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MINUTES SPECIAL ELECTOR MEETING: NOVEMBER 15, 2010

Call To Order: Peggy Nimz, Town Chairman, called special elector meeting to order at 7:40 P.M. Ms. Nimz noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

Roll Call: Peggy Nimz, Fred Radtke, Walt Camp, John Vojta, Lee Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were 82 qualified electors and 2 visitors in attendance.

Comments from the Floor:

Brian Sherren: Mr. Sherren handed out a flyer stating that if his group, The Concerned Taxpayers of St. Germain, had not intervened three years ago, the tax levy for 2011 would be over \$1,000,000. Mr. Sherren also stated that the elections of November 2, 2010 were a mandate to elected officials to reduce spending and cut taxes. Mr. Sherren asked for a motion from the floor to reduce the proposed tax levy for 2010 to be collected in 2011 to \$700,000. Mr. Sherren stated that the present town board had not gotten bids for the town's insurance and had not raised the town's deductibles just to name a few.

Lee Christensen: Mr. Christensen handed out a sheet showing the structure of the golf course loan that had been taken out in 1999 while Mr. Sherren was chairman. Mr. Christensen stated that the present town board had inherited the bonding issue and that it could not be refinanced to take advantage of today's very low interest rates. Mr. Christensen went on to state that the town would be spending almost \$2,000,000 in interest by the time that the golf course and bonding issue is paid off.

Pat Falkenstern: Ms. Falkenstern asked why the town board was considering remodeling the Red Brick Schoolhouse when the town could not afford to do roadwork.

Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the tax levy for 2010 to be collected in 2011 remain at \$768,406 as presented by the town board. By a show of hands yes – 32; no – 41. Motion failed.

Motion Brian Sherren seconded Tom Andersen that the tax levy for 2010 to be collected in 2011 be set at \$700,000. The vote by a show of hands was too close to count. By a paper ballot no- 35; yes – 47. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Motion Brian Sherren seconded by Becky Emerson that the special elector meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:16 P.M.

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Chairman

Supervisor

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