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## MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 7, 2005

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, Ted Ritter, Peggy Nimz, Ed Odette, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Lee Christensen was absent.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the agenda be approved with action items being placed before the informational items. Approved.
3. **Communications:** There were no communications
4. **Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)**

**4A. Spring Referendum Questions:** Mr. Wendt stated that he had sent the board members copies of the referendum questions. Extra copies were handed out to the people present. Mr. Ritter mentioned, concerning question #1, that tax dollars would be used to create town offices in the community center. Mr. Wendt stated that question was pretty a status quo type of question. There were no questions concerning questions #2 & #3. Mr. Wendt stated that questions #4 & #5 went together. They would be discussed at the same time. The town clerk had a concern with question #5. Since it mentioned that no tax dollars would be spent, he thought that it would be natural for voters to pick that question. Also, since question #4 stated that tax dollars would be spent, question #4, would not be a choice at all. A lengthy discussion followed. It was decided to leave question #4 as is except for adding "and consider relocating" the original portion of the building. Question #5 was deleted. The town clerk suggested that an option be added which included the remodeling of the 1965 addition. The wording of question #5 will be as follows: "The Town of St. Germain should spend tax dollars to remodel the 1965 addition and bring the entire Red Brick complex into compliance with appropriate occupancy codes for classrooms, offices and washrooms". Mr. Ritter noted the occupancy codes will mean more than ADA compliant. Mr. Ritter stated that the projected costs of each question will only be relative to each other. They will not be final estimates. Mr. Ritter also stated that it only a matter of time before the Red Brick Schoolhouse will have to brought up to ADA compliance. Motion Nimz seconded Odette that the town board accept the 6<sup>th</sup> draft with revisions for the Spring Election referendum questions. Approved. Attorney Steve Lucareli will have to give his final approval to the questions.

5. **Informational Items for Consideration:**

**5A. Public Awareness Plans for Referendum:** Mr. Wendt asked each board member to compile a list of pro and cons for each referendum question. Mr. Ritter said that he would rather call them consequences. Mr. Wendt asked that he have the lists by Friday. Prior to the Spring Election, the board may pass out fliers, talk to the local groups, hold public meetings, have radio ads, etc. in order to explain the referendum questions to the voters. As class C notice will also have to be published.

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**6. Citizens Concerns:**

**6A. Ellen Allen:** Ms. Allen asked if Red Brick Schoolhouse, Inc., could borrow the flag for their meeting on February 8, 2005. The board gave the group permission to borrow the flag.

**6B. John Shay:** Mr. Shay expressed concerns with his contract. Mr. Wendt stated that personnel items would not be discussed at this meeting. Mr. Shay should contact either Lee Christensen, chairman of the personnel committee, or talk to Mr. Wendt.

**11. Board Concerns:** There were no board concerns.

**12. Adjournment:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, February 14, 2005.

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