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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: APRIL 11, 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, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens. Ms. Nimz was absent.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the minutes of the March 14, 2005, March 17, 2005 and March 30, 2005 meetings be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 03-31-05: \$14,757.53; Money Market Account \$157,174.93; Lakes Account \$20,104.54; Park Fund \$6,024.15; Rental Account \$4,131.02; Bag Account \$7,084.87; Room Tax Account \$35,895.39; Debt Reserve \$283,278.59; Golf Course Regular Account \$12,252.64; Money Market \$95,430.95; Debt Reserve \$240,092.00; Rainy Day Fund \$106,150.00; Capital Improvement \$66,000.00. Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that the treasurer's report be approved as read. The clerk is to contact Boyd Best to tell him that there seems to be a mistake with the Rainy Day Contingency Fund total. Approved
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that vouchers 14193 – 14265 be approved. Approved.
6. **Communications:** There were no communications to report.
7. **Reports:**
 - 7A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 16 calls in March. The department has purchased a second jaws of life, a snowmobile, a hose drying rack and hose storage rack all with money from fund raisers. The Fire Department Fish Fry will be on April 24, 2005 from 3:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. at Spang's. Mr. Ebert introduced Jim Galloway, the Vilas County Director of Emergency Services. Mr. Galloway talked about NIMS, the National Incident Management System. FEMA has adopted it as part of Homeland Security. Each town is to develop an emergency plan that would identify someone with legal local authority in case of an emergency. People would have pre-planned assignments. Planning could be done with other towns. No other towns in the county have adopted plans as of yet, although one town has adopted the county plan. Mr. Galloway said that the town board should take the lead in adopting a plan using the fire department as a resource. Town officials are to have training in ICS, the Incident Command System. No consequences were specified if the town did not comply.
 - 7B. **Finance Committee Report:** Mr. Christensen stated that he has been working on the \$250,000 loan for the Bike & Hike Trail and Fire Numbering System.

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7C. Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Mr. Wendt read from a memo from Ms. Nimz. Reservations have been coming in for the ball fields. Local teams will have first choice. Spring soccer has begun. Requests have been coming in regarding future needs. The goal for new fields would be to have the trees cut this fall.

7D. Lakes Committee Report: There was no report.

7E. Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt noted that the greens had wintered over very well. If the weather holds, the course could open later this week.

7F. Zoning Committee Report: Todd Wiese, committee chairman, read a list of eight items that the Planning & Zoning Committee has been discussing: (1) Craig Weborg, the new owner of the carwash, has assured Mr. Ritter that the landscaping will be done, (2) a letter was drafted to attorney Kirk Everson concerning the Miller property on Lingo Lane. Mr. Everson must inform any new owner about the inspections that had been required by the town, (3) the zoning mapping changes could be done by the county, with the maps being printed by a local printer, (4) new zoning forms were being developed, (5) Vilas County was holding a Public Hearing at 9:00 A.M. on May 6, 2005 concerning a rezone request by Charles Vogel for the Kelsey Property, (6) a moratorium on replatting in the Downtown Business & Community Highway Districts, (7) Mary & Bruce Weber's proposed new grocery store, (8) a one day zoning seminar in Green Bay for \$309 per person if two or more people attend.

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

7H. Public Works Committee Report: Mr. Wendt read from Ms. Nimz's memo. Ads will be in this weeks papers for an assistant maintenance engineer. Gary Peske is working with Tim Ebert concerning the problem areas of the fire numbering system. The new locks for the bathrooms, community center, and Red Brick Schoolhouse should be installed this week. A letter has been sent to Red Brick Schoolhouse, Inc. instructing them to have all of their rummage sale items out of the building by June 12, 2005. Bids will be going out for tree trimming. Ms. Nimz feels that the bids should be for an hourly rate. The specs would also require that the limbs be cut and not torn. The town board will have to decide how far back to cut. An inspection will be done to identify which roads need repairs and then prioritize those repairs. The springs on Tim Ebert's patrol truck are beginning to wear. The estimated cost is \$1,500.00

7I. Grants Committee Report: Ms. Nimz's stated in her memo that Walt Camp was submitting grant requests to Wisconsin Land and Water Conservation and the United Soccer Foundation.

7J. Facilities Committee Report: Mr. Wendt stated that the committee had not met since the referendum. The committee will be meeting in the future to discuss outcome of the referendum.

7K. Citizens Groups & County Rep.: Fred Radtke reported that Vilas County was considering several zoning changes. One them is to reduce the setbacks in the Community Business District to 15 feet from zero feet. This would make St. Germain's ordinance less

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restrictive. The county was considering hiring a computer consultant. Depending on Pitlik & Wick, work on Hwy. C is supposed to begin on June 1, 2005.

Mr. Radtke also reported that the Prime Timers would be hearing a travelogue on wolves on Isle Royal at Nicolet College on April 19, 2005. The group has donated \$500 to the Plum Lake Library, \$1,500 to the fireworks display, \$50 to Big Brother and Big Sister, \$25 to the 5 – 7 year olds T-Ball, and \$350 towards an animal mount at the grade school. There is a trip to Washington D.C. in June and to Branson, MO in October. On April 27, 2005 the van will be used for a Ride to Fibbers for the Housing Authority Residents.

8. Informational Items for Consideration:

8A. Bike Trail Update: Mark Hiller and Tim McCormick had met with people from the D.O.T. The D.O.T. will write a letter to the DNR stating that the land use agreements will be signed. The D.O.T. needs to see the final plans before they will give final approval. The letter is necessary in order to meet the deadline for the Stewardship Grant.

8B. Town Board Candidate Presentations: Fred Radtke, Marion Janssen, Walt Camp and Todd Wiese spoke on why they would like to be appointed to the town board. The town board did not make a decision. A special meeting will be scheduled.

9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

9A. Moratorium Language and Set Public Hearing Date: Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the town board approve the language of the moratorium as presented and that a public hearing be held on Monday, May 2, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center to hear testimony concerning an ordinance relating to a moratorium on residential lot sizes within the Community Highway District and the Downtown Business District.

9B. Hemlock Road Public Hearing Testimony - Resolution: Motion Christensen seconded Ritter approve the contents of the public hearing from April 7, 2005 and to adopt Resolution SG05-04-01, a Resolution to Vacate a Portion of Hemlock Road in the Town of St. Germain, Vilas County, Wisconsin. Approved.

9C. Set Public Hearing Date for Zoning Revisions: Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that a public hearing be held on Wednesday, May 11, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center to hear testimony concerning amendments to sections 1.35, 1.36, 1.51, 1.55, 1.56, 1.58, 4.01, 4.02, 5.09(4), 5.09(6), and 5.10(3) of the St. Germain Zoning Ordinance. Approved.

9D. Zoning Committee Appointment: Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that Lee Holthaus be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Mr. Ritter noted that the committee has already been seeking Mr. Holthaus' advice since he was serving on the Planning & Zoning Committee when the zoning ordinance was being written. Approved.

9E. Community Center Table Proposal: Motion Christensen seconded Ritter to accept the proposal from the Parks & Recreation Committee to fund the purchase of 72 tables for the

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Community Center with \$1,000 from either the Room Tax Account or the Community Center Rental Account or both, along with the Prime-Timers, Lionesses, Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Fish & Wildlife Club. Approved.

9F. Zoning Map Corrections: Motion Ritter seconded Christensen to go ahead with the zoning map changes through the mapping coordination office for Vilas County. Approved. A local printing firm can print the maps, once corrected. Mr. Wendt noted that the mapping changes were errors in the original printing and transcribing. There were no zoning changes being made.

10. Citizens Concerns:

10A. Committee Member Notification: Fred Radtke was concerned that he had volunteered as a member of the Public Works Committee, but he hasn't been notified of any meetings. Mr. Wendt stated that Ms. Nimz had not yet gotten the committee off the ground.

10B. Red Brick ADA Compliance: Rosalie Sherwin asked why the town board meetings were being held in the Red Brick Schoolhouse when the building was not ADA compliant. She stated that it was difficult to climb the steps. Mr. Wendt explained that the board could not make any decisions since the matter was not on the agenda.

11. Board Concerns:

11A. Special Town Board Meeting: There will be a special town board meeting on Friday, April 15, 2005 at 4:30 P.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

12. Adjournment: Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:44 p.m. The next regular town board meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2005 at 7:00 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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