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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: MARCH 1, 2004

The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

The chairman asked all present to rise to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Board members present: Wendt, Holthaus, Nimz, Ritter, Odette, Martens.

Motion Odette seconded Nimz that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.

Mark Hiller noted that if both the Stewardship Grant and D.O.T. Enhancement Grant were awarded, the total cost of the bike trail project would be paid except perhaps one-half of the original engineering costs. Mr. Hiller also noted that the Enhancement Grant would be from 2004 funds, not from supplemental funds left over from 2003.

Mr. Hiller cited the following reasons for choosing Northern Environmental over MSA: (1) Northern Environmental will apply for the grants at no cost to the town unless the grant(s) are awarded at which time billing would start. (2) Cost per mile bids are lower which would require less funding if self-funding options are chosen in July. (3) Engineering bids are lower which requires less funding if self-funding options are chosen in July. (4) Northern Environmental is the engineer designing and coordinating the trail that St. Germain proposes to connect to.

Motion Nimz seconded Odette that the St. Germain Town Board agrees to hire Northern Environmental to start the preliminary engineering needed to apply for the Stewardship Grant. The preliminary engineering shall be kept to the minimum requirements suggested by the Stewardship Grant coordinator. The town of St. Germain authorizes this engineer to apply for all grants available for the proposed bike trail project including but not limited to the Stewardship Grant and the Enhancement Grant. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Holthaus that the St. Germain Town Board applies for the Stewardship Grant and the Enhancement Grant for the purpose of constructing a bike trail to connect the Town of St. Germain to the trail being constructed by the Town of Sayner. The Stewardship Grant applied for shall be in the amount of \$200,000.00. The Enhancement Grant applied for shall be in the amount of \$569,520.00. This amount will be adjusted accordingly if the preliminary engineering finds that the basis of the costs per mile were off. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Holthaus that the St. Germain Town Board appropriate room tax monies not to exceed \$12,500.00 in 2004 on a 50/50 cost-sharing basis with the St. Germain Chamber of Commerce and/or any other civic groups that become involved with

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this project. Said money will be used to finance the preliminary engineering suggested by the Stewardship Grant Coordinator. Approved.

Linda McConnell asked how the money could come from the room tax account. The clerk explained that there was an approximate balance of \$63,000 in the account.

The clerk asked that the room tax budget be amended at the March 8, 2004 town board meeting.

Motion Ritter seconded Holthaus that the meeting be adjourned. Approved

Meeting adjourned 7:38 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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