

**Town Meeting
For the Town of Buffalo
November 13, 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, Jackie Gessner, Randy Harden, Mark Slabosheski, Craig Cartwright, Robert Wilcox, Nancy Wertti, Charley Church, Brook Hayes, Tony Steffen

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Fred Wollenburg motioned to accept the minutes. 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.

ATV Club Presentation

Randy Harden, Mark Slabosheski, Craig Cartwright, Bob Wilcox, Tony Steffen and Brook Hayes were present representing Wisconsin ATV and its various local clubs. The Town was asked if it was receptive to ATV routes and trails. Randy Harden explained about the ATV club and who the typical rider is (usually around 40 years old). Time limits can be set although night riding is not a usual occurrence like snowmobiling is. Discussion followed. The Town will contact the ATV club after it has had time to have feedback from the Town residents.

County Variance Request Hearing, Dec 4th for Hammetts, 13th Rd.

Jackie Gessner addressed the Board and audience explaining the variance requests and displayed pictures. (The Town of Buffalo has denied the latest building permit requests pending the outcome of the Public Hearing of the Marquette County Board of Adjustment on December 4th, 2006.)

a. Placement of a boathouse/garage at a reduced setback to the ordinary highwater mark of Knights Lake and the centerline of a town road.

The last variance request for a larger house (24' x 52') was approved by the Marquette County Board of Adjustments if the boathouse was removed or destroyed due to the impervious surface restriction. Jackie Gessner explained that the boathouse/garage was in good shape and she would like to move it on a cement slab next to the house to give them additional storage. The cement slab is already installed due to a contractor error. Discussion followed concerning the encroachment to the road setback and the reasoning for the request.

b. Construction of a deck at a reduced setback to Knights Lake.

The side of the house that faces the lake has three sets of patio doors and one utility door. Jackie Gessner explained that they would like to build an 8' x 52' deck to allow safe egress from that side of the house. Discussion followed concerning the encroachment to the high water setback.

In both discussions, Jackie Gessner was asked questions that concerned the multiple variance requests and questioned the lack of planning or lack of construction information provided at earlier variance request meetings. Runoff and erosion into the lake was a concern as these requests would exceed the impervious surface restriction not with standing the problems that could arise from further road setback encroachment.

Fred Wollenburg motioned that the Town Board recommend to the Marquette County Board of Adjustment to not grant any additional variance requests for this property. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried.

Interested Town residents were told that they could attend the December 4th, 2006 Public Hearing to express their concerns.

The Town will look into proposing an ordinance that will address variances to the Land Plan.

Emergency Fire Number Signs – Special Assessment

Gene Mucciolo and Jean Rataczak explained that fire signs are not installed for the entire Town and we would be assessing this year's tax bills for work not yet completed. Fire signs were created for parcels that may no longer contain improvements. Our GIS maps will be complete by December, 2006 and we will be able to use them to help resolve some of these questions. Therefore this will be a project for 2007.

Joint Fire District Meeting, Oct. 30th

The Joint Fire District will be purchasing a new fire truck in 2007. We will be billed our portion of the purchase based on the current formula. Discussion followed.

Proposed 2007 Budget

Gene Mucciolo explained the proposed 2007 Budget. The levy should be 5% less than last year. Jan Banicki motioned to recommend the proposed budget to the Public Budget Hearing and Special Meeting of the Electors on November 16th, 2006. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Revision to Chapter 9 – Health & Sanitation

The revised ordinance is in effect since October 15, 2006.

Proposed Revision of Chapter 10 – Subdivision/Land Division Ordinance

The revised ordinance was presented and discussed. Jan Banicki motioned that we accept the revision and post the ordinance for 14 days. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. All in favor, motion carried.

Proposed Ordinance of Chapter 15 – Livestock Facility Siting Ordinance

The proposed ordinance has been posted. Discussion followed. Fred Wollenburg motioned to accept the ordinance effective December 15th, 2006. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried.

Correspondence

- a. Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation Safe Routes to School Session Schedule.
- b. Veolia Environmental Services (formerly Onyx Waste Services) would like to provide the Town a proposal for our waste and recycling. Donna Seddon will contact them.
- c. Accurate Appraisals is requesting business cards for Craig Sheppard, a Make a Wish recipient. Jan Banicki will collect business cards at Woods and Goods. She will mail them to the indicated address.

Citizens and Board Concerns

- a. Marquette County Zoning Survey has only received five responses and cancelled the November 15th meeting. Discussion followed.
- b. Marquette County NOW -- The next meeting will be December 7th, 2006. We will be in the new passport and on the WI Travel web site.
- c. E-mail from Erik Brynildson. He would like the Town to enact an ordinance banning "shining". The DNR Bureau of Wildlife Management has refused to support a ban. The Fountain Lake Farm has been harassed by "shiners". Discussion followed. This issue is turned over to the Plan Commission for review.
- d. November Election E-mail from Donna Seddon-- We had 416 voters. 220 were paper ballots and 196 machine ballots. 233 were new registrations. Rewiring of Town Hall— bids to be requested. Request for two new tables—granted. New sign for Town Hall— Jean Rataczak to find out the price for the new Montello Town Hall sign. New furnace— check into options and present bids at the April Annual Meeting. Replacing outhouse -- Fred Wollenburg to get bids from Amish. Telephone with local service—Donna Seddon to check with local provider.
- e. December Tax letter -- Board to review and submit changes and corrections.

Vouchers

Checks were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Jan Banicki to pay said bills with the exception of the \$84,000 Highway invoice until we have more information. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. All in favor, motion carried.

Set Meeting Dates: Next meeting is Monday, December 18th, 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