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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: APRIL 12, 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, Nimz, Ritter, Odette, Schuettner, Martens.

Newly elected town supervisor, Linda McConnell, was sworn in by the town clerk.

Mr. Odette asked that the agenda be amended so that the Fire Department and other civic groups did not appear under "Committee Reports". Mr. Odette stated that those groups were not standing town committees. Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved. Mr. Wendt will reorganize the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Odette asked that the minutes of the March 22, 2004 special town board meeting be amended. The minutes will show that Mr. Wendt indicated that Ms. Nimz had apologized to him for stating that the board members had been polled and that Ms. Nimz had indicated in the fax that the signing could not wait. Ms. Nimz was not present at the March 22nd meeting. Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the minutes of the March 22, 2004 meeting be approved as amended. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Balance General Account as of 3-31-2004: \$12,730.06; Money Market Account \$111,140.53; Debt Reserve \$266,364.61; Room Tax Account \$22,759.38; Lakes Fair Acct. \$2,602.65; Bag Account \$10,974.09; Park Fund \$10,781.48; Rental Account \$9,114.04; Golf Course Regular Account \$12,408.24; Money Market \$16,652.20; Debt Reserve \$218,829.00; Rainy Day \$106,150.00; Capital Improvement \$21,500.00. Motion Nimz seconded McConnell that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that vouchers 13118 – 13179 be approved along with a bill to Domain Registry of America for \$40.00 for the website. Approved.

There were no communications to report.

Public Works Committee Report: Mr. Wendt noted that the new truck would have to be taken to Marshfield to have some electrical problems corrected. The crew would be brushing the sand from the intersections very soon. The committee will check with the insurance company concerning whether or not the local ball teams should be dragging the fields or if it should be done by the town crew.

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Finance Committee Report: Mr. Odette stated that the loan papers were at US Bank to be signed by the clerk, treasurer, and chairman. The rate will be about 3.25%.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that she had received letters of support for the bike trail from Dan Meyer, Dennis Leath, and Roger Breske. Tim Ebert is looking for a different locksmith. There will be a meeting of the ball clubs this Wednesday. The teams that are represented will have first choice for times on the fields. Mr. Odette added that he and his wife had been working on the Memorial Day Celebration at the Veteran's Memorial. The papers, radio stations, and channel 12 have been contacted. The event will be on May 30, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. Marlene Bartelt will be donating a wreath. There will be a flag which was flown over the Capitol. Bruce Weber will be the Master of Ceremonies. The VFW from Eagle River will fire a 21-gun salute. Vets will raise the new flags at the Memorial.

Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated that the next meeting will April 20, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. The grant had been approved at 50%. The Lakes Fair Account will be changed to the Lakes Committee and Lakes Fair Account. David Zelinski will be the treasurer. Motion Ritter seconded Nimz to authorize the Lakes Fair Account for the general Lakes Committee Funds. Approved. The \$25,000 will be transferred from the Room Tax Account into the Lakes Account.

Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt reported that the carpet will be installed in the pro-shop on Wednesday. Hopefully the course will be opening next week. The Golf Course Committee will be meeting next week. Mr. Odette asked if the committee agendas had been posted. Mr. Wendt stated that last year they had not. They will be posted in the future. Motion Odette seconded McConnell that the full town board meet with the Golf Course Committee as soon as possible to iron out any problems. Mr. Wendt stated that the trust level on the town board was very low. He didn't like the insinuations that the golf course committee has been hiding anything. By a roll call vote: Mr. Odette – yes; Mr. Ritter – abstained; Ms. Nimz – no; Ms. McConnell - yes. Motion carried.

Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Odette stated that he didn't know who was left on the committee. At next Monday's meeting, the committee will be choosing a UBC inspector, discussing a CUP, and discussing a request from Leon & Peggy Anderson to move a portion of Dead Man's Gulch Road which lies on their property so that they can build a house. The road would need to be widened all the way out to Hwy. C so that emergency vehicles could get into the Anderson's property.

Personnel Committee Report: Mr. Ritter asked that there be a special town board meeting to discuss his proposed procedures for doing business. Mr. Odette asked about a contract for John Shay. He also asked about health insurance. Mr. Shay is currently paid \$92.45 per month towards his health insurance. The committee will look into both issues.

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Tim Ebert stated that the Fire Department had applied for a FEMA grant for a new aerial truck. The grant, if received would be 90% - 10%. The cost of a new truck is about \$450,000. There have been 87 calls in the last four months. One new member is signing up tonight. They could still use nine more. The Firemen's Auxiliary Fish Fry is Sunday, April 18, 2004.

Grants Committee Report: Ms. Nimz stated that there was money available for ball fields, soccer fields, and the skateboard park. The D.O.T. enhancement grant for the bike trail has been applied for. Mark Green thinks that the warning siren should be a county-wide project. Ms. Nimz stated that she could get help with writing the grant applications for free.

Fred Radtke reported that there were 52 season passes to the Northern Lights Playhouse. There now 236 members. There has been vandalism in the exercise room at the Community Center.

Fred Radtke also reported that the county board prohibited the use of ATV's on county lands. A proposal for a skateboard park on the fairgrounds was turned down. A bike trail will head at the railroad depot in Eagle River. A bike trail from Eagle River to Three Lakes was approved in theory. Vilas County is 3rd in tourism in the state.

Mr. Wendt had handed the proposed committee structure for 2004-2005. Appointments will be made at the May meeting. Mr. Ritter asked the board meet to discuss the proposed committee structure.

Mr. Ritter made a motion to appoint Marlene Bartelt, Patty Schoppe, Linda Odette, Roger Weber and Leon Anderson to the Red Brick Schoolhouse Committee. A lengthy discussion followed. Mr. Odette asked Mr. Wendt why he felt that Ms. Odette should not be on the committee. Mr. Wendt stated that he felt it would be a conflict of interest. Mr. Ritter stated that each person had a responsibility on the committee. Mr. Odette asked if this should be a town committee at all. The Wisconsin Towns Association told Mr. Odette that the committee can't have a treasurer and a separate bank account. All funds must be run through the town's general account. Mr. Odette asked that the committee appointments be postponed until he gets all of the information. Mr. Wendt suggested that for the time being the committee should continue as it has been. Mr. Ritter withdrew his original motion. Motion Odette seconded Ritter that the appointments be tabled for more information. Approved.

Mr. Ritter presented his proposal for the Red Brick Schoolhouse accounting. There would be one account from money from the fund raisers by the committee could pay some of its bills. The town for all donations, etc would keep a second account. Mr. Ritter asked that a bill to Mr. Kelly be paid from the present account now. Motion Ritter

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seconded McConnell that the accounting system be tabled until Mr. Odette receives the information that he is waiting for. Approved. Marlene Bartelt was told to deposit five checks that she was holding into the present account.

Marion Robbins read a letter that she had prepared concerning the golf course committee. Ms. Robbins has been a member of the committee since 1998. Prior to the last April's election, the committee would meet once monthly and minutes would be kept. The committee has not met since July, 2003. Mr. Wendt felt that the committee should meet no more than three times a year. Mr. Wendt also felt that since the town hires pros to run the course, they should be allowed to run it. Mr. Wendt also stated that the committee had given its approval of the three meeting schedule at its first meeting after Mr. Wendt had been elected town chairman. Mr. Ritter noted that citizen input was part of his procedures proposal.

Barb Zimmerman asked that the town crew steam the floor in the kitchen at the Pavilion. The board agreed.

Patty Schoppe suggested that the town board check to see if the ramps at the skateboard park are for skateboards, or bikes. If they are for bikes, they should be posted so that the younger skateboarders do not get hurt. Mr. Odette will check with Jim Santefort to see if there is still interest in the skateboard park. The original group of kids is now driving or even graduated from high school. Fred Radtke added that the Prime-Timers had been concerned about the skateboard park from the beginning.

Ms. Schoppe once again asked about the Straight-a-Way Road sign. She also thought there should be more handicapped parking places at the Community Center.

Luella Sherren asked if the bike trail had to be blacktopped. Mr. Ritter was also concerned about the long term care of the trail.

Patty Schoppe thanked the town for its support of the Northland Pines building referendum.

Ellen Allen noted there was going to be a rummage sale to benefit the Red Brick Schoolhouse Restoration on May1, 2004.

Brian Eliason asked which board members would be on the zoning committee. They will be Mr. Odette and Mr. Ritter. Ray Weber also noted that a Board of Appeals had to also be appointed.

Ms. Nimz asked Marlene Bartelt if the timbers for the playground were ready. Ms. Bartlet stated that as far as she knew they were loaded on the truck ready to go.

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Linda McConnell stated that she was happy to be on the town board. Ms. McConnell also asked for more citizen involvement on the town committees.

Mary Platner stated that there was a zoning and board of appeal workshop on May 11, 2004 in Arbor Vitae. Ms. Platner said that she had attended in the past and that it was very worthwhile.

There will be a special town board meeting on April 19, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the meeting room of the Old Red Brick Schoolhouse.

Marlene Bartelt asked if the Red Brick Committee could charge for parking at any of its fundraisers. The board felt that there could not be a charge for parking in a public parking lot.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:20 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

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