

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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MINUTES ANNUAL ELECTOR MEETING:

APRIL 12, 2011

Call To Order: Walt Camp, Town Chairman, called the annual budget hearing to order at 7:00 P.M. Ms. Nimz noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.

Roll Call: Walt Camp, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Lee Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 52 qualified electors and 2 visitors in attendance.

Mr. Camp asked for the 2010 Financial Statement. The clerk said that he had forgotten to bring it. Anybody who wanted one could either leave their name and address or find it on the town website www.townofstgermain.org

Mr. Camp asked for reports from the various committees

Fire Department: Tim Clark reported 150 calls for 2010. There were 42 calls to the aid area. Mr. Clark said that he is working trying to get the departments rating lowered from an 8 to a 6 so that the homeowner's insurance premiums would be less. The department has purchased new radios. The annual fish fry will be held at Golden Pines on April 17, 2011.

Public Works: John Vojta said that the committee has been reviewing bids for the transfer station/recycling center. The crew will begin brushing the town roads in a week or two. The town has purchased 90 cu. yd. of chips for the Caring for Kids park. The prime timers will do the staining in June. Mr. Vojta also said that the crew had plowed at night this year. He asked the people to let him know how they liked the arrangement. On April 24th, inmates from McNaughton will begin to brush the shoulders. The budget for 2011 is in line right now. Mr. Vojta needs two volunteers to serve on the public works committee

Lakes: Walt Camp stated that the lakes committee is an asset to the town since it is trying to keep the invasive plants at bay. To help with public awareness, the committee is once again placing bags at the store, placemats at the restaurants, and handing out key chains. The Little St. Germain District has been working each year to check the invasive species. So far, no invasive plants have been found in Big St. Germain. The boat landing inspections will continue. Chuck Their has been awarded the Citizen Stewardship Award for 2011.

Golf Course: Lee Christensen noted that the course was started in 1993 as a 9-hole course. In 1996, Brian Baldwin was hired as the pro. In 1997, Steve Spears was hired as the superintendent. The course has a 4 ½ star rating. Rosalie Sherwin asked about the loan payment that was due. Mr. Christensen stated that the \$197,000 payment was due on June 1st. He also said that the bulk of the revenues don't come in until later in the summer. The course would have to borrow to make the payment, whether from a bank or from the town needs to be determined.

Hike & Bike: Fred Radtke said that there are approximately 8 miles of blacktopped trail. Phase II will add another 4 miles. The bridge over Little St. Germain River was started on Monday.

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Yard Waste: Mr. Radtke stated that there were 295 drops last year. Logs and stumps, as long as there is not dirt can now be dropped off. The hours this year will be on Saturdays only from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm beginning on April 30, 2011 and ending on June 11, 2011.

Mr. Camp opened the floor for comments. He started out by saying that anybody interested in filling the vacant supervisor position should notify the town clerk in writing at P.O. Box 7, St. Germain, WI 54558.

Todd Wiese: Mr. Wiese asked about the repeater for the radios at the shop and fire department. He thought that the radios had been paid for from the public works fund. Mr. Vojta stated that after talking to fire chief, Tim Clark and reviewing the situation, the town board decided that it would be better if the repeater was left at the fire department. If the power should happen to go out, the town shop did not have a generator. Tim Clark stated that right now, St. Germain shares the repeater on Musky Mountain with all of the other towns in the area. It seemed rather foolish to purchase a second repeater for the shop. The fire department and the town crew should both be able to use the repeater. The town board is still considering what should be done. The inmate from McNaughton needs to be in constant contact with the Tim Ebert. He can't use a cell phone.

Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen stated that the goal of the Friends of the Old School was to make the building handicapped accessible. She also stated that the school was one of the last two 2-room schools in Wisconsin. A structural engineer has found the building to be structurally sound and a mold inspector has reported that any mold present could be removed by removing the source of the moisture. An asbestos inspection showed that most of the asbestos had been taken care of by the school district. A few years ago, the town board had Foth & VanDyke prepare a plan for a \$1,000,000 addition to the community center. It was voted down. At the last annual meeting, the electorate voted to spend taxpayer dollars to repair the roof on the 1965 portion of the building. The last bid for a hip roof was for \$32,000 plus the shingles. The spaghetti dinner was a success. A former student has donated \$500.

Mr. Camp noted that the St. Germain Elementary School would be open in case of an emergency in town. The community center did not pass the inspection. People who signed up for a Code Red Call might need to sign up again.

Rosalie Sherwin: Ms. Sherwin stated that she had belonged to Red Brick Restoration, Inc until 2004. At that time she was concerned about how the group was spending its money. Red Brick Restoration, Inc. claimed that it would restore the Red Brick Schoolhouse at no cost to the taxpayers. Ms. Sherwin claimed that Ellen Allen had not reported the finances correctly. She said that she had written to the State and the IRS.

Motion Jim Lenz seconded Kelly Ryan that no taxpayer money be spent on the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The chairman noted that any vote is advisory to the town board. The town board makes the ultimate decision.

Verdelle Mauthe asked if it wasn't the town board's duty to maintain town property. Rosalie Sherwin added that the town board had abandoned the Red Brick Schoolhouse and apparently didn't need the extra room. Pat Falkenstern thought that it would not be good to borrow money for the golf course and spend money on the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Fred Radtke stated that the bids to completely remodel the building were for under \$500,000. He also stated that not all of the remodeling would have to be done at one time. John

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Vojta stated that he would be in favor of remodeling the building, but not with taxpayer money. Ellen Allen stated that the town had already replaced the roof and furnace on the 1941 portion of the building.

The question was called. By a secret ballot 26 – Yes; 26 – No. Motion failed.

There were no other questions or comments from the floor. Mr. Camp closed the Annual Elector Meeting at 8:10 P.M..

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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