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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 8, 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 Ritter seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that the minutes of the July 11, 2005, and July 21, 2005 meetings be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 07-31-05: \$436,860.29; Money Market Account \$27,164.12; Lakes Account \$24,886.65; Park Fund \$6,044.51; Rental Account \$5,455.66; Bag Account \$17,792.88; Room Tax Account \$59,290.65; Debt Reserve \$124,623.97; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$4,236.55. Golf Course Regular Account \$202,519.06; Money Market \$10,822.29; 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.
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Ritter seconded Wiese that vouchers 14436 – 14498 be approved along with the following extra bills: Northern Environmental \$2,929.20–bike trail; St. Germain Post Office \$36.00-P.O. Box rental; Vilas County News Review \$563.50-Lakes Fair Ad. Approved.
6. **Communications:**
 - 6A. **Babcock Wedding:** Ms. Nimz presented a letter from Pat and Dick Babcock complaining about the condition of the Community Center prior to a wedding reception. The Chamber of Commerce did not clean the building after Monday's bingo event. The Babcock's cleaned it themselves. The letter asked for a refund of their deposit. Ms. Nimz suggested refunding their whole \$300. Mr. Wendt thought that only a portion of it should be refunded. Mr. Ritter thought that the Chamber should pay the money. Mr. Christensen thought that the town should pay the Babcock's and then deal with the Chamber. Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the town refund the entire \$300 deposit to Pat and Dick Babcock. Approved.
 - 6B. **Loren Anderson:** Mr. Wendt indicated that he had received a letter from Loren Anderson stating that according to a survey, a portion of Burnt Bridge Road was not where it was supposed to be. Mr. Anderson also asked about high-speed Internet service. Verizon has high-speed Internet service for the 479 exchange, but does not plan the service for the 542 exchange.

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6C. Vilas County Forestry Dept: Mr. Wendt stated that he had received a letter from the Vilas County Forestry Department that in the future all bike trail information will come through their department.

6D. Pitlik and Wick Donation: Mr. Wendt noted that Pitlik and Wick had donated 29,000 pounds of clay for the infields at the ballpark.

6E. Stewardship Grant: Mr. Wendt indicated that he had received official notification from the Department of Natural Resources that the town was granted a Stewardship Grant in the amount of \$210,500 for the bike and hike trail.

6F. Wisconsin Valley Improvement Corporation: Mr. Wendt stated that he had received the land use agreement from WVIC. He would sign it and forward a copy to Pat Zatopa.

6G. Vilas County Sheriff: Mr. Ritter stated that he had received a call from the Vilas County Sheriff's Department asking for an emergency call list. A tree had fallen across a town road and the Sheriff's Department could not find anyone to remove it. Ms. Nimz indicated that they were given a call list for the 911 service. Ms. Nimz will call to verify the list.

7. Reports:

7A. Fire Department: Ms. Nimz read a report from Tim Ebert. There had been 22 calls during the last month. There will be a new sign honoring present, past and future fire fighters. The sign is being paid for out of the department's auxiliary fund. Parking signs have been put up at the new school during the flea market. The D.O.T. has not yet put up the no-parking signs along Hwy. 70. There had been a complaint about dogs at the flea market. Mr. Ebert will be notified.

7B. Finance Committee Report: Mr. Wendt reported that now that the town knew the amount of the Stewardship Grant, the finance committee would once again get quotes for borrowing the matching funds..

7C. Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Mr. Christensen reported that about \$3,300 had been collected towards the fireworks. Mr. Christensen also asked permission to try to sell the remaining 19 old tables at the Flea Market for \$10 each. The board thought that it was a good idea. The soccer fields are now being used for practice.

7D. Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated that the next meeting would be tomorrow night at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

7E. Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt noted that the past three weeks have been very good. Steve Spears has been experimenting with a product called Velocity. The product is supposed to take care of weeds.

7F. Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Wiese reported that the Planning and Zoning Committee had granted a C.U.P. to Camp's Supervalu for their new store. The only condition was that should there be outside storage, that there will need to be a privacy fence. There had been a

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complaint concerning a travel trailer that was being parked along South Bay Road. The owner, Bill Matovich, moved the trailer. A complaint concerning blight and health had been referred to the Vilas County Health Department. The committee reviewed a condo revision for Serenity Bay Condos. According to State codes, the condo revision needs to be reviewed within 10 days of receipt. The town ordinance indicates 45 days. The town's ordinance will need to be changed. On August 4, 2005 the Vilas County Zoning Committee approved of the TREK, LLP rezone. It will now be sent to the full county board on August 16, 2005. Confusion concerning the town's zoning amendments has been resolved. The county's corporate counsel will now give her decision. The Board of Appeals should have two alternate members. One of the present Board of Appeal members would like to be replaced.

7G. Personnel Committee Report: Mr. Ritter noted that it would soon be time to start contract negotiations.

7H. Public Works Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that the security lights were up. A resident on the gravel portion of Moon Road had asked for traffic signs. The town road ends with the blacktop. The will not put traffic signs on a private road. Ms. Nimz will be meeting with Jim Fisher next week concerning TRIP grants. There is a dishwasher at the pavilion that needs to be removed. There have been no bids for the Fire Numbering System, as of this time. The slab for the drain oil collection at the transfer station should be in soon. John Shay still has to remove his boxes from the building.

7I. Citizens Groups & County Rep.: Fred Radtke reported that the next meeting was on August 16, 2005. There discussion on resolutions concerning eminent domain and hiring. There will be discussions concerning a Lakeshore Residential District as well as rentals in R-1.

Mr. Radtke also reported that the Prime-Timers had swept and steam-cleaned the town garage on May 19, 2005. They have donated \$500 to the Vilas County Museum. The picnic will be on August 18, 2005 at noon in the Pavilion. The Prime-Timers will be attending two plays in August. Mr. Radtke also gave a Van report.

7. Informational Items for Consideration:

8A. Bike Trail Update: Tim McCormick reported that he had sent the necessary paperwork to the D.O.T. last Wednesday. Wisconsin Public Service was happy to have the bike trail use their right of way from the new school road to GASCO. The notice for bids will be in the paper. The preliminary layout is ready for Pat Zatopa. The signage will cost around \$7,000 with some of the work being done by the town. The bids should be back by the first or second week of September. Mr. McCormick thought that the trail should be completed sometime during the first or second week of June 2006. The clerk asked about the procedure for paying bills. Mr. Wendt will check to see how the town will be receiving the money.

8B. Residence Requirement for Employees: With contract negotiations coming up, Ms. Nimz asked that there be a resolution concerning residence requirements for employees. Mr. Ritter thought that employees need not necessarily be residents of St. Germain, but that there be some radius requirement. The fire department currently uses 15 miles. Our current public works

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contracts require the employees be residents of St. Germain. Mr. Wiese thought that the golf course employees should perhaps have different requirements. Ms. Nimz and Mr. Ritter will draft a resolution.

8. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

9A. SVRS Requirements: The State of Wisconsin is going to a State Voter Registration System. The county will be the information collection agent. The county has asked that the town sign a Memorandum of Understanding. The town will be charged \$125 for each election. Mr. Ritter asked why the board had not received copies of the SVRS requirements. The clerk stated that he did not send them out since the town really didn't have a any other choice. Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the SVRS requirements be tabled at this time. Approved.

9B. Smoke Free Resolution: Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the Smoke Free Resolution be approved as written. Approved.

9C. Waste Management Contract: Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the Waste Management contract be tabled. Approved. Ms. Nimz has also been working with Onyx. She will have a comparison of the two for the next meeting.

- 9. Informational Item #3 Red Brick Building Deliberations moved from above:** Ms. Nimz stated that she had not received any grant information from Patty Schoppe. Mr. Wendt asked each board member to defend their position on the building. Mr. Wendt also stated that he had talked to attorney Bill O'Connor. The town could sell the Red Brick Schoolhouse to Red Brick Restoration, Inc. If the board did that, the building would be theirs. The town could put some stipulations on concerning what could be done with it. At this time, the town board cannot sell town property. There would have to be a special elector meeting to grant that portion of Village Powers back to the town board. Mr. Ritter still would like to see the 1965 portion removed. Mr. Wendt noted that there were available for senior citizen projects. He could see a new Senior/Administrative center. Mr. Ritter also stated that he had talked to other residents that wanted to see the Red Brick Schoolhouse restored. Mr. Ritter also thought that there were people in town who could make the restoration succeed. These people, however, would not work with the present Red Brick Restoration, Inc. Mr. Christensen said that he had heard no complaints about the present meeting room. He also stated that in the town survey in 1997, 55% of the people wanted to save the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Mr. Christensen also stated that the question concerning remodeling the present building had received the most votes in the referendum in April. Mr. Wendt suggested exploring the senior grant possibilities. Mr. Ritter suggested trying to form a new committee. Both Mr. Wiese and Mr. Ritter thought that the Red Brick Schoolhouse should be a separate building and not be attached to any town offices. Mr. Ritter also thought that the building should be restored in its present location and not be moved. Ms. Nimz suggested building an entirely new building where the old pavilion is now. Ms. Nimz also wanted to know what the 10-year plan was. Would we have the same problem 10 years from now if we added new offices onto the Community Center.

Ms. Nimz will check into grants. It was suggested that the Prime-Timers may be able to help with the senior grants. The consensus was that the 1965 portion should be removed and that the

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1941 portion of the building would be dealt with at a later time. Mr. Wendt suggested that at the next meeting, the board vote on the back portion of the building and begin checking into a new facility. Mr. Wiese suggested that the town look into hiring a professional grant writer. Mr. Ritter thought that the board should take some time to think about what the removal of the 1965 portion of the building would entail. Mr. Wendt wanted a meeting as soon as possible. There will be a special town board meeting on Tuesday, August 30, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. immediately following the Hiawatha Abandonment hearing.

10. Citizens Concerns:

10A. Ellyn Allen: Ms. Allen stated that the old Eliason office building was for sale and that it would make a good office building. She also stated that the 1965 portion of the building was being used for meetings and storage.

10B. Rosalie Sherwin: Ms. Sherwin stated that everyone had a right to be heard at the meetings. She also wanted to know how long the town board was going recognize Red Brick Restoration, Inc.

10C. Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke suggested that the town contact the other towns that have received the senior citizen grants. Since the grants would be Federal grants, Mr. Radtke suggested contacting Senators Kohl and Feingold.

10D. Patti Wenzel: Ms. Wenzel asked when the town board was going to decide whether or not they were going to work with Red Brick Restoration, Inc. Mr. Wendt stated that the board had already decided not to recognize the group.

10E. Roger Weber: Mr. Weber agreed that it was a good idea to keep the 1941 portion of the school and remove the 1965 portion. He suggested that the town board contact Northland Pines concerning residency requirements. They already had something on their books.

10F. Pat Falkenstern: Ms. Falkenstern thought that the 1941 portion would make a very nice entrance to a new office building for the town. She also thought that if the building were to be torn down that a memorial should be placed in a new building. Ms. Falkenstern asked that the porta-potties at the Flea Market be moved farther from the vendors.

10. Board Concerns: Mr. Wendt reminded the board that the Board of Review had been tentatively set for August 23, 2005 at 9:00 A.M. The clerk will call Paul Carlson to see if he will be ready by that time.

11. Adjournment: Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:58 p.m. The next special town board meeting will be Tuesday, August 30, 2005 following the public hearing. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

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