

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 13, 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 Ritter that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the minutes of the August 9, 2004, August 19, 2004 and September 1, 2004 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: Balance General Account as of 8-31-2004: \$235,637.61; Money Market Acct. \$42,747.51; Debt Reserve \$117,413.37; Bag Acct. \$17,996.21; Lakes Acct. \$19,084.01; Park Fund \$13027.69; Rental Account \$10,710.54; Room Tax Account \$6,097.37; Golf Course Regular Account \$96,235.39; Money Market \$25,097.37; Debt Reserve \$218,829.00; Rainy Day \$106,500.00; Capital Improvement \$66,000.00.

Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that vouchers 13205-13787 be approved. Approved

### Communications:

Mr. Wendt noted that he had received a letter from the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club stating that they were concerned about the proximity of the proposed bike trail to the present snowmobile trail. Mr. Wendt also stated that he had forwarded the contract along with a \$300 check to Patrick Goggin for the Lost Lake Dam Project. The clerk noted that the town's population was now estimated at 2031 people. The equalized value for St. Germain has risen to \$481,945,800. That is a 12.48% increase over last year. Mr. Odette reported that David Kuemmel was looking into the culvert problem on Forest Primeval Road.

### Committee and Organization Reports:

There was no report from the Fire Department.

Finance Committee Report: Mr. Wendt noted that the budget workshops would begin either late this month or early in October.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported a fence would be put up between the Community Center and the woods to keep cars from driving through. Mr.

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Odette stated that he around 30 names for an additional wall at the Veteran's Memorial. Brad Waldmann had originally proposed five small walls along each side of the walkway. Mr. Odette will get the information from Brad Waldmann.

Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated that the next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 21, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. The plant study was not quite completed this year. It will be completed next spring. So far there have been no other exotic plant species found in any of the rest of the town's lakes.

Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt stated that hopefully the course would remain open thru October 17, 2004. September has been good so far.

Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Odette reported that the next meeting will be on Monday, September 27, 2004 at 5:00 P.M. The committee will be looking at the zoning ordinance amendments and map changes. Mr. Wendt noted that there would be a workshop for the newly appointed Board of Appeals this Thursday.

Personnel Committee Report: Ms. McConnell reported that this meeting would be adjourned into closed session to discuss employee contracts.

Public Works Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that she had filed the papers for past TRIP grants totaling \$21,405.67. This year's grant will remain open until the work on Four Corner Lane is completed. No parking signs will be placed along one side of Big St. Germain Drive near Fibbers for the Musky Tournament. Someone broke open the beaver dam on Stella Creek causing major flooding in the area. The town crew will patch lost Lake Drive North where the washout was this summer. The town is going to have to purchase gravel from Pitlik & Wick. The county only has around 1000 yards. Charlie from Onyx will talk to John Shay concerning what items can be recycled. The new container has still not arrived.

There was no Grants Committee Report.

Red Brick Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated that the committee has not met since the last town board meeting. The hot water has been connected. The large meeting in the new section is available for meetings.

Fred Radtke reported that the next meeting will be September 21, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. The county is receiving energy management grants some of which will go to St. Germain's fire department. The county is now looking at having proposed bike trails go through three committees for approval.

Mr. Radtke also reported that the Prime-Timers will view a Maple travelogue in September; attend a governor's conference and a conference on living well.

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## **Informational Items:**

Mr. Wendt read through a resolution concerning the preservation and maintenance of the original portion of the Old Red Brick Schoolhouse, which had been drafted by Mr. Ritter. Ms. McConnell stated that not only did the building have monetary value it also had historical value. Mr. Ritter will add historical value to the wording. The resolution will be an action item for the October meeting.

Mr. Odette reported that James Miller had received a HUD report concerning the necessary repairs to his property on Lingo Lane. Mr. Odette had told Mr. Miller that he could begin construction at the time he received the report. Mr. Odette also stated that Mr. Miller will have 45 days from tonight to complete the repairs. In addition to the HUD report, Mr. Miller must install hardwired smoke detectors in the bedrooms.

## **Action Items:**

Motion Odette seconded Ritter that the changes to the St. Germain Zoning Ordinance Sec. 1.68 (2)(a) and Sec. 1.68 (2)(b) concerning the creation and qualifications for the Board of Appeals be adopted as presented. Approved.

Mark Hiller was present to ask the town board to sanction the radar run on Little St. Germain for January 21 & January 22, 2005. Since the event is ISR sanctioned, the Chamber of Commerce needs to follow ISR guidelines. Mr. Hiller also asked the town board to sanction trails from the local motels to the radar run and from the motels into town. Mr. Ritter stated that he had no complaints concerning the radar run last January. Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the Town Board of St. Germain sanction the 2005 radar run for Friday, January 21, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. and on Saturday, January 22, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. Approved.

Mr. Hiller also discussed a RECFA grant for the proposed bike trail. Wisconsin Valley Improvement intends to make a walkway from the wayside down to the dam on the Big St. Germain River. They are willing to incorporate the bike trail into their walkway. The total cost of the project would be \$9,500. The town's portion would be \$4,750, but 50% of that would come from the Stewardship grant which has already been granted. Motion Nimz seconded Odette to go ahead with the application for the RECFA grant for a maximum of \$2,375. Approved.

Mr. Ritter explained the Red Brick Roof Bid. The chimney would be removed to the roofline. It would be covered over for now. The metal vents would be removed and stored until such time as the historical restoration may begin. The attic needs insulation. 40 yr. Shingles would be used. An amount for possible deck replacement has been built in. The bid now is just under \$15,000. Work would begin this fall. Motion Ritter

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seconded McConnell to accept the bid from Waldmann Construction for reshingling the roof and that the Finance Committee will determine a strategy for payment. Approved.

## Citizens Concerns:

Fred Radtke asked who had been appointed to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Wendt stated that Ray Weber and Todd Weise had been appointed.

Motion Odette seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned into closed session to discuss employee contracts. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Odette that the meeting reconvene into open session. Approved.

Mr. Ritter noted that the official town notice board at the post office looked very nice.

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

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

Meeting adjourned 9:50 P.M.

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