

**Town Meeting
For the Town of Buffalo
May 8, 2006**

Chairman called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Gene Mucciolo, Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, Fred Wollenburg
Others: Dorothy Schwochert, David Rieckmann, Charlie Church, Paul Kearns, Wesley Buss, Margarete Worthington

Agenda:

Agenda was reviewed. Jan Banicki motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Minutes were read. Fred Wollenburg motioned to accept the minutes of the Town Meeting with the change that he abstained not opposed the motion to sign the MOU for the grant for HAVA voting equipment. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was given by Jean Rataczak. Jan Banicki motioned to accept the report. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried.

Assessor & Open Book and Board of Review Dates

The assessor will match fire numbers and parcel number for us at no extra charge while doing the re-evaluation.

Open Book will be August 31, 2006 from 11 a.m. thru 7 p.m.

Board of Review will be September 21, 2006 from 5 p.m. thru 7 p.m.

Ordinance – Chapter 13 - Fence Viewing

This ordinance became effective April 15, 2006.

Planning Commission Report from May 2nd Meeting

1. Alan McReath – He has withdrawn his application when he found out he could not divide the parcel again. He will re-apply.
2. Reuben Hunter – Asked more questions about the property he wishes to develop.
3. John and Joyce Kratz – Their request to combine parcels was approved. We need to update our ordinance to address the issue of combining parcels.
4. Bunny Paul – She requested resolution to a road frontage problem that was discovered during the survey of her CSM request. No action taken.

Fire Numbers and County Zoning Department Proposal

Marquette County Zoning Department is proposing a solution to reporting new fire numbers so they are recorded on the fire number map and in the 911 system. Our options are:

Option 1 – Zoning issues the fire number only

Option 2 – Zoning issues the fire number and installs the sign. Costing \$60-\$70 each.

Option 3 – The township is responsible for fire numbers. Current cost \$50 each.

Discussion followed. Gene Mucciolo motioned that we inform the Zoning Department that we would prefer Option 2, where Zoning takes over the program. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg.

Two in favor, one abstained (Jan Banicki is on County Zoning Committee), motion passes. Gene Mucciolo motioned that Fred Wollenburg be the Town of Buffalo member appointed to the

Zoning ordinance revision committee. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carries.

Livestock Siting Law and Resolution

Sec. 93.90 of Wis. Statutes and ATCP 51 The Wisconsin Livestock Siting Law standards apply after May 1st, 2006 to “new livestock facilities over 500 animal units” and “existing livestock facilities which expand more than 20% after May 1, 2006 and will have over 500 animal units in total”. Wisconsin Towns Association has provided a sample resolution that the Town can use until an ordinance is implemented within six months or by November 1, 2006 as mandated by the State. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki will inquire as to the County’s position. Gene Mucciolo will check with other municipalities as to their position. Resolution was read allowed. Gene Mucciolo motioned to approve the resolution as written. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried.

“Dark Sky” Lighting for Town Facilities

Adams Columbia Electric Co-operative can order “Dark Sky” dusk to dawn yard lights or the kit to adapt your current mercury vapor light to “Dark Sky”. David Rieckmann and Margarete Worthington have offered to donate the money necessary to adapt the two mercury vapor lights for the Town facilities and the installation of the adapters. Discussion followed. Gene Mucciolo motioned to retrofit the two lights to “Dark Sky” at no cost to the Town in order to demonstrate the “Dark Sky” concept. This will not impact any ordinances or the comprehensive land plan. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. 2—yes and 1 opposed (Jan Banicki), motion carried.

E-commerce on the web site

Official Payments Corporation can be used to accept property taxes payments using a credit card. Columbia County is using this corporation to process credit card payments. The credit card holder will be charged 2.75% to use this method of payment. The Town will not be charged. The payment will be electronically deposited in our account. The corporation is governed by the IRS. There is no liability to the Town and no charge. Discussion followed. Gene Mucciolo motioned that we implement e-commerce payment of the first installment of property taxes through the Official Payment Corporation. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried.

Recycling of printer cartridges

We can recycle printer cartridges for town residents and collect the money like Staples and the schools. Discussion followed. Fred Wollenburg motioned that we collect printer cartridges for recycling. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried.

Voting Machines

Donna Seddon reported on the Voting Machine Workshop that she and the chief inspectors attended. Everyone was impressed and had a chance to use the machines. Some of the municipalities are talking about purchasing two machines right away. The County plans to get the selected vendor to hold the price through December 31st in case other municipalities decide to purchase a second machine after using them in the September primary and November election. There will be another meeting were the final decision on which one of the two most popular machines will be chosen. Donna Seddon will attend this meeting.

Mowing

Gene Mucciolo contacted Orla Kuhns about mowing again this year. He plans to submit a bid. Donna Seddon will put an ad in the newspaper requesting bids for mowing the Town properties this summer.

Correspondence

1. Adams Columbia Electric—We received notice that they will be conducting pole testing and there will be an herbicide application this year. Margarete Worthington is concerned that the Amish were not notified and that the notification did not explain the hazard to animals. Margarete Worthington will check for more information and report back to the Board.

Citizens and Board Concerns:

1. Longer Polling Hours -- Wis. AB64 states that the municipality will be re-imbursed for the additional expense associated with the longer polling hours.
2. New Mobile Home Regulations -- We will be investigating the new regulations for mobile homes.
3. Windows and screens for the Town Hall -- Gene Mucciolo will check on prices for custom double hung windows and screens.
4. Paneling in the Recycle Shack – Orla Kuhns will be able to fit the job into his schedule in June. The Town will need to purchase two more sheets of paneling for the ceiling.
5. Replacement laptop and printer for the Treasurer -- Gene Mucciolo and Fred Wollenburg will get prices for a new laptop and multifunction printer.
6. Marquette County History – Donna Seddon will scan and e-mail the document she found about the history of Marquette County.

Vouchers

Checks were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Fred Wollenburg to pay said bills. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried.

Set Meeting Dates: Next meeting is June 12th, 2006 at 7 pm.

Business Concluded. Motion to adjourn by Jan Banicki. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk