

**Town Meeting  
For the Town of Buffalo  
December 18, 2006**

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

Present: Gene Mucciolo, Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, Fred Wollenburg  
Others: Joe Dedrick, David Rieckmann, Steve Raab, MaryAnne Raab, Charlie Church, Wesley Buss, Margarete Worthington

Agenda:

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

Minutes:

Jan Banicki motioned to accept the minutes. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. 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.

Revisions to Chapter 10, Subdivision/Land Division Ordinance

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

Proposed Revisions to Chapter 8 – Citation Ordinance

Chapter 8 – Citation Ordinance will be reviewed at the January Meeting.

Proposed new ordinance: Chapter 1 -- Administration

Chapter 1 will be reviewed at the January Meeting.

Chapter 9 – Health and Sanitation Ordinance, violations

Gene Mucciolo will wait until after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 to send out the letters siting violations. David Rieckmann addressed the Board and the audience in reference to the trash that is found on our roadways. He showed the trash that he picked up on Grouse and 13<sup>th</sup> Roads.

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative – Approve blanket highway permit

Gene Mucciolo motioned to approve and sign the highway permit. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. All in favor, motion carried.

Road Sign Request for 13<sup>th</sup> Ave at Mulherns Lake: No Parking and Curve

Gene Mucciolo explained the request for the signs since the road is busier because more houses have been built on the curve. Discussion followed. This request was tabled for further review.

Objection Requests to Real Property Assessment

1. Gary E. Napralla and Jamie M Todd 2005 Refund of Taxes. This was approved in December, 2006 and the Town submitted a PC-201 requesting refunded taxes due to an assessor error. November 9, 2006 the request was denied. Donna Seddon, Town Clerk, contacted the Department of Revenue for an explanation of the denial and was told that our assessor did not file a PA-100 in May or June. Accurate Appraisal, LLC. was

contacted for an explanation. Accurate Appraisal has contact the Department of Revenue for more information as they have filed the correct form. This matter will be tabled until the January Meeting.

2. John Goetz submitted a claim for re-imbusement of taxes for 2004 and 2005 on tax parcels: 002-00626-0000; 002-00632-0000; 002-00612-0000 and 002-00641-0000. These parcels were corrected at Open Book and had been incorrectly taxed for some time. The State of Wisconsin, Department of Revenue reviewed the information and denied re-imbusement of back taxes because this request does not meet the definition of palpable error as stated in State Statute #70.433. The request is deferred to the Town Board. Jan Banicki motioned to deny the request for re-imbusement of taxes for 2004 and 2005. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. All in favor, motion carried.
3. Shane V. and Donna L. Dedrick parcel #002-00317-0003. Shane Dedrick is requesting a correction to his 2006 taxes under the Sailor and Soldier Relief Act. He was unable to attend the Open Book or Board of Review as he was deployed in Kuwait. Accurate Appraisal stated that changing the classification to this parcel would change the assessed value of \$32,000 to \$10,300. Gene Mucciolo motioned to approve the request and change the assessment to \$10,300 which would affect the levy in 2007. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried. The Town Clerk will write a letter of explanation to Shane Dedrick and the County Treasurer.

#### Plan Committee – 2007 Project, discussion

Fred Wollenburg reported on the Marquette County Board of Adjustment meeting for the Hammett variance request. The variances were denied. Discussion followed. If we make the Town ordinances stronger than the County Zoning, we can deny County variance decisions. The Plan Commission will meet Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 to review the January 24<sup>th</sup> County Zoning Meeting recommendations.

#### Correspondence

- a. Montello Joint Fire District 2007 Proposed Budget – Discussion followed.
- b. Marquette Now Letter of accomplishments.
- c. Healthy Communities Health Youth – Jan Banicki will contact this organization for more information.
- d. Accurate Appraisal, LLC. – Contract for renewed assessment services. These services will be put out for bid.
- e. American Transmission Company – Information on their 10 year plan.
- f. Green Lake Area Animal Shelter, Ltd. – Contract agreement to become the Town of Buffalo's Animal Control Agent. Gene Mucciolo will contact them for further information.
- g. Marquette County Timber Permit for William C. Kempley. A copy will be sent to the assessor.

#### Citizens and Board Concerns

- a. Recycle Center – Dorothy is out of town for the holidays and it is too late to put up signs saying the Recycle Center is closed. Gene Mucciolo will open and take care of the Recycle Center on 12/23/06.
- b. Sign for Town Hall -- Jean Rataczak reported that the new sign for the Town of Montello was purchased from the Highway Department. Gene Mucciolo will contact the Highway Department to see how much it would cost for us to get a similar sign and what colors they are available in.
- c. Bulletin Board -- Roger will be making a new bulletin board for the Town Hall larger than the current bulletin board.

- d. Property Tax Refunds -- Jean Rataczak asked if the Board would approve presigning some check in advance for refunds. There will be a lot of refunds this year because of re-evaluation. Refunds will be given to those that were paid with a bank's cashier check from an escrow account. Motion made by Gene Mucciolo to give up to twenty refunds before the next meeting and to voucher the rest for the January meeting. Seconded by Jan Banicki. Motion carried with two yes and one no (Fred Wollenburg).
- e. ATV Information – More discussion on ATVs will occur in January.
- f. Telephone in Town Hall – Cost were presented to the Town Board. Discussion followed. Fred Wollenburg motioned to install a telephone with limited local calling and to re-imburse for a local inside installer. Seconded by Jan Banicki. All in favor, motion carried.

#### Vouchers

Checks were presented and discussed. Motion was made by Jan Banicki to pay. Seconded by Gene Mucciolo. All in favor, motion carried.

Set Meeting Dates: Next Town Meeting is Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 7 pm.  
Plan Commission Meeting is Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at 7 pm.

Business Concluded. Motion to adjourn by Gene Mucciolo. Seconded by Fred Wollenburg. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk