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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: March 23, 2023

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 with June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center in room 4 with 5 community members. Jeanna Vogel treasurer attended via Zoom.us along with 6 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, March 22, 2023 before 6:30 pm.
5. **Review meeting conduct of residents attending the Town Board Meeting.** Not reviewed
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.**

Phil Monday – Would like the town board to look at wake boat environmental damage that is being done; similar to Presque Isle and Winchester.

7. **Discussion /Action Items:**

- a. **Payment of the bills.** Motion by Mortag to approve the bills as presented; second Cooper. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve the meeting minutes of March 13, 2023 as presented; second Mortag. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- c. **Adopt Chapter 1 – Zoning revisions after considering comments from the public hearing.** Discussion by the board. The county zoning ordinance for campground provisions was drafted 30-40 years ago per the current zoning administrator and needs to be updated. Campground in town would like to expand. Vilas County would issue permit. Town cannot issue permit due to stringent restrictions. Concern of residents is what these additional sites would do to the quality of lakes. Motion by Christensen that 1.403 not be eliminated, the amendment is not approved; rather zoning committee to reconsider 1.403; second Cooper. Discussion: Motion does not eliminate chapter 1.403. Discussed impact on business owner. The motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one negative vote by Ritter.
- d. **Adopt draft revisions to Chapter 29 – Town Procedures.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Ritter that the draft amendments under 29.16 and 29.17 of Chapter 29 town procedures be adopted as presented; second Cooper. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- e. **Approve Ayers Contract for sampling of monitoring wells and other area wells surrounding the closed landfill off of Pedykort Road.** Discussion by the board. Requirement of DNR to do have this done. Motion by Christensen that the chairman be authorized to sign contract for well monitoring at Pedykort for additional \$600 for a total of \$3625; second Mortag. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- f. **Continuing discussion concerning the Fern Ridge pavilion project.** Powerpoint presentation of project. Discussion by board. No estimated cost to use MSA for this project, they provided planning process questions and comments. Motion by Ritter to table 7f until after electors meeting where the electors will either approve or deny moving forward with pavilion; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one negative vote by Christensen.
- g. **Schedule notices for the April 18, 2023, Electors Meeting to approve construction of the Fern Ridge Pavilion.** Discussion by the board. Clerk would like notice for electors meeting by Tuesday, March 28, to be posted April 5 and April 12. Motion by Swenson to put notice in paper for electors meeting on April 18, 2023 for approval of construction of Fern Ridge pavilion with no money

coming from tax levy for project; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one negative vote by Christensen.

- h. **Change to .gov email addresses update.** Discussion by the board. Current stg.town email will not be available starting 8:00 am on March 24, 2023 through March 27, 2023 to start the migration to gov email. Technology Management will be on site March 27, 2023 to work on this project.
- i. **Requirement for two operators licensed people for picnic license for events in Town.** Discussion by the board. Best practice to have two operator licenses at picnic events as there has to be a person there to oversee event. If the operator would not be able to attend or have to leave the event would be in violation with potential not to take place. Ted to work on changing ordinance to include two operator's be present at all events that are issued a picnic license.

8. **Report of the Standing Committees**

- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee** Planning underway.
- b. **Lakes Committee** No report
- c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** No report
- d. **Parks and Recreation Committee** Easter Egg Hunt April 1 9:00-11:00. Going to look at grants and future projects.
- e. **Zoning Committee** Conditional Use Permit season is upon us for oversized unattached garages/unattached accessory buildings
- f. **Report from Lake Districts and Other Organizations** No report

9. **Department of Public Works – The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper concerning the department.** Road limits went on today. MidState Truck rep coming up next week. Mower deck will be adjusted. Truck 2 went in for repairs. Frost tubes were not installed.

10. **Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm

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