

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
November 14, 2007**

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

Present: Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, Fred Wollenburg, Mary-Anne Raab
Others: Wesley Buss, Dorothy Schwochert, David Rieckmann, Bob Brockway, Margie Brockway

Agenda:

Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Minutes:

Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the October 15th Public Budget Hearing minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the October 15th Special Meeting of Electors minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the October 15th Town Meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to accept the November 6th Joint Meeting minutes with the following change to: Discuss the development of an RFP last line of the first paragraph to read, "It would require 2-3 meetings at a minimum cost of \$4,500 on the low end to \$12,300 on the high end." All in favor, motion carried.

Finance Reports

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer's report. Donna Seddon gave the budget report. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to accept the finance reports. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's bond: discussion

Several villages and the Town of Packwaukee are electing to not take out the \$250,000 bond for the Treasurer. The bond cost is \$165.00 per year. Discussion followed. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to continue to bond the town treasurer. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of election workers for 2008-2009

The following names were submitted as election workers for 2008-2009: Doris Smith, Chief Inspector; Mavis DeWitt, Chief Inspector; Wesley Buss, Chief Inspector; John Furman, Phyllis Turner, Joan Bluhm, Beverly Wadding-Cuff, and Bradley Bennett. The Marquette County Clerk plans to have a training session for all election workers sometime in January 2008. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve the election workers list for 2008-2009. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Flag Fire Sign Billing

Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to add a special assessment to the 2007 tax bills of \$50 for new flag fire signs for all appropriate parcels. All in favor, motion carried.

Assessor's Contract

Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. offered to rollover their contract at the same price of \$6500 for 2008 or we can put the contract out for bids. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to rollover the contract for Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. for 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

WTA-County Towns' Meeting Report

Fred Wollenburg reported on the WTA meeting. Discussion followed. The next WTA County meeting will be in Neshkoro on April 28th, 2008

Joint Fire District annual meeting report

Fred Wollenburg reported on the annual meeting. Apportionment between the five municipalities was discussed at the meeting. The current apportionment percentages will remain the same. The new fire truck purchase will be partially funded by a grant and therefore the portion each municipality will pay will be reduced. The first partial billing to each municipality will occur in December of 2007 with the balance due in 2008. Our December 2008 partial payment should be about \$12,000 with the balance to be determined. The second fire truck is scheduled for replacement sometime between 2010 and 2012. Discussion followed. Donna Seddon suggested that we update our Emergency Service Ordinance to allow us to forward emergency bills that we are unable to collect to the municipality where the owner resides if they are part of the Joint Fire District.

Hwy 22 Wayside update

Jan Banicki handed out email correspondence from Marquette County to the DOT detailing the progress of taking over the ownership of the wayside. It is hoped that all the red tape will be completed before spring.

Review annual tax letter

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the annual tax letter with an addition to the credit card statement to read "A convenience fee will be charged." and to distribute the tax letter with the 2007 tax bills. All in favor, motion carried.

Communications and Correspondence

- Marquette County Zoning—The letter requests further comments on the changes to the County Zoning Ordinance. Fred Wollenburg will contact Tom Onofrey with our comments from 4/2/07.
- Marquette County Economic Development—The letter requests that we budget \$200 instead of \$100 for 2008. Our budget is already approved for \$100 for MCED for 2008. Discussion followed concerning a request for a report on their 2007 achievements.
- Lamers' Bus Lines—They are requesting that we have branches at the corner of 13th Road and Gillette Road trimmed back. Fred Wollenburg will investigate the complaint.
- Green Lake Area Animal Shelter—Donna Seddon will send a letter to them informing them that our Town participates in Marquette County's animal control.
- Edison-West Liquor Corporation—They are requesting a listing of businesses that are bars/taverns, restaurants, and stores that sell liquor or wine in our municipality. We will not respond.

- Independent Inspections, Ltd—This is a copy of a letter sent to Alva Miller, W2760 CR-CM, Pardeeville informing them that they did not obtain an uniform building permit for the double wide classroom. All work is to stop and no human occupancy can occur without compliance.
- Wisconsin Towns Association—We were told that we could increase our levy to 3.86% this year. Our levy is already approved with a 2% increase.
- Timber Permit for Whirry Land Company LLC.
- DOT request for information forwarded to the County Highway Department.
- WTA, Marquette County--Annual dues bill of \$10.

Town Zoning Plan Discussion

Tom Onofrey will be at the December Town Meeting to answer our county zoning questions.

Citizen and Board Concerns

- Trimming/removal of trees, brush, and junk—Wesley Buss has requested that an old dead tree be removed from the town road near him. We have had several complaints about junk at two locations—N876 County Road F (corner of O & F) and N485 Fox Drive. Discussion followed. Fred Wollenburg will look into removal of the tree in 2007 if our budget permits. The junk problems are on a list to be addressed.

Review and Approve Vouchers

The vouchers were presented and discussed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to pay said vouchers. All in favor, motion carried.

Affirm next Meeting Date

The next Town Meeting will be Monday, December 10th, 2007 at 7 pm.

Business Concluded

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk