

**Town Meeting
For the Town of Buffalo
June 12, 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, Wesley Buss, Margarete Worthington, Scott Urwitt, Bea Weiss, Jason Minnema, Melissa Minnema, Jeff Riddle Sr., Jeff Riddle Jr., Colleen Riddle, Brenda Landsverk, Paul Landsverk

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

Dates have been changed to:

Open Book will be September 21, 2006 from 11 a.m. thru 7 p.m.

Board of Review will be October 16, 2006 from 5 p.m. thru 7 p.m.

Liquor License and Operator License Approval

Wilderness Campgrounds has completed the application and submitted the fee. Fred Wollenburg motioned to accept Wilderness Campgrounds' application for a Class A Beer License. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. 2-Yes, 1-Abstained(Jan Banicki), Motion carried

Mowing Bids

Bids were opened and read. Bidders were:

K&M Lawn Mowing	\$35.00 weekly plus tax \$1.93
Paul & Chris Kearns	\$55.00 weekly
Jeff Riddle	\$40.00 weekly
Orla Kuhns	\$31.25 weekly or \$500.00 per season

Jan Banicki motioned to accept the lowest bidder, Orla Kuhns. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried. The Clerk will contact all bidders.

Room Tax Report

The Town submitted \$68.84 that was collected from Wilderness Campgrounds.

Bea Weis stated that she has had complaints because she has to charge 5.5 for sales tax and 4.5 for room tax, which is a total of 10 percent. Discussion followed regarding what the Commission is doing with the money.

Planning Commission Report from May 23rd Meeting

1. Marguerite Worthington has resigned from the Plan Commission.
2. Allen McReath Requests
 - a. Parcel #002-009546—Request for division of 40 acres into four lots. The house and buildings on 7.4 acres and three vacant lots divided into 9.1; 7.5; and 16 acres.
 - b. Parcel #002-00952—Request for division of 16 acres into three 5.3-acre lots and an easement for lots 3 & 4 of Parcel #002-009546.

The second request does not meet the Land Division requirements of 35 acres. Floor opened for discussion from residents on both sides of Parcel #002-00952. ATC has rented the old gravel pit for two years, which has increased traffic on 12th Road. The road is narrow and dangerous at the corner of Grouse & 12th and it is hard to see traffic on Bagley Hill. Traffic has also increased due to Link’s Greenhouse. Brenda Landsverk submitted a letter of objection. Jason and Melissa Minnema expressed their concerns for their children’s safety and their objection to the easement road that would run the length of their north property line.

This area on 12th Road is part of the 20-year plan for residential expansion, but these two land divisions will create a subdivision. Discussion followed.

Jan Banicki motioned to approve the CSM of Parcel #002-009546. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried.

Gene Mucciolo motioned to deny the CSM of Parcel #002-00952 due to the request for a variance to the ordinance parcel size, increase traffic, and increase density of houses. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. 2-Yes, 1-Abstain(Jan Banicki), Motion carried.

3. Shoreline Variance for Hammett, N358 13th Road.

Fred Wollenburg reported that the County Zoning Board of Adjustments heard the concerns. The request was to build a 28x60 foot home, which required a highway and shoreline variance because of the size of the existing lot. Variances were granted although the house must be reduced to 24x60 foot.

Road Tour with Highway Commissioner – 2006 Road Repairs

Gene Mucciolo presented the estimate for repairs. Discussion followed.

ROAD REPAIR ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
Road Repair	
13th Rd., CTH O to 14th Rd.	\$70,000.00
18th Ct. (gravel)	6,000.00
Gillette Ave (gravel - Buchanan)	4,000.00
Culvert	
Grouse & 13 th	2,000.00
Signage	
Various	337.56
Shouldering	
All listed on Tour, including Barry Rd.	4,000.00
TOTAL ESTIMATE	\$86,337.56

Jan Banicki motioned to accept the final list of road repairs. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried. Gene Mucciolo will send a letter to the Highway Commissioner authorizing the repairs approved by the Board.

Highway 22 Wayside

Tom Van Beek will meet with the Town Board to see if the Town of Buffalo can take over ownership of the Wayside. David Reickmann wrote to Senator Olson requesting the State to open the wayside without restrooms. Since this wayside was created through a grant from LAWCON, they may require restrooms. The State has received many letters of complaint requesting that they reopen the wayside.

Revision to Chapter 4 – Mobile Homes, Manufactured Homes and Recreational Mobile Homes

Item J has been added classifying modular homes like the Park Model. The revision will be posted for at least 14 days.

Recodification - Room Tax Ordinance

Gene Mucciolo will submit recodification at a future meeting.

Proposed Revision to Chapter 9 – Health & Sanitation

Gene Mucciolo will submit a revision at a future meeting.

Livestock Facility Siting Ordinance

Fred Wollenburg will submit a draft at a future meeting.

Laptop Prices

Prices will be reviewed next month. Donna Seddon to check for laser printer pricing and availability.

State Voter Registration System, Municipal Data Requirements

SVRS is requiring road ranges. We will have more information as we receive our GPS mapping. We may have to contact Jerry Smart and the school districts for more information.

Correspondence

1. Marquette County Tourism Commission – 2005 Annual Report. The Commission has not decided how to spend the money collected.
2. UW Poverty Program – Information handed out to those who may be interested.

Citizens and Board Concerns:

1. Emergency/Disaster Resolution—Resolution read. Jan Banicki motioned to accept the resolution as read. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, Motion carried.
2. David Reickmann commends the Board, Clerk and Treasurer for all they work they do.
3. Tree Grant – Fred Wollenburg reported that he has nothing new to report.
4. Fire Signs – Residents will be billed \$50.00 each for fire signs.
5. Board of Review – Marguerite Worthington will continue her role on the Board of Review.
6. Wilderness Campgrounds Event for Cancer—July 2, 2006 11AM thru 5 PM

Vouchers

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

Set Meeting Dates: Next meeting is July 10th, 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