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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MAY 9, 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, Todd Wiese, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens.
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 April 11, 2005, meeting be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 04-30-05: \$25,210.71; Money Market Account \$157,239.52; Lakes Account \$20,121.23; Park Fund \$6,029.15; Rental Account \$4,134.45; Bag Account \$8,686.02; Room Tax Account \$49,579.57; Debt Reserve \$284,212.99; Golf Course Regular Account \$53,212.92; Money Market \$70,822.29; Debt Reserve \$240,092.00; Rainy Day Fund \$0; Capital Improvement \$66,000.00. Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that vouchers 14266 – 14307 be approved along with the following extra bills: Lisa Bartelt \$112.50 – cleaning the Community center & Red Brick Schoolhouse; Zarnoth Brush Works \$526.40 – brush refills; Camp's Supervalu \$18.02 – soda for rakers; Carquest \$200.39 – parts. Approved.
6. **Communications:** Mr. Wendt read a letter from the Northland Pines Middle School Destination Imagination Team asking that the town donate towards their competition in Knoxville, TN. Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the town donate \$200 to the Northland Pines Middle School Destination Imagination Team. Approved. Mr. Wendt also noted that he a letter concerning the Stewardship Grant for the Bike Trail.
7. **Reports:**
 - 7A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 20 calls in April. The Annual Firemen's Fish Fry grossed around \$11,000. 548 fish fries were sold.
 - 7B. **Finance Committee Report:** Mr. Christensen stated that he had sent out loan requests to the local banks. He had one response so far. The deadline is June 6, 2005.
 - 7C. **Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Mr. Christensen noted that the town, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club, Lioness Club, Prime Timers, and Fish and Wildlife Club had all donated \$1,000 towards the new tables for the Community Center. Donation boxes will be placed around town to help pay for the fireworks. The Prime-Timers have donated \$1,500 towards the fireworks. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 29, 2005 at

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3:00 P.M. Senator Roger Breske will be present. Bruce Weber will be the MC of the wreath and flag raising ceremony. The committee is working on a needs assessment. Ms. Nimz noted that a fence is needed around the Skateboard Park. The town has pledged to contribute \$2,500 with the Skateboard group matching with \$2,500. Ms. Nimz is also checking into lighting.

7D. Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated that herbicide had been sprayed over parts of Little St. Germain Lake today. The committee is disappointed with the community's response to its mailing. Volunteers are needed at the boat landings this summer as well as people to keep an eye out for invasive species in the other lakes in town. Most of the costs are DNR funded, but the town's people need to help. The Lakes Fair is in July.

7E. Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt noted that the course opened on April 15, 2005. That was the earliest opening ever. Winterkill on some of the fairways is being treated. The committee will meet on Wednesday. The clerk noted that the owners of the Whitetail had asked about lining the parking lot.

7F. Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Wiese stated that the Planning & Zoning Committee had notified the Vilas County Planning & Zoning Commission that Vilas County should either table or deny the Vogel request for a rezone on the Kelsey Property. The town is looking at ordinance amendments that are related to the rezone request. Two complaints were handled. One complaint was for hazardous material dumping and one was for tree cutting. Both complainants were contacted and were satisfied with the results. Tim Kruse from TREK, LLP had requested a permit to add another storage unit along Rocky Run Road. The request had been denied. The committee informed Mr. Kruse that he could appeal the decision, or he could request a rezone of the property. The zoning map changes have been completed. Mr. Wiese is seeking quotes to print the maps. There will be workshop on May 23, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. concerning accessory structures and guesthouses. On May 2, 2005, the committee received a subdivision plat proposal on Winkle Road from David & Ruth Consoer. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Wiese talked to Don Eliason concerning a sign permit for the Eliason Financial Group sign on Hwy. 155. Mr. Eliason also stated that the trailer behind their former office would be removed as soon as the lease expires.

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

7H. Public Works Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that Fahrner would supply a PASER report of the work that needs to be done on the town roads. Ms. Nimz will be meeting with Jim Fischer to discuss a program that is to replace the TRIP program. Approximately 20% of the town's fire numbers will be changed under the new system. Ads will be going into the paper informing the town's residents of possible changes. The installation of the new fire numbers will be given under a separate bid as the town may do the installation itself. B-N-B locks has installed the new locks in the bathrooms. Mr. Ebert's laptop computer has been programmed. The locks in the Community Center and Red Brick Schoolhouse are to be installed tomorrow. The town board's master keys will still work although each town board member will be assigned a password. The town board needs to respond to the invitation to Angel on My Shoulder that will be on June 10, 2005. There was a discussion concerning a Fire Numbering Ordinance. Most towns do not have such an ordinance. A procedure for collecting drain oil

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should be in place at the transfer station by Memorial Day. Mr. Ritter noted that one gallon of drain oil could pollute over 1,000,000 gallons of water.

7I. Grants Committee Report: Ms. Nimz's stated that she has been looking at MLB grants for parks. Most of them are for large projects. More money is available if a local school is involved. Most of the grants also require an engineering study such as with the Stewardship Grant.

7J. Facilities Committee Report: There was no report.

7K. Citizens Groups & County Rep.: There was not county rep. report. There were 65 people at the Prime-Timers April meeting. The group has donated \$100 to the Destination Imagination Team and \$500 to the Plum Lake Library. Linda Kunilius gave a talk on autism. The group is going to Watersmeet on May 24, 2005. The van has been used more this month.

8. Informational Items for Consideration:

8A. Bike Trail Update: Mr. Wendt noted that the town has lost the Stewardship Grant for 2005. Northern Environmental was not able to meet the DNR deadlines. The land use permit from the county was late. And, a change in personnel at the D.O.T. caused another delay. Tim McCormick from Northern Environmental accepts full responsibility. Mr. Wendt wrote a letter to Mr. McCormick listing three points: (1) Northern Environmental will continue its work to plat and submit the necessary documents for securing the required land use agreements with all pertinent agencies. All engineering work will continue to the point of going out to bid upon receipt of our anticipated 2006 grant award. (2) The Town of St. Germain will not pay any charges related to this project until the 2006 grant has been awarded. (3) In the event the new grant application is not approved, the town of St. Germain will be released from its contract with Northern Environmental and not be held responsible for any charges related to this project. Once both Mr. Wendt and Mr. sign the letter McCormick, it will become an addendum to the contract with Northern Environmental. Mr. Ritter was concerned about the validity of the letter. The committee is going to move ahead with fundraisers. Another application will be made for the Stewardship Grant for 2006. The Chamber of Commerce will pay for the first round of fliers that will be mailed out. The town will allocate up to \$1,000 from the Room Tax Account for postage. .

9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

9A. Housing Authority Appointment: Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that Betty Schufelt be appointed to the Housing Authority to replace Betty Radtke. Approved. Mr. Ritter asked just what the Housing Authority did. He also asked that the Housing Authority give some kind of accounting to the town board.

9B. Committee Assignments: Motion Ritter seconded Wiese that 2005-2006 committee assignments be approved as presented with the Facilities Committee and the Grants Committee being deleted. Approved. The Committee Assignments are: Zoning Todd Wiese – chair, Ted Ritter – vice chair; Parks & Recreation Lee Christensen – chair, Peggy Nimz – vice chair; Public

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Works Peggy Nimz – chair, Todd Wiese – vice chair; Finance Jim Wendt – chair, Lee Christensen – vice chair; Lakes Ted Ritter – chair, Todd Wiese – vice chair; Golf Course Jim Wendt – chair, Lee Christensen – vice chair; Personnel Ted Ritter – chair, Lee Christensen – vice chair.

9C. Public Works Employee Hiring: The public works committee had received 13 applications for Nick Savel's position. The committee had narrowed the list down to two people and finally decided on Mike VanMeter. Ms. Nimz suggested that Mr. VanMeter be hired on a probationary basis. Mr. Ritter noted that the present contract requires that the employee be a resident of St. Germain. Ms. Nimz said that Mr. VanMeter would not be under contract and therefore did not need to be a resident. Mr. Wiese made a motion to hire Mr. VanMeter, but withdrew his motion when the question of benefits came up. Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that Mike VanMeter be hired as an hourly employee at a rate of \$12.98 per hour with no fringe benefits. Approved. If both parties agree, Mr. VanMeter will be offered a contract with benefits as of January 1, 2006. The question of residency will have to be addressed during contract negotiations this fall.

9D. Moratorium for Downtown and Community Highway District Plats and Re-Plats: Motion Wiese seconded Ritter that Ordinance SG05-05-01, an Ordinance Relating to a Moratorium on Residential Lot Sizes within the Community Highway District and Downtown Business District be adopted for a period of twelve months. Approved. The ordinance will become effective with publication and posting.

10. Citizens Concerns:

10A. Red Brick Meeting: Debra Smith asked for a special town board meeting with Red Brick Schoolhouse, Inc. The group would like to discuss their ideas with the town board and report information regarding grants. The group would also like to hear the town board's ideas.

10B. Road Names: Mary Platner asked that the town board give the residents of roads in need of naming a chance to offer suggestions for the names.

10C. Dave Consoer: Mr. Consoer was upset with the adoption of the lot size moratorium. He questioned the town board's reasoning.

11. Board Concerns:

11A. Special Town Board Meeting: Mr. Ritter agreed that the town board should meet with Red Brick Schoolhouse, Inc. He also would like to schedule a special town board meeting with Foth & VanDyke to discuss a town sanitary district. It should be noted that this would be a discussion only. There are no current plans for a sanitary district. Mr. Wendt noted that William O'Connor's office could also assist, if necessary.

11B. Board of Review: The Board of Review will convene on Monday, May 23, 2005 at 5:00 P.M. The purpose of the meeting will be to adjourn to such time as the assessment roll is ready.

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12. Adjournment: Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.
Meeting adjourned 9:18 p.m. The next regular town board meeting will be Monday, June 13,
2005 at 7:00 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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