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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JULY 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, McConnell, Nimz, Odette, Ritter, Schuettner, Martens.

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

Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the minutes of the June 14, 2004 meeting be approved as amended. Approved. The minutes of the July 1, 2004 special meeting were not approved as this time.

Treasurer's report: Balance General Account \$12,487.96; Money Market Acct. \$42,711.23; Rental Acct. \$10,422.50; Park Fund \$11,864.58; Debt Reserve \$117,109.34; Room Tax Acct. \$40,008.59; Bag Account \$10,481.13; Lakes Acct. \$36,933.94; Golf Course Regular Acct. \$11,332.19; Money Market \$25,097.37; Debt Reserve \$218,829.00; Rainy Day \$-0-; Capital Improvement \$21,500.00. Motion Nimz Seconded Ritter that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that vouchers 13603 – 13675 be approved along with the following extra bill; Ed Odette \$4.42—reim. Zoning postage. Approved.

Mr. Wendt had no communications to report.

Tim Ebert reported that the fire department had 29 calls last month. He asked that at budget time the town look into a new fire numbering system. The 911 system is having a very difficult time in areas where old resorts have been divided and are still using only one fire number.

There was no finance committee report.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report: Ms. Nimz noted the committee was looking into grants for new soccer fields. A private citizen has offered a large donation. A survey would need to be done to check elevations for runoff. It was suggested that a committee be formed to make recommendations to the board. Ms. Nimz was finally able to contact B & D Locks to get a new proposal for securing the town buildings. He is still looking into an automatic locking system.

Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter reported that the plant study in the area lakes is underway. The Lakes Fair will be this Wednesday.

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Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt stated that this was one of the best Junes on record. However, the course is still down for the year. The clerk asked how Nick Savel was to be paid for 7.5 hours at the golf course. Boyd Best is to pay Nick.

There was no Zoning Committee Report.

Personnel Committee Report: Ms. McConnell noted that four of the policies and procedures had been approved at the last special meeting.

Public Works Committee Report: Ms. Nimz asked that a caution sign be placed at the intersection of Four Corner Lane and Found Lake Road. There are stop signs at three of the corners, but nothing at the fourth. The culvert on Forest Primeval Road needs to be lowered. The new container at the transfer station is still not here. The compactor was not working. The pressure needed to be adjusted. The clerk is to check into the long distance service at both the transfer station and the Community Center.

Grants Committee Report: Ms. Nimz noted that Wisconsin Valley Improvement has grants available for some of the boat landings. Walt Camp is working on grants for the soccer fields. The fact that the town would be donating the land should help. There is still nothing on the bike trail grants.

Red Brick Planning Committee: Mr. Ritter asked that the town have an attorney review the deeds for the Red Brick Schoolhouse. There still seems to still be a question concerning the reverter clause. The clerk is to send the deeds to Steve Lucarelli for review. The committee is personally contacting each organization in town concerning usage of the town facilities. There will be a discussion at the next special town board meeting. After July 26, 2004 the town board will have to meet to open the bids for the exterior renovation.

Fred Radtke noted that Vilas County employees will be receiving 3% raises for 2004 & 2005. The next County Board meeting is in August.

Fred Radtke reported that Doug Knapp is the new president of the Prime Timers. The group will be doing the concessions at the Lakes Fair.

Under informational items, there was a discussion about two properties that are in desperate need of repair. One is across from fire #1584 on Lingo Lane in Leisure Estates and the other is 2723 Cedar Ave in Birch Springs Estates. The Zoning Committee will study the matter at the next zoning meeting and have a recommendation for the town board at the next meeting.

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There was a lengthy discussion concerning the make-up of the Board of Appeals. The suggestion was to change the Board of Appeals to a five-person board appointed by the Town Chairman with approval of the town board. Since it is part of the town-zoning ordinance, it will require public hearings and county board approval. Mr. Ritter stated that attention needs to be paid to this matter immediately. Motion Odette seconded by McConnell that the matter be tabled at this time. Approved.

Mr. Ritter made a motion seconded by Ms. McConnell to approve four of the town board policies. However, since the boxes for posting are not yet made, the motion was withdrawn.

Motion Ritter seconded McConnell that the town board policies Ordinances & Resolutions; Town Charge Accounts; Posting of Town Notices; and the Town Alcoholic Beverage Policy be adopted with a grace period until the placement of the posting boxes. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the Lakes Planning Grant Resolution be approved as presented. Approved. The grant is for inspections at many of the town's boat landings for next season. The most it would cost the town is \$1,000. It could possibly cost the town nothing depending on how much of the work is done voluntarily. The deadline for the grant is August 1, 2004.

Motion Odette seconded McConnell that the Board of Review be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Old Red Brick Schoolhouse. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded McConnell that the town invite bids to restore an outside faucet and hot water to the two bathrooms and two janitor rooms in the Old Red Brick Schoolhouse. Approved.

Patty Schoppe asked that a water sample be taken from the water fountain outside the town meeting room in the Red Brick Schoolhouse. She also said that the town was in need of a public bulletin board. Ms. Schoppe also reported that there were still mice getting into the basement. Insulation board needs to be removed. The wildlife club room still needs to be unlocked. And, Ms. Schoppe asked that the old pump from the old white school building be kept.

Todd Giese asked why drain oil was no longer accepted at the transfer station.

Bill Joost noted that there are very many people who are dumping trash into the compactor without purchasing a town bag. The committee will check into it.

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Jean Seifried reported that Ethel Freund, former town treasurer had died. The clerk is to send a sympathy card to the family.

Mr. Wendt noted that committees could get bids prior to a town board meeting. The committee can then present the results at a town board meeting.

Mr. Ritter asked about secure storage for town records. Only the town board and Tim Ebert have keys to the town office. The zoning files will be kept in the old school office at the rear of the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

Ms. Nimz asked if the Lionesses' Welcome to St. Germain sign could be moved. There doesn't seem to be any other town property available. Brad Waldmann might allow the sign on his property.

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

Meeting adjourned 9:05 P.M.

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