

Town Board Meeting March 10, 2014

Donald Sitte called the regular monthly meeting of the Baileys Harbor Town Board 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, Randy Nesbitt and 21 visitors. Lois Pluff was absent.

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

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

Citizen input – Steve Leonard of the Ridges Sanctuary stated that they are finalizing the bids for construction of their new interpretive center and will keep the Town informed as the project progresses.

Consideration of Schmitz Road – Attorney Jim Downey was present along with Dennis Gordon of Blue Sky Harbor. The reason Blue Sky Harbor wanted to be on the agenda is because they need guidance as to where the Town believes the road is, both length and width, in order to know what they can do with the property surrounding it. Randy Nesbitt, attorney for the Town, stated that, as it stands, Schmitz Road is not vacated and is a 66 foot width, from Ridges Road to Harbor Lane. Attorney Downey thanked the Board.

Paul Denis of Schenck Accounting – Approve annual audit reports – Paul went through the management communication letter and annual audit report, copies of which are available upon request. The town is in excellent financial condition. There is a balloon payment on a loan that is due this year. The Town can still borrow up to \$22 million. The auditing firm is very comfortable with the approach management takes with finances. Motion made/second Roberta/Peter to accept the reports. Carried.

Del Herrbold of Rural Mutual Insurance – Discuss/decide Town insurance rates/quote – Del went through the rates for the upcoming year, copies of which are available upon request. For property insurance, there is automatic 4% increase each year. Auto and umbrella insurance went down. We will need to keep Del in the loop as the Green Site progresses as it may need to be added to our pollution policy. Motion made/second Bob/Barb to accept the insurance rates/quotes for the year. Carried.

Presentation from Door County Civility Project – Shirley Senarighi presented the information.

Door County Visitor Bureau Organizational Update – Paul Regnier and Jack Money Penny presented the information.

Brian Zak - Discuss/decide Resolution #03-2014, a Resolution in Support of Senate Bill 566 Regarding the Statewide Emergency Telecommunications System – Currently there is a 40 cent charge on each landline that goes towards the 911 system. Since so many people are getting rid of landlines and switching to cellphone only, this bill would switch that charge over to cellphone bills in order to maintain the 911 emergency systems. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to adopt resolution #03-2014. Carried.

Brian Zak – Discuss/decide Resolution #04-2014, a Resolution Authorizing Participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System – Brian Zak was present and explained that the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System would

allow the Fire Dept., in the event of a large scale incident, to pull resources from anywhere in the State of Wisconsin and surrounding states free of charge. Motion made/second Peter/Barb to approve Resolution #04-2014. Carried.

Discuss/decide on potential changes to Door County Zoning Ordinance section 3.15(6) regarding corrugated siding – This was brought to the Town’s attention by Dennis Hickey from Hickey Bros. Fisheries. They had an opportunity to build a relatively inexpensive building in order to work on boats out of the weather. However, the Town has an overlay in certain zoning districts that disallows corrugated siding in the following zoning districts: SF10, SF20, SF30, SE, CC, MC, RC and HD. Hickeys’ property is in the RC district. The overlay was passed in 1998 with the intent of preventing such buildings in the downtown area. At that time, there was no officially defined “Core Area.” The Plan Commission considered it and recommended making it a conditional use, except in the Core Area where it would be prohibited. Recreational Commercial would be allowable without a conditional use. Doug spoke with Mariah Goode at Door County Planning who expressed concerns about the conditional use aspect of it. For example, what criteria would be used by the RPC to determine if the permit should be granted? It would be much simpler to just ban corrugated sided buildings in the Core Area and make it allowable in all other areas. Motion made/second Don/Barb to apply for a text amendment, changing the ordinance to read, “Principal and accessory structures in the Core Area of Baileys Harbor, as laid out in the Town of Baileys Harbor Comprehensive Plan, shall not have pressed or corrugated metal, or corrugated fiberglass or plastic as exterior siding materials.” Carried.

Discuss/decide Application for Conditional Use Permit for Chris Warecki, Parcel Numbers 002-03-08302823C & 24A, STH 57 (no fire number assigned) – Chris was present along with Todd Haleen. They are proposing a zip-line operation on Chris’ property to the north of the downtown area. The Plan Commission recommended approval with the condition that they provide proof of inspection to the Town when the project is complete. There are four zip-lines, with the fourth being a tandem line. Motion made/second Barb/Bob to recommend approval to the Resource Planning Committee. Carried.

Update on Marina dredging and discuss/decide application for pay request for dredging – The dredging has been completed. However, due to the extreme cold weather, clean-up cannot be completed until it warms up somewhat. Motion made/second Don/Bob to approve payment of the contract, less 10%, for a total of \$35,550.00. Carried.

Discuss/decide Petition for Zoning Text Amendment from Door County regarding the “temporary use” provisions of the Door County Zoning Ordinance (section 2.07) – The County had asked for input regarding this once before. Motion made/second Peter/Roberta to recommend approval of the petition. Carried.

Clerk/Administrator/BHCA – There was no Treasurer Report tonight due to the fact that Doug and Lois are in the midst of a software conversion from Peachtree/Fundware to Workhorse WI for accounting and payroll. There is a roads workshop on April 10 in Kimberly if anyone is interested.

Chairman/Marina/Wastewater/Sidewalks – There will be a joint Marina Committee/Town Board meeting at some point after March 31 to finalize the Marina building project. Plus, we have been

awarded some grant funding for a sediment study, so we'll need to talk about that as well. Don visited the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the catwalk area is in very bad shape and will need to be replaced, so we'll be talking about that in the future.

Bob – Roads – By the end of the month, all of the new high-reflective signs will be installed. We've been awarded around \$14,000 for the Guy Street project. The Kangaroo Beach boat launch will need to be some type of pervious surface, per County requirements.

Barb – Town Hall/Cemetery – Kids activity days were a small turnout, but we think it will catch on. The biggest problem was finding volunteers to watch the kids.

Barb & Bob – Parks – The Anclam Park contract went to Rass Excavating. The color for the recycled glass was picked out.

Peter – Plan Commission – None.

Roberta – Historical Society/Community Programs – The Historical Society is working on getting their programs set for the summer months. There is someone finishing off the quilt from the quilting project. They got over 40 squares. It will be on display in the library when it's finished.

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

Motion made/second Roberta/Peter to adjourn at 8:03PM. Carried.

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

Douglas Smith
Town Clerk/Administrator