

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
June 8, 2009**

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Present: Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, Fred Wollenburg, Mary-Anne Raab
Others: Ronald Sell, Attorney Donna Cacic Wissbaum, Charles Church, Bret Esse, Steve Halfpap, Todd Bennett, Bennie Esse, Jay Sherwood, Lorna Sherwood, Dean Wegner, David Seddon, Bob Wilcox, Jon Herzog.

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 May 11, 2009 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 Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to accept the finance reports as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Montello Joint Fire District Meeting Update

No meeting.

Recycle Center Repair

D.J. Fence completed the repair. Donna Seddon to check the bill when it arrives to see if the gate stops were billed as an additional charge. Fred Wollenburg asked if someone could be hired to install the paneling in the Recycle Center Shack. David Seddon volunteered to do the work.

Recycle Center ID Cards Update

Donna Seddon obtained a list from the County Treasurer. Discussion followed concerning if we want to invest in cards. We will use the list for now and decide if we will purchase cards in the fall to be distributed in the tax bills.

Antivirus Software

Jean Rataczak has not contacted Joel Burbach. Donna Seddon has obtained software from her son that she will install on the Town computer.

Land Division – Buffalo Community Church/Zimmerman

The Town attorney and the attorney for the church have discussed the issues. Fred Wollenburg contacted the Department of Administration to get their assessment. The DOA stated that if we do not create a third parcel, we do not have to have a CSM from the seller. We will need a CSM

from the buyer with the combination of lands that were agreed upon by adjacent land owners. Fred Wollenburg signed the combination CSM from the Buffalo Community Church.

Ordinance Chapter 10 Changes

Fred Wollenburg opened the floor to the public for discussion of the posted Chapter 10 changes and none was given by those present. No correspondence was received on the Chapter 10 changes. The ordinance was posted for more than 14 days. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Jan Banicki, made a motion to approve the changes to Ordinance Chapter 10. All in favor, motion carried.

Marquette Economic Development Candidate

Joel Burbach was not present. Fred Wollenburg requested a volunteer from those present. No one volunteered.

Board of Review Member Training Update

Mary-Anne Raab has taken the training and provided the correct paperwork to the Town Clerk.

Liquor and Tobacco Licenses

Mary-Anne Raab, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to approve the liquor and tobacco licenses for R & R Woods and Goods; and the liquor license for Wilderness Camp Grounds. Yes -2, Abstained – 1. Motion carried.

Safety and Health Issue

- A. Fox Drive – The Town has received multiple complaints from residents of Fox Drive, Stollfus Road, and Mikle Road concerning the condition of Fox Drive. The rural postal carrier has complained and informed the Town Clerk that he can stop mail delivery due to the road condition. The Town Clerk was directed by the Town Chairman, Fred Wollenburg, to contact the Wisconsin Towns Association as to the legal rights or State Statues that address road issues within the Town. The WTA provided Wis. State Statue 82.25 Highway taxes for limited-use road. While conducting a search for the property owners, who use the road, a plat was discovered that revealed that Fox Drive was signed by the Town Chair, Clerk and Treasurer as a Town road in 1976. Discussion followed. Those property owners that were present asked questions. The Cul de sac or Fox Court was discussed as a possibility for abandonment. It was determined that Fred Wollenburg, Town Chair, and Ron Sell, Highway Commissioner, will do a tour of Fox Drive before the next meeting.
- B. Stollfus Drive – The Town has received complaints about Stollfus and Mikle roads. The CSMs for this area reveals some confusion as to if the road is on the easement as indicated. Jon Herzog stated that they collected \$1600 last year for road maintenance and they are in the process of collecting \$200 from each property owner this year. It was determined that Fred Wollenburg and Ron Sell will do a tour of Stollfus and Mikle drives before the next meeting.

Road Tour Report from 5/18/09

Ron Sell, Fred Wollenburg, and Mary-Anne Raab were on the road tour. The following is the list for 2009:

1. Golden Road by McCredie – Replace 2 culverts and ditch area \$3500
2. 18th Road to increase setback depending on if water area
requires a culvert or bridge \$??
3. Grand Avenue to replace culvert \$1500-2000

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| 4. Grand Avenue to patch | \$?? |
| 5. Fox Drive to upgrade gravel | \$?? |
| 6. 14 th Road improvements | Save for 2010 |
| 7. Grouse Road (rough surface but solid) | Save for 2010 |
| 8. Corner of State Road 22 and 17 th Road | Save for 2010 |

Next month the Board should have all the information to make a motion on the roads to be repaired.

Building Permit Instructions Addition

Donna Seddon and Roger Banicki had some problems the past month with applicants contacting Marquette County Zoning or the UDC inspector. Temporarily the following has been added to the building permit instructions: It is the applicant's responsibility to contact Zoning or UDC to inquire if they are in need of other permits. Fred Wollenburg, seconded by Mary-Anne Raab, made a motion to approve and add the above underlined statement to the building permit instructions. All in favor, motion carried.

June Newsletter

Articles are need for the newsletter which will be sent out in July.

Correspondence

- A. Marquette County Zoning Department – Marquette County is participating in the National Flood Insurance Program. Permits will be required for bridges and culverts in the floodplain.
- B. USDA – Proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV transmission system improvement project.
- C. DOT – Steven Petloski is providing training on how Towns can regulate the speed limits based on engineering studies.
- D. Charles F. Church – Letter and copies of the March 9, 2009 Land Use Plan Commission and Town Board minutes.
- E. Fire Inspection Report – Fire extinguisher needs to be tested.

Citizen and Board Concerns

- A. Don Smith is obtaining a building permit for a pole shed that has been inspected by Fred Wollenburg.
- B. Robert Weiler – Request for 2002 building permit issued to the previous owner.

Review and Approve Vouchers

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

Affirm Meeting Dates

Town Board Meeting – July 20, 2009 at 7 pm.

Business Concluded

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