

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MARCH 14, 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, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens, Val Schuettner.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the minutes of the February 14, 2005 meeting be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 02-28-05: \$(26,672.21); Money Market Account \$219,537.74; Lakes Account \$21,777.12; Park Fund \$6,018.98; Rental Account \$4,127.48; Bag Account \$5,708.87; Room Tax Account \$33,980.77; Debt Reserve \$283,278.59; Golf Course Regular Account \$30,246.44; Money Market \$0; Debt Reserve \$240,092.00; Rainy Day Fund \$106,150.00; Capital Improvement \$66,000.00. Motion Christensen seconded Nimz that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that vouchers 14130 – 14190 be approved along with the following extra bills: Ted Ritter \$21.58 – reim. mailing labels Lakes Comm.; MTS Safety Products, Inc. \$394.32 – boat patrol vests; Robert E. Lee & Assoc. \$1,274.85 – aquatic plant study; Vilas County Treasurer \$1,139.40 – listing error; ECO-Water Systems \$179.90 – fire dept. water system. Approved.
6. **Communications:**
  - 6A. **Chamber Table Request:** The Chamber of Commerce is asking that the town contribute \$1,000 towards new tables for the Community Center. The Parks & Recreation Committee will review the request and make a recommendation to the board.
7. **Reports:**
  - 7A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert was at a training session, however, Mr. Wendt noted that there were now 30 members. On March 22, 2005 there will be an entry level training session for the inexperienced new members. There were 31 calls in February. The department has applied for a 90-10% grant for a pumper truck..
  - 7B. **Finance Committee Report:** There was no report.
  - 7C. **Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Mr. Christensen noted that there has been two meetings. Discussions concerned funding of the fireworks and park usage.

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**7D. Lakes Committee Report:** Mr. Ritter stated that letters would be going out on April 1, 2005 asking for public support from the resident property owners. There are three proposals (1) The Lakes Fair, (2) The Aquatic Plant Study, (3) The committee has received a \$2,500 grant for inspections at the boat landings. The committee would donate that money towards fund raisers to organizations interested in volunteering at the boat landings. So far, the Lions and the Fish & Wildlife Club have shown an interest. The next meeting is tomorrow night at 7:00 P.M.

**7E. Golf Course Committee Report:** There was no report other than Mr. Wendt stating that the usual maintenance work was being done and that Steve Spears was attending some seminars. Brian Baldwin was on vacation.

**7F. Zoning Committee Report:** Todd Wiese, committee chairman, noted that he had filed the material that had been handed down from the previous P & Z Committees. Mr. Wiese also suggested that the town purchase a paper shredder. The next meeting is Monday, March 21, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. The committee will be discussing new ordinances. Mr. Wiese stated that he had a request for a rezone from low density to community highway business. He also had a request for a fireworks retail store. Mr. Wendt asked that the committee consider a smoke ordinance. He had received several complaints concerning the outdoor wood furnace at one of the businesses in the downtown district.

**7G. Personnel Committee Report:** There was no report.

**7H. Public Works Committee Report:** Ms. Nimz noted that the sand pile was very low. Nick Savel's truck needs new front tires. The cost will be \$1,200. Ms. Nimz is waiting to hear from Vilas County Sheriff Officer Gary Peske concerning the fire numbering system. Mr. Wendt asked that specs be ready by May 1, 2005. Mr. Wendt suggested that Ms. Nimz contact the D.O.T. and Jim Fisher to find companies that could do the work. The work should be done this summer or early this fall.

**7I. Grants Committee Report:** Ms. Nimz reported that Walt Camp was writing a grant for the soccer and baseball fields. The grant could range from \$10,000 to \$150,000. Rod Ingram is coming up with a list of grants that are available.

**7J. Facilities Committee Report:** Mr. Wendt stated that the committee has met with four civic groups so far concerning the referendum. The plan is to have mailers go out on March 23, 2005. There will be a radio question and answer session at 9 A.M. on WERL on March 23, 2005. There will be a newspaper notice the week prior to the election on April 5, 2005. It is the intent of the town board the voters vote on all five questions.

**7K. Citizens Groups & County Rep.:** Fred Radtke reported that the zoning change requested by Ruth Consoer and Eliason Financial Group will come before the full Vilas County Board at their next meeting. The county is purchasing three new patrol cars for the sheriff's department and one new truck for the highway department.

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Mr. Radtke also reported that the Prime Timers had heard from the postmaster in February concerning mail fraud. This month they will be hearing about HSA accounts and banking fraud. There will be travelogues and a St. Patrick's Day Party.

## 8. Informational Items for Consideration:

**8A. Bike Trail Update:** Mark Hiller presented a list of eight updates. The suggested name for the new trail is "The St. Germain Bike and Hike Trail". There will be a mutual agreement with the snowmobile club concerning the intersections of the snowmobile trails and the bike trail. There will be a website page that will be linked to the town website. Fliers will be mailed to each resident asking for support. The town will open a separate savings account and begin the bidding process. The land use agreement deadline is April 15, 2005. The engineer is targeting June 17 as a construction date. There may be a problem with the road construction that is being proposed for Hwy. C this summer.

**8B. Set Date for Referendum Informational Meeting:** The informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center. At this time, the town board will answer questions concerning all five of the referendum questions.

**8C. Set Date for Public Hearing on Hemlock Road Abandonment:** There will be a public hearing for the abandonment of approximately 150 feet of the Hemlock Road on Thursday, April 7, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The clerk will publish the notice and will send a notice to all property owners within 300 ft. of the proposed abandonment.

**8D. Funding Timeline of Borrowing for Town Projects:** The town will be borrowing \$175,000 for the Bike & Hike Trail and approximately \$75,000 for the fire numbering project. Mr. Christensen and the Finance Committee will be sending letters to the local lending institutions asking for quotes. Money for the Bike & Hike Trail will need to be available by June.

**8E. Employee Insurance Analysis:** Boyd Best explained that he had been checking different insurance plans. He found that a HSA group policy with a \$2,600 deductible seemed to be the best deal for both employees and the town. Depending on who would be paying the deductible, the town could save about \$2,100. The clerk had given the board copies of life insurance proposals. Mr. Ritter also noted that the in-lieu of insurance payments also needed to be considered. There will be a special town board meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. to consider the employee insurance package.

**8F. Review Zoning Map Errors and Ordinance Amendments:** Todd Wiese presented a list of seven zoning map changes. All of the changes were errors that had been made when the map was originally printed. The changes would not need a public hearing. The mapping changes will be considered at the special town board meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wiese also presented a list of ten zoning amendments to Sections 1.35, 1.36, 1.51, 1.55, 1.56, 1.58, 4.01, 4.02, 5.09(6), and 5.10(3). The town board will need to review the amendments and schedule a public hearing.

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

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**9A. Waste Hauling Limit Change:** Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the road limits, for Onyx trucking only, be set at 8 tons between the hours of midnight and 6:00 A.M. Approved. Road limits will begin depending on the weather.

**9B. Lakes Fair Funding Resolution:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that Resolution #SG05-3-1, Authorizing Limited Cash Advances for Annual Town Lakes Fairs Expenditures be approved. Approved.

**9C. Snowmobile Club Resolution:** Motion Christensen seconded Nimz that Resolution #SG05-3-2, relieving the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club from any responsibility for the maintenance of the paved non-motorized recreational trail system at its intersections with the snowmobile club trails be approved. Approved.

**9D. Town Purchase of Lock Security System:** Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the quote from B-N-B's Lock and Keys, LLC. for the Community Center, Pavilion, and washrooms in the amount of \$4,229.75 be approved with the money coming from the rental account, the public works budget, and the parks and recreation budget. Approved.

**9E. Establish New Bike Trail Account:** Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the town treasurer open a savings account at First National Bank in the name of the St. Germain Bike & Hike Trail with proper documentation of all contributions. Approved.

**9F. Road Limit Authorization:** Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that Peggy Nimz be authorized to answer questions and requests concerning the town road limits. Approved.

**9G. Accept Board Member Resignation:** Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the letter of resignation from Ed Odette be accepted. Approved. The clerk is to publish a notice stating the town board is seeking applications to fill the vacancy.

## 10. Citizens Concerns:

**10A. P & Z Board and Board of Appeals Members:** Todd Wiese noted that the P & Z Committee has been operating with only three members. Mr. Wendt noted that there had been no response to the notices in the paper. Mr. Wendt also asked that the board members talk to people about serving on the committees.

## 11. Board Concerns:

**11A. Aquatic Plant Study Contract:** Mr. Ritter asked that the contract for the aquatic plant study be placed on the agenda for the March 17<sup>th</sup> special town board meeting.

**11B. Tree Trimming:** Ms. Nimz asked how she was to go about getting specs for the trimming the trees along the town roads. Ms. Nimz was told to contact the Town of Arbor Vitae, or Woodland Tree Service.

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**11C. Independence Day Celebration:** Mr. Wendt noted that it has been the custom that the Independence Day Celebration has been held on the Sunday before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This year that would be July 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Chamber of Commerce has scheduled all of their events for the last Sunday in June. The Lions Club scheduled the Miss Stump Dump Show for July 3<sup>rd</sup>. In the future the Chamber of Commerce is going to have to be more careful with the scheduling.

**12. Adjournment:** Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:28 p.m. The next meeting will be Thursday, March 17, 2005 at 6:00 P.M.

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