

**Town Meeting
Town of Buffalo
October 14, 2009**

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Present: Jean Rataczak, Jan Banicki, Donna Seddon, Fred Wollenburg.

Absent: Mary-Anne Raab

Others: Wesley Buss, Jay Sherwood, Lorna Sherwood, David Seddon, Laura Rygiewicz, Dennis Schwochert, Lynn Schwochert, Dorothy Schwochert, Tom Bowman.

Agenda

Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to approve the agenda as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Presentation of Retirement Service Award for Dorothy Schwochert

Fred Wollenburg presented Dorothy Schwochert with a plaque honoring her for her 22 years of dedication and service to the Town of Buffalo. Cake and refreshments were passed out. Dorothy thanked the Town for the award and spoke of some of her memories.

Minutes

Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to accept the September 16th, 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.

Safety and Health Issue – Fox Drive

The Highway Department was planning on working on the road the week of October 19th depending on the weather. The road will be 18 feet wide. They will gravel to fill in the holes and depending on the weather will do some ditching. It is too late in the season to do all the work that was planned for this year. Letters were sent to all property owners on Fox Drive informing them that the easement and road were marked by surveyors. Property owners were informed in the letter that the Town was not responsible for any trees or personal property left on the road or easement.

- A. Jay and Lorna Sherwood, Lot 17 – Their garage is too close to the easement/property line as it was suppose to be built 10 feet from the property line. It is about 5-6 feet from the property line. The garage is noncompliant and will not be grandfathered. It is not to be rebuilt or expanded or increased in value. If it is destroyed at any time, it cannot be

rebuilt on the current site. Sherwood's asked if they can add a window and Fred Wollenburg gave them permission to add a window to the garage.

- B. Gary Schudlach, Lot 14 – He was not present. He had called to inquire about his pine trees. The trees are not on the easement and are okay.
- C. Other issues
 - 1. Ryan Bocinsky, Lot 1 and Outlot 1 -- His pine trees are on the easement. Fred Wollenburg asked him to remove the trees and he will not remove them.

Highway Department Town Road Update

The Hwy. 22 Wayside had a unisex restroom installed by the County last week. There was some question if the blacktop was completed by Mast and Hunters.

Town Zoning Proposal from Omni Associates

Omni Associates proposes to complete the Town Zoning for \$2500. This would include a preliminary contact meeting and a public meeting. Any additional meeting would cost \$350 each. The Town will be required to write a letter to Tom Onofrey, County Zoning Administrator, to release the mapping. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to contract with Omni Associates to complete the Town Zoning at the quoted price. All in favor, motion carried.

2010 Budget Discussion

Update 2010 Budget copies were handed out to the Board. The changes were discussed since interest income was adjusted down due to the economy; other conservation & development expense was cut in half; fire chief expenses were increased by \$1,900; and highway maintenance expense was increased from \$105,462 to \$121,098. The Town levy will remain the same as last year at \$93,346. Discussion followed on the proposed Joint Fire District budget increase to be introduced at the October 28th meeting.

Tom Bowman – Land Division Pre-Preliminary

Tom Bowman presented the proposed CSM for the property he owns on 16th Road. He proposes to enlarge the current 1 acre CSM that is located in the 21 acre parcel and change the easement location. He will check the easement width as it may be substandard for the County. The proposed CSM is referred to the next Land Use Planning meeting.

Town Zoning Proposal

Omni should be able to finish up the Town Zoning for around \$2,500. It is at the point that a professional should finalize it. Fred Wollenburg will contact Omni for a proposal.

Correspondence

- A. Montello Joint Fire District -- Next meeting is 10/28/09 to discuss the budget.
- B. Marcellon Township – Bill for rustic road signs.
- C. Alpha Terra Science – Proposed to do grant work for Town.
- D. Wisconsin Department of Administration – Final Estimate of population is 1,230.
- E. Wisconsin Towns Association – Marquette County Unit to meet October 26, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Packwaukee Town Hall.

- F. Public Service Commission of Wisconsin – Will add 534 new area code to 715 and will add new area code 274 to 920.
- G. Associated Appraisal Consultants, Inc. – Updated personal property list.
- H. U.S. Census Bureau – Folder and letter requesting Town commitment to helping with the census.

Citizen and Board Concerns

- A. The 2009 tax letter was distributed by Jean Rataczak. She is requesting that the letter be reviewed, changed or corrected for distribution with the 2009 tax bills in December.
- B. Dog licenses have changed for next year. The County changed their ordinance to include a no charge County Kennel License for anyone, who owns five or more dogs. The owner of five or more dogs must contact the Health Department for an inspection before they can obtain dog tags from the municipal treasurers. Municipal treasurers are asked to submit a monthly dog report after the regular February report for the dog catcher's use.

Review and Approve Vouchers

The vouchers were presented and discussed. Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to pay said vouchers. All in favor, motion carried.

Affirm Meeting Dates

Public Budget Hearing, Special Meeting of Electors, and Town Board Meeting – November 9, 2009 at 7 pm.

Business Concluded

Jan Banicki, seconded by Fred Wollenburg, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted by Donna Seddon, Town Clerk