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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: February 23, 2023

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call to Establish a Quorum:** Jim Swenson, Brian Cooper, Tom Christensen, Ted Ritter and Kalisa Mortag along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center in room 4 with 5 community members. There were 3 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 Wednesday, February 22, 2023 before 6:30 pm.
5. **Review meeting conduct of residents attending the Town Board Meeting.** Not reviewed again.
6. **Citizen's Comments – Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Board. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less.** Clerk informed the board that she received an email received that .gov email approved. This needs to be registered and then will followup with Technology Management. Next board meeting not until March 13, 2023, board members may start to get emails instructing of .gov process.
7. **Fire Chief's Report** January 26 ambulance calls, 9 fire calls. Three joint calls where ambulance and fire required at same time. Have two new EMTs, still recruiting.
8. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Payment of the bills.** Motion by Cooper to approve the bills as presented with noted change by clerk; second Mortag. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve the meeting minutes of February 13, 2023 and February 20, 2023 as presented; second Mortag. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - c. **Consider resolving campground restrictions disparity between Town and County zoning ordinances.** Discussion by zoning chairman about discrepancies of town and county zoning ordinance. County has campground provisions in place. Motion by Ritter to proceed with amending Chapter 1 Zoning by eliminating 1.403 pertaining to campgrounds; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - d. **Report by DPW Superintendent on the National Farm and Machinery Show he attended.** Mr Stoltman gave a report. Presented information on equipment attachments, metal building and tools that would help the town. He did pick up some cordless Milwaukee tools and the Jerk Rope. He demonstrated the Jerk Rope, which uses kinetic energy to get unstuck; takes the shock load out that breaks chains, bumpers, etc. Mr Stoltman thanks the board for paying for the expense of this show.
 - e. **Consider adopting draft revisions to Chapter 29 – Town Procedures pertaining to Town Facebook pages.** Discussion by the board on control of what is posted, who posts and if something is posted out of context how to stop that person from further postings. Control and admin person(s) being an elected official. Discussed how to preserve content under public records. Motion by Ritter to table to a future meeting; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - f. **Consider draft letter concerning alleged Chapter 1 – Zoning violation.** Discussion by board. Motion by Ritter that draft letter to Mr Dykstra regarding parcel 24- be signed by town chairman; second Swenson. Discussion: Structure is behind current accessory building. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - g. **Concordia – Proposal to Option and Lease Agreement for a cell tower west of the Golf Course on Town Property.** Discussion by the board. There is a snowmobile trail on property. They are looking at where tower placement would go. Tom and Brian to go out and site visit with them in the upcoming week. Contract needs to include that we have option to increase the rent and if contract not renewed to include Concordia needs to remove equipment and not abandon. Motion by Ritter to move contract forward to Garbowicz; second Swenson. Discussion: Will need to go into

closed session to discuss negotiating part of contract after Garbowicz approves content of contract. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

- h. Oneida County ambulance intercepts and calls for service surcharge of \$400.00 per occurrence.** Letter received from Oneida County Sheriff that starting June 1, 2023 a surcharge will be initiated of \$400 any time it is necessary to intercept or assist on calls; this is over and above what hospital charges. Charges will now be \$550.00. Waiting to see what Medicare will cover of these calls. Per Marv Anderson, reason county did not move forward with putting ambulance garage(s) in Vilas County was because the county could not get a notable majority of municipalities to support this initiative of intercepts.

Break 7:19 – 7:21

9. Report of the Standing Committees

- a. Independence Day Celebration Committee** No report.
- b. Lakes Committee** No report
- c. Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** Successful event with candlelight snowshoe at Awassa, well attended with great weather. Trails have been groomed with current snowfall.
- d. Parks and Recreation Committee** Three portable indoor pickle ball nets. Portable volleyball net. Working on looking at grants for playground equipment and other necessities. Jimmy Vogel created a racket holder for placement at the tennis court. Working on getting a team to clean up Veterans Memorial before Memorial Day. Looking at replacing swing set. Discussion of fence at Veteran’s Wall. County apologized for damage done at Veteran’s Wall and throughout town when removing snow. County will send crew out in spring to repair damage done by front end loader with topsoil and seed.
- e. Zoning Committee** Permit activity is low at this time, understandably. Zoning committee is busy with ordinance clean up.
- f. Report from Lake Districts and Other Organizations** No report

- 10. Department of Public Works – The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper concerning the department.** Report by Tom Stoltman. Working on summer equipment services. New mower deck is coming next week. The international has a hydraulic leak. Office remodel is complete.

- 11. Closed Session –Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the Golf Course Pro Shop lease. (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session** Not needed

- 12. Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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