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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JUNE 13, 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, Treasurer, Valerie Schuettner, Clerk, Tom Martens.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that the agenda be approved as amended showing approval of liquor licenses and an ordinance for the naming of private roads. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that the minutes of the May 9, 2005, meeting be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 05-31-05: \$1,432.13; Money Market Account \$166,708.74; Lakes Account \$20,138.49; Park Fund \$6,034.32; Rental Account \$4,138.00; Bag Account \$10,217.85; Room Tax Account \$38,829.21; Debt Reserve \$123,212.99; Ms. Schuettner also noted that the new Bike & Hike Account had around \$1,700.00. Golf Course Regular Account \$67,197.63; Money Market \$822.29; Debt Reserve \$203,227.10; Rainy Day Fund \$0; Capital Improvement \$0. Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved. The clerk noted that the Financial Statement and Budget were available on the town's website.
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that vouchers 14308 – 14376 be approved along with the following extra bills: Lee Christensen \$50.00—reim. WTA training session; Mann Forms \$169.00—lakes committee brochures. Approved.
6. **Communications:** Mr. Ritter read a letter from the residents on Whitetail Estates. They are concerned that they do not receive any mailings from the town. The problem is that they do not receive a real estate property tax bill. Residents of the Housing Authority and renters in general also do not receive mailings from the town. There was a lengthy discussion concerning what could be done. There was no solution. Mr. Wendt noted that he does pass out information to the residents of Whitetail Estates.
7. **Reports:**
 - 7A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 90 calls during the last six month period. There were 75 new sites at the last flea market. The UCC youth group has been contracted to do the cleanup after the flea market. The department has applied for a DNR 50-50 grant for protective clothing, hoses and tools.
 - 7B. **Finance Committee Report:** Mr. Wendt reported that the committee had received the lending responses from the local banks. The borrowing has been put on hold for now.

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7C. Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Mr. Christensen noted donation boxes were being placed around town to help pay for the fireworks. The Vilas County Sheriff has been patrolling the skateboard park area. Two of the pavilion lights will be left on as security until the security lights are put in. The committee is working on a feasibility study for expanding the park area. The community center tables should be here Friday.

7D. Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated that the next meeting would be tomorrow night as 7:00 P.M. Training sessions are being held for lakes monitoring. Public response has still been poor. The Big St. Germain Lake Association is in danger of disbanding. If that is the case there will be no funding for the lake. Any invasive species problems could become a town problem.

7E. Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt noted that play is up slightly from last year. The winter-kill problem has been improving. Angel on My Shoulder was a success. The course's 4½ rating was the subject of an article in the Vilas County News Review.

7F. Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Wiese stated that the committee had received the new zoning maps. Tim Ebert will distribute the maps. The first one will be free. They are also available on the town's website. The Consoer plat request had been denied until there was documentation that the development was for business. The also was not a certified survey of the property. The trailer behind the old Eliason offices has been removed. The semi trailer in Indian Woods will be removed as soon as possible. The committee has been working on an accessory building ordinance. Right now there is nothing that addresses medium sized buildings such as workshops. Vilas County will be holding a public hearing concerning the Vogel rezone request for the Kelsey property.

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. Bags had been ordered from VOHM for the transfer station. There has also been a new sign ordered for the transfer station. Barrels have been placed at the transfer station for antifreeze and filters. There will also be barrels for drain oil. This will be the last week for the Red Brick rummage sale. The stuff that is left will have to be removed by June 21st or June 22nd. Mike VanMeter has been working out well. For now, he has been hired as an hourly employee. WPS will be installing the security lights after the fireworks. The elected officials have to take a NIMS course by December 1, 2005. They may have to act as a backup crew in case of an emergency.

7I. Grants Committee Report: There was no report.

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

7K. Citizens Groups & County Rep.: There were no reports.

8. Informational Items for Consideration:

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8A. D.O.T. Highway 70 Project Update: Russ Habeck and two other representatives from the D.O.T. were present. They noted that the Hwy. 70 project would not begin until next summer. Hwy. 70 from Arbor Vitae to St. Germain will be resurfaced. Nothing will be done with the intersection of Hwy. 70 & Hwy. 155 at that time. There was a lengthy discussion concerning parking along the State highways. Mr. Habeck suggested that the D.O.T. blacktop the north shoulder of Hwy. 70 to encourage parking on that side. They would post the south side no parking. The blacktop would be at town expense. The town board could not see any point in blacktopping the shoulder. The town board will check with Northland Pines to see if the town can use the grade school parking lot. The board will also check with the United Church of Christ to see if their lot can also be used. The D.O.T. representatives stated that more than likely the south side of Hwy. 70 and the East side of Hwy. 155 would be posted no parking. The Vilas County Sheriff would be notified that citations should be written for violators.

8B. Bike Trail Update: Tim McCormick from Northern Environmental was present. He stated that he felt fairly confident that the town would receive another Stewardship Grant sometime in July. If so, the trail could still be completed this year. All of the paperwork would be done in advance in preparation. Mr. McCormick said that he was reluctant to do anything with the D.O.T. at this time since they are reorganizing. WPS would want a 20-year land use agreement to run the trail through their property along Hwy. 70. There is a concern about where to cross Hwy. 70 near Normandy Court Road. The bike trail committee can charge on various town accounts. The money will be reimbursed to the town from the Bike & Hike Trail Account.

8C. Public Hearing on TREK, LLP. Project: There will be a public hearing concerning the rezone of a portion of the TREK, LLP property on July 7, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. in the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The clerk is to publish notices on June 21, 2005 and June 28, 2005.

8D. Red Brick Committee Presentation: There were no committee members present. Mr. Wendt stated that the referendum was indecisive. The decision has ultimately come to the town board. Mr. Wendt asked that the other town board members prepare their ideas concerning the building for a special town board meeting. The meeting will be held on July 7, 2005 immediately following the public hearing.

8E. Policy For Landowner Naming of Private Roads: Mr. Ritter had drafted an ordinance for the naming of private roads. The Planning & Zoning Committee has been going over the draft. There were no questions or comments concerning the draft of the ordinance. It will be placed on the agenda of the July town board meeting as an action item.

9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

9A. Public Works Equipment Purchase: Ms. Nimz presented three bids for a tractor. One was from Rowland Machinery for a 2004 John Deere 6420 for \$69,899.00 including a saw head for a boom. The second from David Raether for a 6420 John Deere plus a McKenzie Boom for \$84,488.65. The third was from Aring Equipment for a John Deere 6415 with a boom for \$69,500.00. Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that the town accept the bid from Rowland

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Machinery pending an inspection that is satisfactory to the town. Approved. Method of financing will be determined.

9B. Lay Committee Appointments: Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that 2005-2006 lay committee appointments be approved as presented. Approved. The list of committee appointments will be posted on the town website. Mr. Wendt also has to check with one more prospective member of the Board of Appeals.

9C. Zoning Ordinance Changes: Motion Wiese seconded Ritter that the proposed zoning amendments be approved as presented. Approved. There was only one person present as the May 11, 2005 public hearing. There were no comments at that time. Mr. Wiese will forward the zoning amendments to Vilas County for their approval.

9D. County Zoning Letter Submittal: Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the letter to Vilas County Zoning concerning the Vogel rezone request for the Kelsey property be accepted as presented. Approved.

9E. 2005-2006 License Approval: Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the liquor, beer and cigarette license applications for 2005-2006 be approved as presented pending Ms. Schuettner checking that all personal property taxes have been paid. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that a class A combination intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverage license be granted to Two Saints, LLC., Bruce B. Weber, agent, Little Saint Express, 102 Hwy. 70, T40N R8E. pending the closing of the real estate transaction on June 15, 2005. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the town clerk be granted the authority to approve the operator license applications without calling a special town board meeting. Approved.

10. Citizens Concerns:

10A. Bartender Licenses: Marion Janssen asked how many bartender licenses were issued each year. The clerk stated that there were between 80 and 90. Ms. Janssen also asked why some establishments had no licenses bartenders. Tavern owners and corporation agents do not need bartender licenses. Also, if they are present, or if there is one licenses bartender present, none of the other bartenders need to be licensed.

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11. Board Concerns: There were no board concerns.

12. Adjournment: Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.
Meeting adjourned 9:56 p.m. The next special town board meeting will be Thursday, July 7, 2005 following the public hearing.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

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