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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: May 8, 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 23 community members. 8 community members were present via Zoom.us.
- 4. Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Saturday, May 6, 2023 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.**

June Vogel – Update from the St Germain Northwoods Lions Club. Dumpster will be placed near Red Brick location by Memorial Day and will be in place until the beginning of October. It will be a 6-yard dumpster and will be emptied weekly. If abuse of use, dumpster will be removed. Will verify with DPW that dumpster is in appropriate place.
- 6. Fire Department Report** March had 21 ambulances and 8 fire calls with 4 joint calls. April had 24 ambulance calls and 8 fire calls with 3 joint calls. Number of nontransport calls continue to climb; fallen and can't get up calls.
- 7. Cemetery Sexton's Report** Working with Alex on transition. Had one burial on Saturday with 3 more scheduled. Ground is still too soft for a full size opening and closing. Will be cleaning up cemetery weekend before Memorial Day and putting out flags for the veterans.
- 8. River Trail Commission update.** GHT has signed on for some TAP grants for segment 2 and segment 3; old 70 (near Sportsman Chalet) furthest east portion to Zeman road. Cloverland has signed on for portion of that and are looking at where the funding will come from. Met with Swearingen for extra funding; where in state budget it could come from. Met with DOT regarding Hwy 17 and Hwy 70 intersection; considered to be urban and that portion of trail would have to be cleared of snow. Funding not available for extra snow removal. Town of Lincoln not interested due to funding; have offered other suggestions utilizing Sunset Road to Hwy G which does eliminate the as the aesthetics of the River Trail.
- 9. Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. Approval of payment of the bills.** Motion by Cooper to approve bills as presented with exception of chamber room tax disbursement; second Ritter. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - b. Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve April 27, 2023 and May 1, 2023 minutes as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - c. Approve alcohol related license(s).** Motion by Mortag to approve alcohol related license as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - d. Projects Update**
 - 1. Peterson Road** Having problems with right of way of the road. What needs to be done is outside of right of way areas; primarily a retention pond to prevent flooding of southside of road. MSA will go out to show where retention pond would be. Asked Mr Garbowicz not to send out paperwork for deeds until this is problem is solved.
 - 2. Sixteen Road** No update
 - 3. Fiber Optic** No update
 - 4. Road maintenance Program** Tom Stoltman, Christensen and Mortag will survey roads and compare to WISLR report on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Will come up with recommendations and present at a later date.
 - 5. Fire Department High Volume Well** Grant application still in review. MSA standing by to proceed with bid process. Discussion by board. Proceeding could jeopardize any grant funding. Motion by Cooper to move forward with the bid process for the fire department high volume well; second Mortag. Discussion: Declared an emergency, removes requirement to put in paper for bid process. MSA to be notified to start process. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

6. **WIFI in Town Community Park Area** No update.
7. **Streetlights at intersections Town Roads/State and County Highways** Board approved light at parking lot entrance. Now that snow is gone, there is blacktop where the light was going. WPS coming up with a new plan and could potentially cause change in cost.
8. **International Truck Replacement** Tom Stoltman and Jimmy Vogel continue to meet with different chaise and body manufacturers. Present replacement date is 2025 for a new truck to arrive.
9. **Vandervort Park Pavilion Replacement** Geological report came in and the soil is not any good to build on; recommended to remove 2 feet of material under foundation and replacing with a better material. Will be looking at grade beam foundation and steel building materials.
10. **Fern Ridge New Pavilion** No update.
11. **Location change for Yard Waste facility** Potential new location is not right next to the cap or on top of the cap but still falls under changing the natural flow of the water by cutting trees down. Need to dig two 10' holes to see where the water table is; to determine if ground fill is needed or not needed to move yard waste facility.
- e. **Discuss possible use of recycled asphalt on select low traffic roads.** Possibly test on a low traffic road to see how this works. Will wait until after road survey done on May 10th by DPW and supervisors.
- f. **Update on the Chief St. Germain Statute.** Chamber has done some research with quotes to repair over \$20,000 and to replace \$40,000. It is becoming a safety issue as the wood is rotting that it stands on. No one has responded to emails from the tribes regarding this statute. The Chamber would like to turn over to town board as to what to do with the Chief. Chamber is aware of public response, with some unhappy people. Concern of being politically incorrect in the future. Motion by Ritter that Chief St Germain be taken down and put in storage until a decision made as to what to do with it; second Mortag. Discussion: Chamber board will make phone calls as to what it will cost, who can do it and where it will be stored. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- g. **Review of Board of Review procedures.** Correct process explained by June and discussed with board. Meeting scheduled on May 25 6:15 to readjourn to later date.
- h. **Set Board of Review.** October 12, 2023 at 5:30.
- i. **Reaffirm Town Standing Committees.**
Motion by Christensen to reaffirm members for Independence Day Committee - Cookie Lough Chairman, June Vogel co-chairman, Jim Swenson primary town board representative, Ted Ritter secondary town board representative with community member Jeff Sauer and community member JoAnn DeWig and welcome to add nonvoting advisory members; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

Motion by Christensen is to reaffirm Ted Ritter as chair of Lakes Committee; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

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

Motion by Christensen to reaffirm members for Park & Recs Committee – Kalisa Mortag chairman, committee members Karen Anderson, Heather Koziatek, Kathy Kaltenbach and Lisa Penner and welcome to add nonvoting advisory members; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

Motion by Christensen to reaffirm Ted Ritter as Chairman of the Zoning Committee and Brian Cooper be reappointed to another 3-year term; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

- j. **Consider draft revision of Chapter 30 – ATV/UTV Routes.** Discussion by board. Since April 10th town board meeting, Gary reached out to surrounding snowmobile clubs and law enforcement; no one sitting complaints of roads being open to ATV/UTVs. Suggestion to have an annual review with ATV Club, BoBoen, law enforcement and town. BoBoen decided not to oppose the roads being open year round, rather work with ATV Club and town board on this. Biggest concern of BoBoen Club is losing trails to trespassing. Motion by Ritter to approve section 30.05 (c) of chapter 30 for adoption subject to public review and comment; second Cooper. Discussion: Verified correct dates in (C)(3)(i). Should read November 1 through April 30. Will add specific ordinance numbers to (c)(3)(ii). The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- k. **Adopt revisions to Chapter 29 – Town Procedures to enable elimination of the “Polices” page of the Town website.** Move remaining 3 policies to Chapter 29. Motion by Ritter that animal control officer writing authority, DPW winter maintenance program and public use of community center rooms 4 and 5 be adopted in chapter 29 and the policy page be eliminated of town website; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- l. **Approve overnight RV parking in the Community Park area for the Blues Fest BBQ pit crew, July 28 and 29, 2023.** Blues Fest asking if the BBQ pit crew can stay overnight in RV the nights of July 28 and 29, 2023 in the town park, near the north end pavilion. Motion by Cooper to allow RV parking for the

- Blues Fest BBQ pit crew July 28 and 29, 2023; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote all in favor.
- m. **GC Budget adjustments.** Motion by Swenson to approve GG budget adjustment as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - n. **Town Budget adjustments.** Motion by Mortag to approve town budget adjustments as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - o. **Chamber first quarter tax utilization report.** No report for 1st quarter to date. Will be put on a future meeting.
 - p. **Set date for Golf Course tour, June 27, 2023.** Will ask if Thursday, July 29, 2023 works for Margo and Gary for golf course tour, will let board know.
 - q. **Estimate and budget for Oneida County Ambulance Intercept Surcharge.** This topic is on the agenda for the EMS chief’s meeting next week whether intercepts can be charged this way. Per fire chief, budget does not need to be adjusted for intercepts; relook at in 3rd quarter. Will follow back with town board on results of EMS chief’s meeting.

10. Adjourn Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm

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