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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 11, 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.

1. **Roll Call:** Jim Wendt, Linda McConnell, Ted Ritter, Ed Odette, Peggy Nimz, Tom Martens, Val Schuettner, Ms.. McConnell was absent.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the minutes of the September 1, 2004, September 13, 2004 and September 29, 2004 meetings be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 9-30-04: \$15,076.75; Money Market Account \$42,765.08; Lakes Account \$31,479.73; Park Fund \$13,038.50; Rental Account \$11,064.66; Bag Account \$4,835.74; Room Tax Account \$13,703.11; Debt Reserve \$274,039.98; Golf Course Regular Account \$110,459.52; Money Market \$25,097.37; Rainy Day \$106,150.00; Capital Improvement \$66,000.00; Debt Reserve \$218,829.00. Motion Nimz seconded Odette that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
5. **Approval of Bills:** There was a discussion concerning the bill to Lucareli Law Office and also the Wheeler, Van Sickle, & Anderson Law Office. Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that vouchers 13788-13861 be approved with the exception of voucher #13836 to Lucareli Law Office. Approved. Mr. Odette voted No. The board will check into the charges on the Lucareli bill.
6. **Communications:** Mr. Wendt read a letter from Plum Lake Library thanking the town for the contribution. They also asked for continued support. Ed Johnston, representing the Walter Olson Library, would like to come before the board to ask for continued support.
7. **Reports:**
  - 7A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert was not present, but sent a note stating that there had been 47 runs during the last two months. The department had earned approximately \$14,000 towards LOSA from the flea market. The department had received a 50-50 DNR grant.
  - 7B. **Finance Committee Report:** Mr. Wendt reported that the first budget workshop would be in early November.

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**7C. Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Ms. Nimz reported that the underground storage tank at the Community Center still had not been removed.

**7D. Lakes Committee Report:** Mr. Ritter had nothing to report other than that the next meeting would be next Tuesday.

**7E. Golf Course Committee Report:** Mr. Wendt noted that September was almost the best September ever. October has been very good also. The plan is to close on October 25, 2004, weather permitting.

**7F. Zoning Committee Report:** Mr. Odette stated that there would be meetings on October 12, 2004, and October 27, 2004 at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Odette had sent letters to Tom Klosinski concerning his unfinished home on Cedar Ave., also to Addison Toynton concerning his proposed change of use of his cottage, and finally to Jeff Jakubek concerning the landscaping at the carwash.

**7G. Personnel Committee Report:** Mr. Ritter noted that he had met with the contracted town employees last Friday to discuss their contracts. Ms. McConnell was out of town. This meeting will be adjourned into closed session to discuss the outcome of the meeting with employees.

**7H. Public Works Committee Report:** Ms. Nimz reported that the town had a stockpile of gravel, but that it still had to be crushed. Nick Savel's truck had to be taken to Marshfield for repairs. The stumps on Pedycourt Road had been removed. The new container is at the transfer station. Recyclables no longer need to be separated. The town crew has cleaned up the transfer station site.

**7I. Grants Committee Report:** Ms. Nimz stated that she has no heard whether or not the TRIP grants had been approved.

**7J. Red Brick Planning Committee Report:** Mr. Ritter reported that the shingling had been completed on the 1941 portion of the building. The decking all appeared to be in good shape.

**7K. Citizens Groups & County Rep.:** Fred Radtke reported that Vilas County, through U.W. Oshkosh, will be doing the water testing of commercial wells. The county had swapped two 40's for five tax delinquent parcels with Gene Ahlborn. Mr. Radtke also reported that the Prime-Timers would be seeing movies, a travelogue, having a rubber-stamping class, and flu shots this month. The Prime-Timers have also purchased a 2001 15-passenger van for \$3,500. The town board gave the Prime-Timers permission to park the van in the cold side of the town garage.

## 8. Informational Items for Consideration:

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**8A. Recreational Trail:** Mark Hiller gave a presentation concerning the recreational trail proposal. Since the D.O.T. grant had not been approved, the trail has been shortened to approx. 5.3 miles. There would be a trailhead behind the information booth. It would cross Hwy. 70 to the town park; follow Hwy. 70 on the north side then cross to the south side before the Big St. Germain River; cross the river on the trail being built by WVIC with shared funding from the town; cross Hwy. 70 again in order to follow the right of way on the east side of Hwy. C; turn onto Old County C Road to cross Mud Creek; follow Hwy. C, crossing the Joyce Road; then again follow Hwy. C to Mood Road and Plum Creek Ave. where there would be another trailhead.

Right now there is the 50-50 Stewardship Grant for \$175,000, the WVIP grant for \$4000, and approximately \$51,000 in pledges from the local organizations. Mr. Hiller is also asking \$120,000 from the Room Tax Account at \$12,000/year for the next 10 years. Mr. Hiller is also proposing an escrow account of \$2,000 for future maintenance along with under \$4,000 per year in current maintenance. In order to get the right of way permits from the State and County, the engineer needs to mark the proposed trail. The grant money needs to be used in 2005. The town board approved the proposal and signed the amended contract with Northern Environmental.

**8B. Stump Dump Policy:** The stump dump will unofficially be open for a few days this fall.

## 9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

**9A. Red Brick Resolution:** Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the Red Brick Schoolhouse Resolution SG-10-1-04 be approved as presented. Approved.

**9B. Coyote Joe's:** Motion Odette seconded Nimz that a class B combination intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverage license be granted to JCO of WI, Inc., Connie J. Oszakiewski, agent. Approved.

**9C. UDC Inspector:** Motion Odette seconded Ritter that the contract with Darin Pagel of Northwinds Inspections, LTD as the UDC building inspector be approved as printed effective January 1, 2005. Approved.

**9C. UDC Fee Schedule:** Motion Odette seconded Ritter that the proposed UDC fee schedule for 2005 be approved as presented. Approved.

**9D. UDC Ordinance:** Motion Odette seconded Ritter that the UDC Ordinance SG-10-2-04 be adopted. Approved. Mr. Ritter noted that Attorney Bill Joost had drafted the ordinance and further legal advice should not be necessary.

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**9E. Public Contracts and Bidding Policy:** Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the Public Contracts and Bidding Policy be adopted as presented. Approved.

**9F. Insurance Renewal:** Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the town insurance policies be renewed with Meyer & Associates for \$37,306. Approved. Mr. Wendt will check to see if a rider can be added that would protect town employees while they are using their own vehicles while on town business.

**9G. Town Road Abandonment-Paperwork:** Sunset Bay Road had been abandoned in 1995. The abandonment had never been filed with the Register of Deeds. There needs to be a resolution and property description before the papers can be filed. Motion Odette seconded Nimz to have Favorite Surveying survey the remainder of Sunset Bay Road at cost of \$350. Approved.

**10. Citizens Concerns:** Mary Platner noted that Bill Jones felt that it was not a good idea to take town the no hunting signs in the town's subdivisions. Todd Wiese wanted to know why the town was paying for the survey of the Sunset Bay Road. He also stated that the town constable can be given the authority to enforce the town's ordinances.

**11. Closed Session:** Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the meeting be adjourned into closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Ch. 19.85(1). Approved.

**12. Open Session:** Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the closed session be adjourned. Approved.

## **13. Board Concerns:**

**13A. WVIC Grant:** Mr. Wendt was given permission to sign the WVIC grant application.

**13B. Board of Review:** The Board of Review will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2004 beginning at 7:00 P.M. The assessor's open book session will be held on Monday, October 18, 2004 from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.

**13C. Budget Workshop:** The first budget workshop will be held on November 1, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

**14. Adjournment:** Motion Odette seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 11:12 p.m.

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Town Clerk

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