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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MARCH 8, 2004

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

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

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

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

Motion Ritter seconded Holthaus that the minutes of the February 9th, February 16th, February 18th, and March 1st town board meetings be approved as written.

Treasurer's report: Balance General Account as of 2-29-2004: (\$57,357.45); Money Market \$236,044.37; Rental Account \$9,110.56; Bag Account \$10,968.98; Park Fund \$10,776.46; Lakes Fair Account \$2,601.66; Room Tax Account \$64,751.99; Debt Reserve \$266,364.61; Golf Course Regular Account \$5,460.61; Money Market \$46,652.20; Debt Reserve \$218,829.00; Rainy Day \$106,150.00; Capital Improvement \$21,500.00. Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Holthaus that vouchers 13047 – 13117 be approved. Mr. Odette was opposed to approving check #13078 to James Wendt for expenses for travel to Madison to hear oral arguments in the GPS vs Town of St. Germain case before the Supreme Court. By a voice vote, motion approved. Mr. Odette was against.

Public Works Committee Report: Mr. Wendt noted that the new patrol truck was here. There were some minor problems. There has been some illegal dumping at the transfer station. The town does not have an ordinance concerning illegal dumping. It is the town board's opinion that it should come under the Vilas County Ordinance for illegal dumping.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Odette stated that he was keeping track of road fund expenditures. The truck was to be paid for from the road fund. There was a LRIP grant for work on Four Corner Lane.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that nothing had been done with the locks. Ms. Nimz also asked that there be a meeting of all parties interested in using the ballparks this summer. Ms. Nimz will email the clerk with a notice to be published for the meeting.

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Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter noted that approval of Lake Protection Grants was to be next week. At that time the town should know the status of its application. The next committee meeting is March 16, 2004.

Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt stated that hopefully the course would be open by April 15th, weather permitting. Bryon Baldwin has two bids for the carpeting in the Pro Shop. Ms. Nimz asked if we could get a better price if we carpeted the meeting rooms in the Community Center at the same time.

Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Holthaus reported that the committee was making adjustments to the proposed amendments to the zoning ordinance. They may also include the travel way and land division ordinances. The clerk is to fax the UDC status response form to Madison. The town will select one inspector. The county will not issue a permit without an inspector number.

Personnel Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated that he would be willing to draft a set of town board policies and procedures for the board to consider from his ideas.

Tim Ebert reported that the Firemen's Fish Fry is scheduled for Sunday, April 18, 2004 at Eliason's Someplace Else. Mr. Ebert also thanked Mary Platner for article in the News Review concerning the St. Germain Volunteer Fire Department.

There was no Grants committee report.

The only informational item on the agenda was that Ms. Nimz would move to the Grants committee from the Website project. Mr. Ritter would move from the Grants committee to the Website project. Mr. Ritter asked the chairman schedule a special town board workshop concerning the website. Wayne Overburg from Interpace should also be invited.

Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the Room Tax budget change be tabled at this time. Approved.

Motion Odette seconded Holthaus that the town/chamber bike trail funding contract be tabled at this time. Approved. Ms. Nimz was under the impression that there would not have to be a town board meeting to sign the contract since it had been approved at the last town board meeting. Mr. Wendt stated that it requires the official action of the town board. Ms. Nimz noted that there would have to be a special town board meeting in the very near future, as the application has to be in by April 9th. Mr. Wendt again stated that the contract could not be signed without official board action since there had been no maximum percentages or dollar amounts mentioned previously. It may be possible to incorporate this special meeting with the website workshop.

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Motion Odette seconded Nimz to grant the Public Works committee authority to set the town road limits at 10,000 #'s. Approved. The residents in town should plan accordingly. Exceptions will be school buses and emergency vehicles.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the funding of the Discover Wisconsin Program at the golf course. Mr. Wendt suggested three proposals: (1) \$3,000 would come from golf course advertising money and \$3,250 would come from the town's Room Tax Account. (2) \$3,000 would come from the golf course advertising account and \$3,250 would come from the golf course rainy day fund. (3) \$3,000 would come from golf course advertising and \$3,250 from the golf course instead of purchasing the carpet for the pro shop. Motion Ritter seconded Holthaus that the entire payment of \$6,250 be paid from the golf course advertising fund. Approved.

Mr. Holthaus and Mr. Ritter had held a meeting with Marlene Bartelt and Patty Schoppe from the Red Brick Committee. The result of the meeting was that the town board needs to make a commitment to the building. The building is to be used for municipal purposes and not commercial. Mr. Holthaus is concerned about the huge discrepancies in proposed costs from the engineering study. Another result of the meeting is that work should be done in phases. Phase I should be to restore the original portion of the building to its original condition by way of grants, funding, and donations.

Motion Holthaus seconded Ritter that the town establish an official working committee namely the St. Germain Red Brick Historical Building Restoration Committee to be co-chaired by Mr Holthaus and Mr. Ritter. Ms. Nimz asked that the motion be tabled at this time since there would be a chance that Mr. Holthaus would not be on the committee after the election. Ms. Nimz stated that she had received calls from the Red Brick Committee asking that Mr. Holthaus not be appointed at this time. By a roll call vote: Mr. Odette – No; Mr. Ritter – yes; Ms. Nimz – no; Mr. Holthaus – yes; Mr. Wendt – yes. Motion carried.

Motion Ritter seconded Holthaus the treasurer open a new bank account for the Red Brick Historical Building Restoration Committee. By a roll call vote: Mr. Odette – yes; Mr. Ritter – yes; Ms. Nimz – yes; Mr. Holthaus – yes. Motion carried. Bills for the Red Brick School House will now be processed through the new town account. All monies in the account will be carefully accounted for.

There was a discussion concerning appointments to the Red Brick School House Historical Committee. The committee would meet on Thursday, March 11, 2004 after 4:30 P.M. Appointments would be discussed. The town board at the April town board meeting would make appointments.

Motion Odette seconded Ritter that the town refinance the balance of the State Trust Fund Loan in the amount of approximately \$423,000 with US Bank at 3.26% for a term

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of six years with semi-annual payments beginning in February 2005. Approved. The refinancing will save the town approximately \$31,000 in interest charges.

Tim Gaffney gave a presentation from the Northland Pines School District concerning the upcoming referendum.

Tom Zimmerman asked why a non-resident was doing some of the snowplowing. Ms. Nimz stated that there had only been six applications for the job. The drivers were being rotated.

Luella Sherren asked about the results of the GPS hearing. Mr. Wendt stated that the Supreme Court had until June 20, 2004 to make a decision.

The Annual Elector Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at the Community Center. Any lawful business may be brought up from the floor at this time.

Motion Odette seconded Nimz that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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