

## Town Administrator's Report

November 11, 2014

Among the issues, areas and initiatives with which we have dealt, and are dealing, since the last Regular Town Board Meeting are as follows:

- **Budget – Budget – Budget:** The development of the 2105 Town Budget has occupied the lion's share of time and effort since last the Board met. It continues to consume substantial time, effort and energy of department heads, administrative staff and the Board itself. Progress is being made and there is some likelihood that all deadlines will be met and a workable Town Budget will be submitted to the Town for approval in early December.
- **Big Bay Town Park:** Photos have been taken of all the BBTP Improvement Project Grant components – they are being placed on a disk to be submitted to Ed Slaminski – WI grant officer – to conclude the Town's responsibilities under the grant agreements and secure reimbursement.
- **Rice Street Extension Project:** The Administrator will be meeting with officials of the WI-DOT regarding the status and future of the Rice Street Extension Project --- the object/goal is a waiver of repayment for the \$ 90,000.00 given the Town for engineering some years ago – this was in anticipation of receiving earmark funds for the completion of the road. The earmark was rescinded and the Town has been working, for nearly 2 ½ years, to be forgiven responsibility for repayment of the \$ 90,000 based on the undue burden it would place on the Town. The argument has resonated and impelled a number of conference calls and discussions - the state appears amenable to the waiver. The WI-DOT officials are going to meet with the Town Administrator to, hopefully, conclude this matter under terms favorable to the Town \*\*\*Note: The meeting scheduled for tomorrow (11/12) was postponed due to weather – we await rescheduling\*\*\*
- **Room Tax Revenue Distribution:** The annual discussion and debate about interpretations, projects, acceptable expenditures and distribution of revenues has, once again, arisen. The Town and the Chamber continue to discuss, haggle and put forward interpretations that influence the distribution and use of Room Tax revenues. The Board will consider the issue again this evening.

- **Property Tax Exemption – Act 282 – status:** Discussions, application, request for rescission and denial of request have culminated in the Town and County Administrators arriving at an agreement whereby the County Administrator and representatives of Finance will be coming to the Island to meet and negotiate a resolution to the 2015 application that precludes the necessity of appeal to circuit court and potential litigation – and its expense to both entities. The Board will take up this matter this evening and, should it choose, set out a couple of potential dates for the meeting based on the County’s suggestion of late November or early Dec.
- **Close-Out of Griggs Approach Project:** The posting of an acknowledgement sign at Griggs has concluded the last item regarding that project and the Town has been informed – by Mike Friis - that all conditions of the Coastal Mgmt Grant have been met.
- **Harbor Dredge Project:** The Harbor Dredge Project has been completed. The development of the various project elements – access and disposal site – required by the Army Corps., were completed by the Town in a timely fashion. A local contractor received the bid and the project was completed well and expeditiously. There are now some 1400 cu yd of dredge sand stored at the approved storage site at the airport industrial park area. It was a beneficial project, put together efficiently and carried out effectively.