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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: April 8, 2024

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call to Establish a Quorum:** Jim Swenson, Brian Cooper, Tom Christensen, Ted Ritter and Kalisa Mortag along June Vogel town clerk and Jenn Jones deputy treasurer are in Community Center in room 4 with 21 community members. Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and 8 community members attending via Zoom.us.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Saturday, April 6, 2024 before 6:30 pm.
5. **Citizen's Comments – Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Board. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less.**

Mike Lambrecht – Would like to know why ChoiceTel is no longer contracted to do fiber optic through the town. Contract was not continued as services would be duplicated and not a good expenditure of town funds.

Tom Christensen – Tonight is Mr Ritter's final meeting as a town board member. Tom thanked Ted for all of the years he has served on the town board. Appreciated working with Ted and the job he has done for the town; cleaning up zoning ordinances, straightening out zoning administrator role, working in conjunction with zoning committee; lakes committee brought back to be important again in our town; website person and kept it up to date. Christensen met with Patric, looking forward to working with him noting Patric has huge shoes to fill as Mr Ritter has done so much for our town.

6. Discussion /Action Items:

- a. **Approval of Town bills for payment.** Motion by Swenson to approve town bills for payment as presented; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one abstention by Ritter.
- b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve meeting minutes of March 28, 2024; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one abstention by Cooper.
- c. **Reaffirm Town standing Committees; Independence Day, Lakes Committee, Nonmotorized Trails, Chief St. Germain, Zoning Committee.**
Chief St Germain is not a standing committee; no action to be taken.

Nonmotorized Trails - Motion by Christensen to reaffirm members for Nonmotorized Trails Committee - Anne Small Chairman, town board representative Jim Swenson, committee members Bob Schell, Jimmy Vogel, and Penny McCormick; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

Independence Day – Would like one more board member, Kalisa Mortag is interested. Motion by Christensen to reaffirm members for Independence Day Committee - Cookie Lough Chairman, Jim Swenson town board representative, Kalisa Mortag town board representative with community members Jeff Sauer, JoAnn DeWig and Lisa Penner; second Ritter. Discussion none. Motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one negative vote by Cooper.

Zoning committee - Tom has asked Patric to be the town board member of this committee, he needs to think about this. Jimmy Vogel will not renew his term which ends April 30, 2024. Kory Dries has voiced interest in being on the zoning committee. Will have a special town board meeting on April 16, 2024 at 6:00 to confirm this committee.

Lakes Committee – Ted has reached out to Lakes Committee members, no one has offered to chair this committee. Lakes Committee members would like to meet at next scheduled meeting and talk about potential for a chair; Christensen to run meeting, Ritter to send out agenda.

- d. **Appoint Town Board Members to oversee the Department of Public Works.** Motion by Christensen to appoint Kalisa Mortag and Tom Christensen to oversee Department of Public Works; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- e. **Appoint Town Board Members to oversee the Golf Course Operations.** Motion by Christensen to appoint Jim Swenson and Tom Christensen to oversee Golf Course Operations; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- f. **Approve Town Budget Changes.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Cooper to approve town budget changes as presented; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- g. **Review the year-round ATV/UTV use ordinance.** Discussion by the board. ATV/UTV has no changes to ordinance. Will continue to work with BoBoen Club. BoBoen board satisfied with how it is working. Chamber has no concerns.
- h. **Continuing discussion on replacement/repair/cleaning of the beer taps at the New Pavilion.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Swenson for Christensen to send out letter to town organizations reflecting a \$75.00 charge per event for use of town tappers; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- i. **Determine how to spend remaining ARPA funds, pavilion** Discussion by the board. Motion by Cooper to use the approximate \$76,000 ARPA funds to replace the old pavilion along highway 70 with remainder coming out of Community Development pending electors approval; second Swenson. Discussion: Vandervort pavilion a safety concern. Motion passed by voice vote with 3 votes in the affirmative, one negative vote by Mortag and one abstention by Ritter.
- j. **Second review of draft Zoning Ordinance revisions.** Reviewed and discussed by board. Motion by Ritter that draft with revisions be approved for adoption subject to public hearing and comments; second Swenson. Discussion: Disagree with 200' from center line. Motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one negative vote by Cooper.
- k. **Set date and time for Zoning Ordinance revisions public hearing.** Discussion by board. Public hearing to be held Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30 pm in gymnasium.
- l. **Continuing discussion on Town Road replacement** Discussion by board. Motion by Christensen to table to next town board meeting; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote with four in the affirmative and one abstention by Ritter.

7. **Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss zoning administer replacement and town assessor replacement. (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.** Motion by Christensen at 9:27 to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1); second Mortag. Discussion: None. By roll call vote: Swenson – yes, Copper – yes, Christensen – yes, Ritter – yes, Mortag – yes.

8. **Reconvene to open session to take such action as the Board deems appropriate, following consideration given in closed session.** Motion by Christensen at 9:58 to reconvene to open session; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

Motion by Mortag for Christensen to sign contract with Municipal Group; second Swenson. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

9. **Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor #1

Supervisor #2

Supervisor #3

Supervisor #4