

Town Board Meeting – August 14, 2017

Donald Sitte called the August meeting of the Baileys Harbor Town Board to order at 6:00 PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present were Donald Sitte, Peter Jacobs, Roberta Thelen, Barbara Anschutz, Haley Adams, Ray Einhorn, and 26 visitors. Bob Schultz was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Accept Minutes- Motion made/second Barbara/Peter to accept the minutes. Carried.

Treasurers Report – Note from Lois asking to approve a budget change request for \$56,000, increase to fire truck replacement fund from 2016 loan proceeds for the purpose of refurbishing fire truck in 2017. Motion made/second Roberta/Barbara to approve budget change request for firetruck replacement fund. Carried.

Accept Treasurer Report-Motion made/second Peter/Barbara to accept the report. Carried.

Citizen Input – Kari Baumann asks the board to consider for future agenda widening the walking area on County Road F. Possibly a sidewalk or widening of the road from Park Street to F/EE. This item will be placed on the September Agenda. Carl Klugg asks about the status of the AT&T cell tower conversion – currently the fiber optics are still being run to be hooked up to the tower. Paul Salm is the property owner and point of contact for the tower going forward. Don Sitte reads letter from WDOT about a project meeting concerning the resurfacing of Highway 57. The meeting for the project is on 8/22/17 at 1pm in the Town Hall. Expect road closures from 9/5/17 through June of 2018.

Consideration of adoption of a Noxious Weed Ordinance and update on Soil & Water Conservation Department's invasive species program and the next steps. Kristin Lutzke, representative of the Door County Soil & Water Conservation Department, seeking adoption of Noxious Weed Ordinance. Since the last meeting Sevastopol, Jacksonport and Liberty Grove have all implemented the ordinance this year. The current direction of DC Soil & Water with invasive species is to start relying on townships to maintain the work they have already done. Grants are becoming more competitive and support will be needed. The program has been able to continue at this point with education and outreach and has been contacting individual shoreline homeowners about noxious weed control. So far this year the invasive species team has been contacted by 35 individuals from Baileys Harbor. Kristin Lutzke spoke about the process of homeowners and Soil & Water working together to manage the process of controlling the noxious weeds. Discussion amongst the town board about costs, chemicals and contractors for the applications and treatment of noxious weeds. Also, discussion on the list of what weeds should be included in the ordinance and the verbiage of the ordinance and how it will be enforced. Adopting an ordinance would be taking over management of the noxious weed population, the DC Soil & Water will continue with education and outreach. Motion made/second Barbara/Peter to move forward with discussion and reevaluate verbiage based on previous ordinances and information to be approved at the September 7th meeting. Carried.

Discussion on workforce housing and presentation by Donn Dresselhuys and Heather Waldorf. The purpose of this presentation was to show an idea for a housing complex on town property aimed towards business owners who would like to provide housing for their employees. A packet of material concerning the specifications and possible layouts of the houses and the housing project. The specific goal of this project would be to end the employee housing shortage in the area and about one million dollars onto the tax roll. The plan presented provides detail that surmises a profitable position for local business owners who purchase individual parcels within the housing project. Houses would be furnished, winterized and accommodating approximately 4 people per dwelling. The property would be maintained by a property management group and the units would be placed on the town sewer system. The presenters are asking the town for use of town land on Summit Road. The town board agreed the next logical step for this proposal was for it to be heard by the Plan Commission at their next scheduled meeting in September.

Consideration of ATV/UTV trails – Joe Swanson presents a map of possible trails for ATV/UTV use throughout Baileys Harbor. No issues with the Door County sheriff, only concerns as to who would incur the cost of the necessary signs. Rules sheet and map presented, including wearing a helmet and a speed maximum of 25 MPH, must have working lights and a valid driver's license or safety course validation. All registrations would go through the DNR. Constable Mark Merrill suggests he sees no danger whatsoever to the safety of the town. The trail would have signs periodically throughout. Adopt for a one year trial basis under the conditions of proper legal paperwork and a new trail map. To pass at the September 7th meeting.

Consideration of replacing existing business signs on town property – the business signs are starting to approach the time when they will be in need of repair.

Set date for 2018 budget meeting and September monthly meeting, September 7th at 6pm. The regular monthly September meeting will be changed to September 7th. The 2018 budget hearing will be Monday, November 20th. The deadline for input of budget information will be due on October 16th. Meeting to finalize numbers at the working budget meeting will be on October 18th.

Committee Reports – Clerk; - Town website is being updated. Researching options for recording device for meetings.

Chair/Marina/Wastewater/Sidewalks/Personnel – Marina is doing well, tours are going well and the revenues are up. Solar panels will be fixed on the Bues Point gate for a cost of \$325, at the discretion of the electrician. Once a month road tour will be upcoming.

Bob – Roads; - absent

Bob & Barb – Parks; Town Hall/Cemetery; Floating dock at Anclam park, the water is to high currently and is undermining the concrete slab – options to move dock to Kangaroo Lake to replace old dock on Kangaroo Lake – possible new lower dock to go in at Anclam. Digging holes has become an issue at the Ridges Road beach, we should be aware of this issue going forward. Windows will be replaced in town sometime in September. Roads will be finished in the cemetery. Loads of dirt will be used to level the ground out at Brann Field. Discussion on the budget classification of Brann Field.

Peter- Plan Commission - No updates at this time

Roberta – Historical Society/Community Programs/Greensite - No updates at this time

Motion made/second Barbara/Roberta to enter into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(c) to consider performance evaluation data of a public employee over which the Town exercises responsibility, related to financial procedures and duties. enter into close session.

Roll Call: Roberta Thelen, aye. Peter Jacobs, aye. Barbara Anschutz, aye. Donald Sitte, aye. Carried.

Motion made/second Barbara/Peter to enter back into open session and continue with agenda.

Roll Call: Roberta Thelen, aye. Peter Jacobs, aye. Barbara Anschutz, aye. Donald Sitte, aye. Carried.

Consideration of recommendations from closed session. Continuing the transition of the sewer billing process to the office of Deputy Clerk.

Motion made/second Barbara/Roberta to adjourn 9:09. Carried.

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

Ray Einhorn Deputy Clerk