

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES ANNUAL ELECTOR MEETING: APRIL 21, 2015

**Call To Order:** Chairman, Tom Christensen, called the annual elector meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Oath of Office:** Mr. Anderson gave the oath of office to Thomas Martens, Town Clerk. Mr. Martens gave the oath of office to: chairman, Tom Christensen; Supervisors, Alan Albee and Jim Swenson; treasurer, Marion Janssen; and constable, Donald Baumann.

**Board Members Present:** Tom Christensen, John Vojta, Alan Albee, Marv Anderson, Jim Swenson, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 36 qualified electors and two visitors in attendance.

The clerk had prepared the financial statements for 2014. They were available to the people in attendance.

Motion Ted Ritter seconded Mike Price to dispense with the reading of the Annual Elector Meeting minutes from April 15, 2014. By a voice vote Yes – 36, No – 0. Motion carried.

Mr. Christensen opened the floor for comments:

**Marion Janssen:** Ms. Janssen stated that her neighbor's wife had five dogs. Then when the husband moved here, he brought five more dogs. Part of the neighbor's yard is fenced in as a dog run. The town ordinance only allows four dogs, unless they are used for sporting, boarding or breeding, which is not the case with these dogs. Whenever people walk past or kids play in other yards, the dogs bark and howl. Ms. Janssen said that the town board needs to enforce its ordinance.

**Roger Weber:** Mr. Weber stated that he had given information concerning the Historic Landmark (Red Brick Schoolhouse) to each member of the board. Mr. Vojta noted that in the minutes that Mr. Weber had included, the Mr. Christensen that is mentioned is Lee Christensen and not Tom Christensen.

**Wally Geist:** Mr. Geist also said that the town board needs to enforce its ordinances. He added that a municipal judge could enforce the ordinances. Mr. Geist stated that last week when the weather was warmer, the smell from the dog waste was very bad. He has called the Humane Society, the Vilas County Health Officer, the DNR and the Vilas County Sheriff.

**Sandy Summers:** Ms. Summers stated that she lives on Henry Drive in Colonna Estates. One of her neighbors also has too many dogs. Ms. Summers agreed that the town board needed to do something about enforcing the ordinance. The dogs are barking and howling at 1 am or 3 am until the owner yells out for them to shut up.

**Mike Price:** Mr. Price added that his sister lives near Ms. Janssen and Mr. Geist and that he agrees that the dogs are a problem.

**Roger Weber:** Mr. Weber stated that there is a dead tree on School Road, near the Veterans' Memorial that is very unsightly and should be removed.

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**Marv Anderson:** Mr. Anderson noted that last summer, as chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, he had sent two letters to the owners of the dogs near Ms. Janssen and Mr. Geist. Shortly after that, he left the committee and did not know if there had been a response to the letters or not. Mr. Anderson also noted that the matter could be brought before the Vilas County Circuit Judge for resolution.

**Wally Geist:** Mr. Geist said that the owner of the dogs has now claimed that they are “helper” dogs and that he needs them. Mr. Geist thought that the owner must have read the ordinance concerning sporting, boarding or breeding dogs.

Hearing no other comments or questions, Mr. Christensen called for motion to adjourn. Motion Tim Clark seconded Jim Lenz that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes—36, No—0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:20 P.M.

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