

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
February 11, 2008**

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, David Rieckmann, Charlie Church, Bill Robicheau, Joel Burbach, Wayne Beahm

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 Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the Town Meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance Reports

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer's report. Jean Rataczak reported that that our CD for Fire Fund II has matured. Discussion followed as to interest rates and options. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to rollover the mature CD into another 5 month 4% CD offered by 1st National Bank . All in favor, motion carried. The Treasurer will set up an account with the State of Wisconsin for a LGIP account that may offer better interest when the new CD matures.

Donna Seddon gave the budget report. Discussion followed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the finance reports. All in favor, motion carried.

Application for private airport site – Bill Robicheau

Bill Robicheau presented his request for a private airport site off of 14th Road. He does not fly in the winter, his three airplanes are hangared in Portage, and his use would be about 5 times per summer. The land was originally cleared due to oak wilt. The flight path does not extend over the Rustic Road. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve a restricted and limited use private airport (Grassroots Airport, Montello, WI. Study #WI-AE-08-07) for Bill Robicheau. All in favor, motion carried.

Review of recycle center attendant job description

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to add a 50 lb. weight lift requirement, the word "police" to the description, and to approve the attendant job description. All in favor, motion carried.

Fire District update

The Town of Shields wants to leave the Joint Fire District and doesn't want to pay their portion of the new fire truck. Discussion followed. This will be on the agenda for the next Joint Fire District meeting.

Citations update

Charlie Church update the Town Board as to the status of the citations issued to Shirley J. Dieckow and Dean Schwersinski. Dean Schwersinski will be granted 90 days to bring his

premises in compliance. Shirley J. Dieckow will meet with Charlie Church for a pretrial conference on March 3, 2008 at 10 a.m.

Marquette County Zoning Revision update

Fred Wollenburg attended the meeting and reported that some fine tuning will be done to the County Ordinance revisions but it is fairly set now.

Trailer Court Assessment processing

Donna Seddon and Jean Rataczak explained the hours that go into billing and collecting the mobile home fees. Both are requesting to be compensated. This request is tabled until the annual meeting.

Mowing bids due April 1, 2008 to be opened at April Board Meeting

The Town Clerk is asked to request bids for lawn mowing to be opened and awarded in April.

Grant for tourist welcome center/other facilities at the wayside

The grant application was not completed. Marquette County Development and Jim Thalacker, County Clerk are requested to send the application to Karen Wollenburg to complete.

Correspondence

- County Road B Cemetery—An inquiry was received questioning the Town's position on taking over the cemetery. The cemetery has a cemetery committee and plots are sold. Discussion followed.
- Hwy 22 Wayside—A letter to the editor of the Portage Daily Register complained that the wayside was a waste of taxpayer's money. The wayside was not purchased but given to Marquette County.
- Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative—Request for highway permit for the 2008 construction year. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to grant permission to Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative. All in favor, motion carried.
- DNR—We received a letter telling the Town that the Charles Church property would be sprayed for gypsy moths. Discussion followed.
- Century Tel—A request for a highway permit for the 2008 construction year. Fred Wollenburg will ask for more information.

Citizen and Board Concerns

- Accident at Recycle Center—Donna Seddon was contacted on Feb. 7th by Jeff Rataczak, who was operating the County plow on Cty. Rd. O, reporting that a Green Arbor truck encountered icy road conditions on the curve and slide into our dusk to dawn light and pole. The pole was sheared off and the light destroyed. Jeff would report it to the County Highway Department. The driver was to report it to his company. Our insurance company will be notified.
- DOT – There are grants available for bike and pedestrian improvements to roads.
- Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance – A survey was sent inquiring about room tax in our Town. Discussion followed.
- Rural Planning Commission Meeting—Joel Burbach, David Rieckmann, and Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Beahm expressed their opinions over the current use of John Muir Park by the Bow Benders Archery Club.
- Information requested for – Voting machine and paper back-up, new burning permits, and gypsy moth spraying. Discussion followed.

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, March 10th, 2008 at 7 pm.

Business Concluded

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

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk