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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MAY 10, 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, McConnell, Nimz, Ritter, Odette, Schuettner, Martens.

Motion Odette seconded McConnell that the agenda be approved with the following amendment: One of the Parks & Recreation Committee Reports be removed and replaced with a Public Works Committee Report. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Odette that the minutes of the April 12, 2004 and April 19, 2004 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved. The minute book was signed.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Schuettner noted that the town accounts have been transferred over to the First National Bank of Eagle River. Balance General Account as of 4-30-2004: \$30,010.08; Money Market Account \$111,206.57; Debt Reserve \$266,364.61; Park Fund \$10786.18; Bag Account \$13,722.03; Rental Account \$9,362.31; Room Tax Account \$26,959.48; Lakes Account \$2,743.61; Golf Course Regular Account \$47,614.14; Money Market \$56.81; Debt Reserve \$218,829.00; Rainy Day \$81,150.00; Capital Improvement \$21,500.00. Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded McConnell that vouchers 13180-13532 be approved. Approved.

Correspondence: Mr. Wendt noted that he had received a notice from the WTA that the Uniform Dwelling Code had been put off until January 1, 2005. A letter of resignation was accepted with regret from Dick Gern from the Planning & Zoning Committee. There are funds available from Wisconsin Valley Improvement for the bridges for the bike trail. The town should receive more money from the DNR in Lieu of Taxes because of the purchase of the Rainbow Flowage.

There was no Finance committee report.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that there was now lettering on the Community Center Doors stating that adult supervision is necessary.

Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated that on May 23, 2004 at 1:00 P.M. there will be a meeting at the Community Center for all concerned citizens concerning the lakes in town. Mr. Ritter encouraged everyone to attend. The Lakes Committee will meet following the presentation.

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Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt reported that the Golf Course was now open. The committee had met and decided that three meetings a year were all that was necessary. Steve Spears gave his wish list for the year. The beverage cart was discussed. The town cannot license itself, but there was a resolution (SG-99-6-2) signed on June 14, 1996 permitting the sale of beer at the golf course. Mr. Odette asked that the banner used to show that the course is open be replaced with something else for next year.

Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Odette stated that a conditional use permit would be discussed at the next meeting. He also stated that it has been difficult to get a quorum of committee members at the meetings.

Personnel Committee Report: Mr. Ritter noted that the committee was working on both personnel and board policies. Mr. Ritter has given all the information on board policies to Ms. McConnell.

Public Works Report: Ms. Nimz reported that the road signs and fire numbers would now be purchased from Rent-A-Flash. They are a better quality, cheaper, and will be shipped in less time. The signs will be replaced at the town's expense, as needed. If anyone wants a new road sign or fire number now, they should contact Ms. Nimz for a price. The Community Center kitchen had been power-washed. Lisa Bartelt will finish the cleaning.

Vilas County will pay for half of the repairs on Lost Lake Drive North. The damage was caused when a beaver dam broke and flooded the road and washed out the culvert on Birch Spring. The county has a program, which would cost \$250 to have someone remove any beaver dams. Clyde Owens was very happy with the repairs made to the Alma-Moon Lake boat landing. It was decided to remove the No Hunting in Any Subdivision signs. The board will see what response there is from the people in town before deciding whether or not to replace the signs. Mr. Odette added that work needed to be done at the recycling center. He had an estimate of \$527.27 to repair the I-beam and wheel on the compactor. Mr. Odette also thought that the compactor should be put on a preventive maintenance plan. The town may be able to save around \$1,600 per year by combining the glass, plastic and metal recyclables in one large 50-yard container. Mr. Odette will also check into a different phone system for John Shay.

Grants Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that she had gotten a notice that the Stewardship grant application for the bike trail had been received.

Red Brick Schoolhouse Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated that he had contacted the Wisconsin Towns Association concerning how the committee can handle the money that it receives. The Statutes allow the Fire Department to have a separate account from the town. But, the Statutes say nothing about whether any other committees can have an account. Mr. Ritter withdrew his suggestion from the table. The committee discussed forming an entirely separate entity for fund raising. The committee would work on

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planning for the restoration of the building. The committee would eventually make suggestions to the town board concerning the restoration. The separate entity would handle the money and fund raising. Marlene Bartelt would head the new group. Mr. Ritter suggested that Ms. Bartelt seek legal advise on how the group would operate. Mr. Ritter will serve as chairperson of the committee, and Ms. McConnell will be the Vice-Chairperson.

Tim Ebert reported that there was a website, www.stgermainfleamarket.com. The fire department has 20 members.

Fred Radtke reported that Vilas County is resurfacing part of Hwy. G. The animal shelter will open shortly. The county board hired two new sheriff deputies.

Mr. Radtke also reported that the Prime-Timers were helping with the Big Brothers, Big Sisters fishing outing at Fibbers. The board gave the Prime-Timers permission to purchasing darkening shades for their room in the Community Center.

Mark Hiller, from the Chamber of Commerce, suggested January 21, 2005 & January 22, 2005 as the dates for the next Radar Run. Everything would be set up pretty much as it had been this year. The board asked Mr. Hiller to give his suggestions to the Parks & Recreation Committee.

Two boys gave a presentation concerning the skateboard park. They stated that actually more of the kids were using bikes than skateboards. They would like power at the park, a fence, and a dirt trail around the perimeter. Tim Ebert stated that clay could be brought in for the jumps.

Mr. Ritter asked that \$1,000 of the administrative expense portion of the town budget be set aside for the town website for the remainder of the year.

Motion Ritter seconded McConnell that the Red Brick Committee be known as the "Red Brick Schoolhouse Planning Committee". Approved.

Motion Odette seconded Nimz that Boyd Best, Marion Robin, Jean Holliman, Bruce Weber, Carl Herrmann and Craig Callies be reappointed to the golf course committee. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded McConnell that Leon Anderson, Marlene Bartelt, Linda Odette, Patty Schoppe, and Roger Weber be appointed to the Red Brick Schoolhouse Planning Committee. Approved. Mr. Odette was opposed.

Motion Nimz seconded Odette that Jim Anderson, Jim Kelsey, Fed Radtke, John Pfister, and Ted Ritter be reappointed to the Room Tax Commission. Approved.

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Mr. Odette submitted three names for the Planning & Zoning Committee. Mr. Wendt felt that a notice should be put in the paper, seeking people for the committee since zoning is so important to the town. Motion Odette seconded Ritter that the zoning committee appointments be tabled at this time. Approved.

Pat Falkenstern wanted to speak about the purchase of the new town truck. She had a newspaper reporter present. Mr. Wendt allowed Ms. Falkenstern to begin speaking, but when she began commenting on how the bids were gotten, Mr. Wendt stopped her. Ms. Falkenstern gave her packet of materials to the newspaper reporter.

Don Buchholtz stated that he was very interested in being a member of the Planning & Zoning Committee. He was going to attend a class concerning zoning.

Gary Schmidt thanked the board for the prompt response to the washout problem on Lost Lake Drive North.

Patty Schoppe added that she remembered an article that was already in the Vilas County News Review that asked for a response from any persons interested in serving on the Planning & Zoning Committee.

Mr. Odette reported that the Planning & Zoning Committee was working on Leon Anderson's request for rerouting Deadman's Gulch Road. There will have to be a survey. The town will have to vacate that portion of the road, and there will have to be Quit Claim Deeds to the Andersons and the town. There is also the question of who is to pay the expenses incurred.

There will be a special town board meeting on May 24, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Brick Schoolhouse to discuss the town board policies and procedures.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:25 P.M.

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