with instructions, so people should watch for that.

Terry Connelly thanked the road crews for keeping the roads clear during a very long winter.

Set date for Annual Meeting 2015 – April 21st, 7:00PM.

Motion made/second Doug Smith/Mike Meulemans to adjourn at 7:55PM. Carried.

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk/Administrator