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**MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: January 8, 2024**

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 June Vogel town clerk, Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and Jenn Jones deputy clerk/treasurer are in Community Center in room 4 with 8 community members. There were 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 Friday, January 5, 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.**
6. **Discussion /Action Items:**
  - a. **Approval of town bills for payment.** Motion by Cooper to approve town bills as presented; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
  - b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve the meeting minutes of December 28, 2023; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
  - c. **Final 2023 Budget and approve 2024 Budget changes.** This will be on January 25, 2024 agenda.
  - d. **Status of the ChoiceTel Contract.** State not contacted, no update.
  - e. **Determine how to spend the remaining ARPA and fiberoptic funds.** Discussion by the board. Tom Stoltman getting estimates for projects with board to take action on prior to April.
  - f. **Chamber Room Tax budget for 2024.** Discussion by board and Chamber.
  - g. **Review first draft of Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21- Outdoor Lighting.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Cooper to table review of first draft of Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21 Outdoor Lighting; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Unlimited end is not the way to handle this. The motion failed by voice vote with two affirmative votes and three negative votes Swenson, Christensen and Ritter. Further discussion by the board. Motion by Ritter to table this topic until the first February meeting, to get some public input; second Swenson. Discussion: Will send out Constant Contact message for public input. The motion passed by voice vote with three affirmative votes and two negative votes by Mortag and Cooper.
  - h. **Campfire at Fern Ridge Rendezvous on Saturday, January 13, 2024.** When topic put on agenda there was no snow on the ground, currently have more than 1" of snow. Town ordinance allows fires with snow on the ground at Fern Ridge. Motion by Cooper to approve campfire Fern Ridge Rendezvous on January 13, 2024; second Ritter. Discussion: Will send info out on Constant Contact. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
  - i. **Hiller's Sanction Radar Run.** Motion by Christensen that the town sanctions the 2024 Hiller's Radar Run including: 1. The snowmobile trail from Hearthside to Thunderbird Pass including the lake access spur from said trail to Little Saint Germain Lake through Little Saint Express and Cathy's Ice Cream property. 2. The Snowmobile Trail from St. Germain Rentals to Arrowhead Groomers including the lake access spur from said trail through Elbert's Resort. 3. The West Half of West Bay on Little St. Germain Lake. 4. The marked trails crossing Little St Germain within 100' of the barrels/lake markers used to cross the lake; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
  - j. **Request from Radar Run group to use Town barricades for the Radar Run Event.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Cooper to authorize the Radar Run to use town barricades for event and to be returned; second Christensen. Discussion: Inventory will be taken. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
  - k. **Authorize Chairman to sign citation for violation of Chapter 1 Zoning 1.405.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Swenson to authorize Chairman to sign citation for violation of Chapter 1 Zoning 1.405; second Ritter. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
  - l. **Request by Rollie Pinno to either vacate or start maintaining part of Lake Content Road.** Mr Pinno withdrew his agenda item.

7. **Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the consin Statutes to discuss employee wages and benefits for the upcoming year 2024. (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.** Motion by Christensen at 7:50 to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss employee wages and benefits for the upcoming year 2024; second Mortag. Discussion: None. By roll call vote: Swenson – yes, Cooper – 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 9:35; second Swenson. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

Motion by Christensen to approve wage and benefit package as discussed; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

9. **Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 9:36

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Chairman

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Supervisor #1

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