

## Annual Meeting April 21, 2015

Donald Sitte called the Annual Meeting to order at 7:00PM in the auditorium of the Town Hall. Present were Donald Sitte, Robert Schultz, Barbara Anschutz, Peter Jacobs, Roberta Thelen, Douglas Smith, Lois Pluff, attorney Amy Sullivan of Pinkert Law Firm, and 83 visitors.

Accept last year's minutes – One correction is that Barbara Anschutz was not listed in attendance, however she was here. Motion made/second Terry Goode/Bill Nelson to approve the minutes with the correction. Carried.

Accept financial report per auditors – Town Treasurer Lois Pluff presented the information. For the General Fund, we have a saving fund balance of \$1.57 million which is an increase of \$270,000 over last year. \$573,000 is assigned for specific expenses, such as road construction, fire truck replacement, sidewalks, Smart Growth, etc. As of 12/31/2014 we have outstanding debt of \$1,298,000. This is an increase of \$652,000 and was used to pay for Phase 2 of the Anclam Park project, the Marina repairs and it also refinanced the existing loan on the bar screening facilities at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Snow removal expense is over just due to the first quarter of 2014 and the amount of snow we received. The Marina is at \$114,000. This includes dredging, as well as a sediment study which is \$46,800, \$31,246 of which will come back to the Town via a grant. For the wastewater fund, there was operating loss of \$5,442 prior to depreciation. In 2014 the Board decided to transfer \$10,000 from the general fund as opposed to \$15,000 in 2013. This has been done to avoid increasing fees for sanitary services. The last increase occurred in 2011. Part of the operating loss was due to some unexpected equipment repairs, as well as extra expenses caused by the flooding that occurred over September 4 and 5. The Marina revenues are down a bit. Motion made/second Mike Meulemans/Bill Nelson to accept the financial report per auditors. Carried.

Accept reports as printed – Clerk/Administrator reported that the new office upstairs is complete. He also reported that Doris Parent and Bonnie Viste have retired from being Election Workers and thanked them for their many years of service. Anyone that is interested in being an Election Worker should contact Doug. The website will be redesigned free of charge. It will be moved to a system called WordPress which makes it somewhat easier to manipulate data.

Constable Mark Merrill reported that it was a standard year and thanked everyone for voting him back into office.

Assistant Fire Chief Eric Peil reported the FEMA grant last year provided CO detectors and weather radios to 276 homes and 25 businesses. Some new portable pumps were purchased.

Brynn Swanson, coordinator of the Baileys Harbor Community Association reported that they are moved into their new location at the Toft House. There will be a grand opening on May 8 which include appetizers, drinks and live music. Town banners will be going up where the flags were. They have the Cana Island Light house and were donated. Spring Fling weekend will be a fundraiser kickoff for the dog park, which will be called Captain Bailey's Dog Park. Everyone will be receiving the annual fireworks donation mailer in the next few weeks. One change for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July is that the parade will be running

from north to south. The official start will be from Ridges Road to Summit Road. The Rec. Park will have a trolley running back and forth so people can park out there and be dropped off downtown. Don thanked Brynn for all that she does.

Harbormaster John Hammarstrom reported that all the damage to the north docks caused by the ice has been repaired. The roof project is coming close to being finished. All ramps are operational. There are already quite a few renewals of annual slips. The fish cleaning station is up and operational so they're ready for the Brown Trout Tournament. Suzanne Bauldry asked about testing being done. Doug explained that it is a sediment study to determine how the sand flows in the harbor and if there any solutions to the sand always clogging up the mouth of the Marina.

Motion made/second Sam Perlman/Tim Tishler to accept the reports. Carried.

Town Board/Committee Reports – Don reported that there are two sidewalk projects that will be done this year. One will be in front of the Ridges Interpretive Center. In that area, the tree line will be maintained. The other area will be in front of the Marina building, where the tree line will be filled in, since the grass never grows and it's always muddy. Plus, it is a handicap accessible parking area, so it would be more convenient for wheelchair access to have it filled in.

Roberta has been working on community programs and serving as liaison to the Baileys Harbor Historical Society. Paper shredding day will be the last Saturday in June. The Green Site is now open and operational. She thanked Bob Schultz and the Public Works Employees for all of their help. There is signage that indicates where the put grass clippings and brush. There is also a mulch pile that people can utilize. For the History Society, she's glad there is such a dedicated group of people preserving and sharing Town history. There is a summary in the annual report of everything that they do and a listing of events coming up. The Community Association and the Historical Society will be sharing the Toft House. Suzanne Bauldry added the Historical Society is always looking for volunteers.

Peter reported that the Plan Commission continues to work on the Smart Growth implementation. They also review all of the conditional use applications, variance applications and zoning changes that the County would ultimately act on. They make a recommendation to the Town Board, who then makes a recommendation to the Door County Resource Planning Committee or Board of Adjustment.

Barb reported that a cemetery management program