

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
June 9, 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: Jim Weinmann, Andrew Schwingle, Jon Mast, Wes Buss, Charlie Church, Joel Burbach, Phil Trahms, Jane Trahms, Merry Larkin, David Larkin, Margarete Worthington

Agenda

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

Minutes

Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the May 12th, 2008 meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to accept the May 28th, 2008 meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Fred Clark – 42nd District Representative to Assembly Candidate

Fred Clark spoke on why he wanted to run as a candidate and the issues that are most important to him. He has been employed or owned his own business in the forestry and conservation field for 19 years. He would like to see a change in how schools are funded, explore intelligent development, and change the property tax structure.

Finance Reports

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer's report. Donna Seddon gave the budget report. Discussion followed.

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the finance reports as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Buffalo Township Zoning Update

Fred Wollenburg briefly outlined the general consensus of the meeting and the general public's concerns. There is a need for more information to the public. Discussion followed.

Citations Update

- A. Dean Schwersinski – Mr. Schwersinski was not present but Fred Wollenburg reported that he has made substantial head way in cleaning up the junk. He has until June 30th, 2008 to complete cleaning up the junk. This will be on the next agenda for the final report.
- B. William and Shirley Dieckow – The County has the tax deed for the property. There were no bidders at the sale. It is slated for sale in September. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to cancel the outstanding citation on the Dieckow property. All in favor, motion carried. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to send a letter to the County Property Committee requesting that the County clean up the property. All in favor, motion carried.

Rustic Road Update

George Nickolas of the Rustic Roads Board informed Fred Wollenburg that they will pay for the Rustic Road signs. Fred Wollenburg suggested that we send letters to Ron Kerl, David Boehm, and Margarete Worthington asking them if you could use their donations to pay for the installation of the Rustic Road signs by the Highway Department.

US Cellular—Cell Tower request

Jim Weinmann, project planner, and Andrew Schwingle, engineer, of US Cellular explained that they would like to install a cellular tower near 16th and Gillette at a height of 250 feet high. Our ordinance allows a maximum height of 160 feet. A variance can be requested but they must prove that the additional height is required. US Cellular will begin the process of creating documents explaining their request for additional height and provide a coverage map. The Town of Buffalo will contact the Wisconsin Town's Association for suggested engineers that specialize in cellular towers and communications.

Questions and Answers

- A. Will the new cellular tower support data? It is not know if a provider will request space on the tower to provide wireless internet service.
- B. What is the risk factor to nearby homes? The risk is low due to the type of transmission.
- C. How long will it take to get an independent evaluation? It will take a few days to get the data together and then 3-6 weeks to get an independent evaluation.
- D. Do the adjacent landowners have to approve the site? After an application is submitted, the adjacent landowners will be notified by the Town Clerk of the application, the date of the meeting concerning the application, and to submit any objections.
- E. Who gets paid for the lease of the land for the cellular tower? The landowner. Adjacent landowners do not get any payment.
- F. Do towers tip over? It is rare that they will tip over as they are engineered not to fail.
- G. What are the required conditions of the land for this cellular tower? Flat land that provides an eight mile directional site. The focus is on drivers not residential homes.
- H. Whose property is the preferred site? The John Mast property.
- I. Can other carriers ask for a cellular tower site? Yes, but the ordinance states that other carriers must use the cellular tower site already in use or provide evidence of other requirements. The steel cost about \$100,000 and the foundation costs \$325,000.
- J. How long are the leases usually? 25-30 years
- K. How bright are lighted towers? Equivalent to a 60 watt incandescent light bulb.
- L. What is the difference between the lights available? It is unknown what the options will be until the FAA makes a determination.
- M. What are the lease payments for a cellular tower? \$500 - \$1800 per month.
- N. Will the entire Town be covered by this tower? It will require one more tower to cover the entire Town.

Liquor License Applications

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to accept and approved the liquor license of R & R Woods and Goods, and Wilderness Campgrounds, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.

Use of Town Hall and fee schedule

Joanie Kreiser and Jean Frels are requesting the use of the Town Hall for a craft fair; and Margarete Worthington and Joel Burbach are requesting the use of the Town hall for a movie night about growing local foods that will increase agriculture and jobs in our area. Discussion followed. Rural Insurance, our insurance carrier, requires that the user have a liability policy to cover any damage. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion that for profit use would require a \$25 nonrefundable user fee and proof of liability insurance. All in favor, motion carried. Donna Seddon, clerk, volunteered to schedule events and designate the key holder.

Ordinance Updates

- A. Building Setbacks—We need to clarified building setbacks on existing property. A Land Use Planning Meeting will be scheduled.

Correspondence

- A. Stafford Rosenbaum, LLP representing the Town of Shields — Fred Wollenburg updated the Town as to the May 14th Montello Joint Fire District Meeting. Charlie Church was asked to check if the lawyers representing the Town of Shields still require us to provide copies of our records.
- B. Marquette County Health Department — Information on the Tobacco Free Coalition.
- C. Doris Smith letter – Provided a list of all the volunteers of material, equipment, and labor to install the new flower bed in front of the Town Hall.
- D. DOT—Biennial local road report.

Citizen and Board Concerns

Concerns were addressed in the questions and answer time regarding the cellular tower.

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, July 14th, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Open Book – Thursday, July 17th, 2008 at 4-6 p.m.

Land Use Planning Meeting will be Tuesday, July 29th, 2008 at 7 p.m.

Board of Review – Tuesday, August 5th, 2008 at 6-8 p.m.

Town Picnic –Saturday, August 9th, 2008 at Noon.

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