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## MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 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, Ritter, Odette, Nimz, Martens.

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

A lengthy discussion concerning the direction of the Red Brick Schoolhouse Planning Committee followed. Mr. Ritter read through his three options for the building. All three of Mr. Ritter's options included preserving the 1941 section of the Old Red Brick Schoolhouse. The newer portion may or may not be saved. Mr. Wendt agreed with Mr. Ritter and also wants to know how the building fits into the long-range plans for St. Germain. Mr. Ritter had talked to Mr. Sewall from the Wisconsin State Historical Society. Mr. Sewall stated that he doubted that we could ever get any funding for the school. He also doubted that it would qualify for the National Register of Historic Places. And, even if it did qualify, funding is not guaranteed. Ms. McConnell stated that she felt that the committee had originally been set up as the Red Brick Restoration Committee and that the members were there for that purpose. Mr. Ritter wanted to know who should develop the use options for the building. Ms. McConnell felt that the town board has been negligent in the maintenance of the building. Mr. Ritter stated that he would like to see the original portion of the building saved. Mr. Wendt stated that the town board could commit to the maintenance and preservation of the 1941 portion of the building. Mr. Ritter is to draft a resolution to that effect. Mr. Wendt also stated that he was disappointed with the promises that had been made that haven't come true. The matter will be on the agenda for the next meeting as an informational item.

Mr. Ritter also stated that the Red Brick Schoolhouse Planning Committee voted that the town board go into contract with Waldmann Construction provided that \$20,805 for roof maintenance be paid by the town and the balance by the Red Brick Restoration, Inc. committee. The Red Brick Restoration, Inc. committee would provide a cashiers check for approximately \$70,000 for the balance of the restoration work. The committee did not bring in the check. Mr. Ritter is to talk with Brad Waldmann to see what can be done with the roof to get through the winter.

Motion Odette seconded McConnell that the Red Brick restoration bid be tabled. Approved. The matter will be a discussion item on the agenda for the September 13, 2004 meeting.

Motion Ritter seconded Odette that Todd Wiese and Raymond Weber be appointed to the Board of Appeals to fill vacancies for eight months until April 2005 or until the such time as the new ordinance amendments are adopted. Approved. The clerk will notify Mr. Wiese and Mr. Weber of their appointments.

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Patty Schoppe asked why the town board was always looking for something more concerning the Red Brick School. The Master Plan showed support for saving the school and there already was a public hearing showing support.

Todd Wiese questioned what types of plastic are accepted at the transfer station. Mr. Odette will get a letter from Onyx.

Patty Schoppe asked that something be put up between the playground and Community Center to keep cars from driving through. Some children were almost hit.

Barb Zimmerman asked that the electric panel at the shelter building be locked. Someone turned off the freezers last weekend.

Mr. Odette had several concerns. Someone saw the town truck out of the shop on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Nimz stated that there was a demonstration truck in the area. Perhaps it was not the town truck that was seen.

A white van and two white cars have been speeding in the vicinity of the skateboard park. Ms. Nimz stated that someone needed to turn the license numbers in to the sheriff.

The stumps will be removed from the shoulder on the Pedycourt Road. The plow would hit them in the winter.

The James Miller property will have to be an action item for the September 13, 2004 meeting. Tim Ebert had told Mr. Odette that he had a HUD report from Mr. Miller.

The clerk presented a past due bill from Discover Wisconsin. It will be on the list of bills for September 13, 2004.

The clerk is to draft a resolution for the abandonment of Sunset Bay Road. It was abandoned in 1995, but it never got recorded.

Ms. Nimz asked about the annexation of the property for the Vilas County Historical Museum to Sayner. The matter came before the town board once, but nothing ever was done. Mr. Ritter stated that the town legal notice board was now up at the Post Office. Ms. McConnell asked the committee chairpersons to begin thinking about budget items.

Marlene Bartelt will provide a letter asking for temporary parking on one side of Big St. Germain Drive near Fibbers on September 11, 2004 for the Red Brick Fishing Benefit.

Mr. Wendt had sent letters to the Vilas County Board and to Governor Doyle concerning the bike trail and funding.

Ms. McConnell asked to have her expenses reimbursed if she attends the WTA training session in Minocqua.

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Mr. Ritter had sent a letter to the DNR concerning NR198.

There will be a special town board meeting held on Wednesday, September 29, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the boardroom of the Old Red Brick Schoolhouse.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:40 P.M.

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