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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 8, 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, Peggy Nimz, Tom Martens, Val Schuettner, Ms.. McConnell and Mr. Odette were absent.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the agenda be approved with citizens concerns being moved ahead of reports. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the minutes of the October 11, 2004, October 20, 2004 and November 1, 2004 meetings be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 10-31-04: \$23,928.19; Money Market Account \$7,776.53; Lakes Account \$31,506.74; Park Fund \$5,999.04; Rental Account \$3,894.29; Bag Account \$6,246.28; Room Tax Account \$31,694.40; Debt Reserve \$274,039.98; Golf Course Regular Account \$122,557.23; Money Market \$25,097.37; Rainy Day \$106,150.00; Capital Improvement \$66,000.00; Debt Reserve \$236,329.00. Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved. Ms. Schuettner also asked for items for the newsletter that goes in with the tax bills.
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that vouchers 13862-13931 be approved. Approved. Nobody had checked into the charges on the Lucareli bill. The clerk is to call Steve Lucareli.
6. **Communications:** Mr. Wendt noted that he had received a notice from Wheeler, VanSickle, & Anderson law office that GPS, Inc. had written to the Wisconsin Supreme Court asking them to review their decision in GPS vs. Town of St. Germain. The Supreme Court would not review the decision.
7. **Reports:**
 - 7A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 19 calls for the month. During Fire Prevention Week, the department had taken the truck to the day care centers. They also held a fire drill at the school. Membership is very low. The department's rating depends on how much water can be moved. The minimum is 14 members. The will have to be a recruitment program through the papers and radio stations.

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7B. Finance Committee Report: Mr. Wendt reported that the next budget workshop would be on November 10, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. The Annual Budget Hearing would be on Tuesday, November 30, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center.

7C. Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Ms. Nimz asked an opinion of where the ice rink should be this year. The wind and sun evaporate the ice under the pavilion. The ice rink will be in the parking lot as it has a few times in the past. Temporary lighting will be put up.

7D. Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter reported that under the Clean Boat Clean Water program, there would be inspections at the major boat landings starting next spring. Mr. Ritter noted that he would be looking for volunteers from the community.

7E. Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt stated that the committee had met last week. The year ended up \$7,000 to \$10,000 under projections. The golf pro and superintendent will present their budgets at the workshop on November 10, 2004.

7F. Zoning Committee Report: Since Mr. Odette was absent; Mr. Ritter's only comment was that he was wondering what was going on with the Miller property on Lingo Lane. He had expected Mr. Miller to be present to give a report of what has been finished. Tim Ebert stated that the outside was near completion, and that the lot had been cleaned up.

7G. Personnel Committee Report: Mr. Ritter noted Nick Savel still had not been paid for his work at the golf course on Labor Day. The clerk is to pay Mr. Savel double time for the holiday work. The golf course will reimburse the town. Mr. Ritter also noted that he was seeking health insurance quotes from Security Health.

7H. Public Works Committee Report: Ms. Nimz asked that Mr. Ebert have the prospective snowplowers get their applications to her to be checked. Ms. Nimz also asked that the town board meetings be moved to a meeting room in the rear portion of the building so that Red Brick Restoration, Inc., could begin to clean and paint the 1941 portion of the building. However, the heat in the rear portion is not working. An air compressor and pump in the boiler need to be replaced. Ms. Nimz is to call Tim Clark to do the work for \$800 to \$1,500.

7I. Grants Committee Report: Ms. Nimz stated that she has not heard whether or not the TRIP grants had been approved. She also noted that we do have a TRIP grant for work on Four Corner Lane for this year.

7J. Red Brick Planning Committee Report: Mr. Ritter had no report.

7K. Citizens Groups & County Rep.: Fred Radtke reported that Vilas County was considering a Human Health Hazard Ordinance. The county budget meeting is tomorrow. The proposed budget will raise the mill rate approximately eight cents per \$1,000 valuation.

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The county is also considering a trail development resolution. Mr. Radtke also reported that the Commission on Aging had purchased the van for the Prime-Timers. The van is for St. Germain's citizens to use. The Commission on Aging is also paying for the insurance and has provided a gas card. There will be rubber-stamping classes that are open to anyone who would like to attend. Mr. Radtke also passed out a copy of a plaque that was given to Jean Seifried for he service to the community.

8. Informational Items for Consideration:

8A. Town Road Snowmobile Routes: The list of road to be used as snowmobile routes will be in this week's Vilas County News Review. There will be a special town board to approve them later this month.

8B. Insurance Certificates: Pat Leman from Meyer Insurance had suggested that any groups using town facilities for events should provide an insurance certificate. Mr. Wendt will call Pat to discuss the matter with her.

8C. Recreational Trail Update: Mr. Wendt noted that he had written to the Vilas County Board concerning their proposed trail development resolution. He informed them that St. Germain had received the Stewardship Grant and that we were very close to being able to begin the recreational trail next spring. The response from the county was that they would consider Mr. Wendt's letter. It also seems as though the resolution may only involve future trails, not those already being planned.

9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

9A. Red Brick Planning Committee: Motion Nimz seconded Ritter to disband the present Red Brick Planning Committee and appoint Mr. Ritter and Mr. Wendt as co-chairpersons of a new St. Germain Facilities Committee with Mr. Odette, Ms. Nimz and Ms. McConnell as ex-officio members. Approved.

10. Citizens Concerns: The citizens concerns had been moved up to prior to the reports in the agenda.

10A. Sunset Bay Road Abandonment: A group of residents were present to ask about the survey that had been done. Mr. Wendt noted that the road had been abandoned in 1995. However, the paperwork had never been filed with the register of deeds. Once the abandonment is recorded, the property will be divided into one-sixth interests to each of the six adjacent property owners. They will be responsible for whatever is done with road. Mr. Wendt suggested that they form an association to deal with the road.

10B. Red Brick Restoration, Inc.: Rosalie Sherwin polled the town board concerning comments she had supposedly had made to the board. In a letter from Patty Schoppe, Ms.

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Schoppe stated that Ms. Sherwin had accused Patty Schoppe and Marlene Bartelt of “lining their pockets” with Red Brick Restoration money. Each of the town board members stated that they had not heard that comment. Mr. Ritter noted that the town board had wanted to open a separate account for the restoration money, but that the members of Red Brick Restoration, Inc. did not want it that way. Mr. Wendt stated that the town board had no idea of how much money had been collected or how it had been used.

10C. Deadman’s Gulch Road: Luella Sherren asked how much it had cost the town to widen the road. Ms. Nimz stated that Vogel Enterprises had charged \$13,602.02 but that did not include the time for the town crew or the gravel. Mr. Ritter noted that that was within the projected cost.

10D. Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen asked that from now on the Red Brick Schoolhouse be considered as one building and not the front section and the rear section. She also stated that she thought it would be cheaper to do all of the windows at one time then one at a time. Ms. Allen also asked that Red Brick Restoration Inc., and town board work together more. There will be a Food Fest on November 20, 2004 at the Community Center with a bake sale and craft show.

10E. Jean Seifried: Ms. Seifried said goodbye to the town board. She will be moving to a city in Oklahoma. Mr. Wendt thanked Ms. Seifried for her contributions to the town. Mr. Wendt said that she will be missed and always be in the hearts and thoughts of the board.

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 Nimz that the closed session be adjourned. Approved.

13. Board Concerns:

13A. Linda McConnell: Mr. Ritter was concerned about Ms. McConnell’s absence. It doesn’t seem to be addressed in the Statutes. Mr. Wendt will check to see what the options are.

13B. Budget Workshop: Next budget workshop will be held on November 10, 2004 at 6:30 P.M.

14. Adjournment: Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:52 p.m.

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