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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: JULY 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, McConnell, Nimz, Ritter, Odette.

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

Communications: Mr. Wendt reported that the Wisconsin Supreme Court had made its decision in the GPS vs. Town of St. Germain case. The Supreme Court voted a three to three tie. Therefore, the Appeals Court decision is upheld in favor of the Town of St. Germain.

The subject of posting and publishing of ordinances and resolutions was verbally agreed upon. It pretty much was taken from the Wisconsin Statutes. It will be an action item at the next town board meeting.

The second item was town charge accounts. Ms Nimz provided a list of businesses, which currently charge to the town. Mr. Ritter noted that it is not the list of businesses that matters. It is the list of people who can charge on them. Mr. Wendt asked about emergencies. Mr. Ritter added that the policy could be changed, if necessary.

The third item was contracts. Mr. Wendt asked about invited bids. They are not addressed in the policy. Bids of \$5,000 to \$15,000 require a class one notice. Over \$15,000 a class two notice. A bid could be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. It should be added that the town reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. There was a lengthy discussion concerning emergencies. Ms. Nimz thought that we would not have to go by the Statutes in an emergency. The Statutes require a meeting to pass a resolution even in case of emergencies. The board decided that rather than to try to change the Statutes, that section should be left out.

The fourth item was where postings should be made. The committee came up with Camp's Supervalu, the Post Office, and the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Posting practices should be consistent. Only Annual Meeting minutes will be posted. If a problem arises the locations can be changed.

Ms. Nimz would like the town to match \$2,000 with the skateboard park for fencing. She would also like to have a town organization to adopt the skateboard park as their project.

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Mr. Ritter would like the town board to specify a six-foot fence and pay \$2,500. The money would come from the Park Fund.

Motion Odette seconded Nimz to approve funds for the improvement of the Lost Lake Dam area not to exceed \$5,700 to be taken from appropriate available funds in the town treasury to be reimbursed at a later date from appropriate county and state agencies. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the contract for the Lost Lake Dam area project is accepted as presented by Mr. Goggin and that it will be signed by Mr. Wendt. Approved.

Motion Odette seconded Ritter to table the date for the Board of Review. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the letter as presented restricting individuals authorized to sign charge accounts be approved and sent to those merchants at the discretion of the chair without listing all of the merchants. Approved.

Motion Wendt seconded Nimz that the board accept the board member conflict of interest policy as written with the last sentence of the first paragraph stricken. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded McConnell that the procedures review policy be adopted as presented. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded McConnell that the closed session meeting policy be adopted as presented. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded McConnell that the board member authority policy be adopted as amended. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the alcoholic beverage policy be adopted as amended with distribution of the policy not be effective until September 1, 2004. Approved.

Mr. Wendt noted that during the citizens concern section of the meeting, the town board couldn't make comments on what has been said since it is not on the agenda. A board member cannot give an opinion.

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Fred Radtke asked who was going to inform the people of the content of the Statutes that are quoted in the new town policies.

At this time the tape ran out. There is no further record of the meeting.

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Chairman

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