

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
September 8, 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: David Rieckmann, Dorothy Schwochert, Jerry Lynch, Kent Stone, Caren J. Riemann, Charlie Church

Agenda

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

Minutes

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to accept the August 11th, 2008 meeting minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Finance Reports

Jean Rataczak gave the Treasurer's report. Discussion followed.

Donna Seddon gave the budget report. Discussion followed.

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

Recommendations from Land Use Planning Commission

- a. Gerald Lynch – Land Combination
 1. Gerald Lynch presented the land combination that he is requesting. The Land Use Planning Committee recommends approval to the Town Board. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve the land combination. Discussion followed. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Kent Stone – Mobile Home Replacement at W405 Stollfus Drive
 1. Kent Stone presented his request for a Land Use Application to replace an existing mobile home with a manufactured home. The Land Use Planning Committee recommends approval to the Town Board. Jan Banicki, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve the land use application. Discussion followed. All in favor, motion carried.

Foreclosure Update

- a. Weynand Island – The Town received a notice from the County that this property and the Shirley Dieckow property are for sale with the bids to be opened October 6th. Fred Wollenburg reported his observations of the island and its bird life.

Joint Fire District Update

The October meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled. Discussion followed concerning the current status regarding the Town of Shields paying their bills to the Joint Fire District. A

letter from Miller and Miller attorneys for Frank Breitenbach was received informing the Town of his position concerning the removal of records from the City Hall. Discussion followed. No action taken.+

Highway Budget Update

The completion of the designated road repair for the Town has been delayed due to the repair of the flooded roads and the completion of the new parking lot in the City of Montello. There appears to be some confusion concerning the location of the repairs completed for \$34,715.11 bills that were received this month. Fred Wollenburg and Donna Seddon will arrange a meeting with Ron Sell, Highway Commissioner.

Recycle Center Maintenance

- a. Repair of dusk to dawn light and light pole – Mary-Anne Raab states that it is still on the Adams-Columbia Electric community project list to do.
- b. New sign explaining after hours dumping – Fred Wollenburg will talk to the Highway Department about the cost of a sign.
- c. Town Outhouse status – Bill Barth was not present to advise the Town as to the condition of the outhouse.

Correspondence

- a. Notice of timber Cutting in MFL—Dennis Pederson
- b. DNR—Managed Forest Law petitions for Jeffrey Bender and Linda L. Wolsdorf.
- c. State of Wisconsin—County Equalization Report.
- d. Marquette County Treasurer—Illegal chargeback from US Fish & Wildlife Service for \$69.03 that our assessor erred. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to pay the chargeback instead of adding it to the levy. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. Charles F. Church—We received two letters of dismissal of the citations for Dean Schwersinski and Shirley J. Dieckow.
- f. Marquette Now—Handouts that detailed the travel shows they plan to attend and the projects they are funding for 2009.

Citizen and Board Concerns

- a. Cellular I – Fred Wollenburg received a detailed proposal for a new cell phone tower on the Patrick Cadigan property. This will be referred to the Land Use Planning Meeting.
- b. Railroad repairs — The railroad is in the process of improving the rail line that travels through the Town. It is going to accommodate freight trains that will be moving at a greater rate of speed. Discussion followed if the railroad will be repairing the bridge on 16th.
- c. Produce sign on F & O—The Town requires a sign fee and since it is on the County Roads, we must check with the Highway Department as it may be too close to County Road F.

Review and Approve Vouchers

The vouchers were presented and discussed. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to pay to hold check #6031 to the Highway Department until we get clarification as to what roads were repaired and to approve the balance of said vouchers. All in favor, motion carried.

Affirm next Meeting Date

The next Town Meeting will be Monday, October 13th, 2008 at 7 p.m.

October Large Item Pickup will be October 25th, 2008 at 9 am – Noon

Summer hours for the Recycle Center will end on Wednesday, October 1st, 2008

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