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MINUTES SPECIALTOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 24, 2005

The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

The chairman asked all present to rise to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

1. **Roll Call:** Jim Wendt, Ted Ritter, Lee Christensen, Clerk, Tom Martens, Todd Wiese was absent, Peggy Nimz came in late.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
3. **Communications:** There were no communications.
4. **Informational Items for Consideration:**
 - 4A. **Employee Insurance Proposal:** Mr. Ritter presented a proposal for payments to town employees in lieu of offering health insurance. Mr. Wendt polled the board. The consensus was to approve of the personnel committee's proposal.
5. **Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)**
 - 5A. **Preliminary 2006 Budget:** Several people were present representing both the Plum Lake and Walter Olson Library. At the previous budget workshop, the town board cut \$1,000 from the 2006 budget for both libraries. Both groups gave reasons for maintaining the budget amounts to equal those of 2005. After a long discussion, the board decided to decrease each library by \$500 for the 2006 budget. Plum Lake Library will receive \$7,500 and Walter Olson Library will receive \$6,700.

The board discussed a list of items for public works. Tim Ebert was told to purchase a drill press and parts washer totaling \$850 from the 2005 budget. A Lawson bolt assortment for \$1,000, a file cabinet for \$200, and tractor tires for \$600 will be paid for under the capital outlay budget for 2006. A truck chassis for \$60,000 and an 8" chipper for \$8,500 would have to be paid for by borrowing. The clerk reminded the board that if loan payments are to be added to the 2006 levy, those amounts have to be determined by the time of the budget hearing on November 30, 2005.

Tim Ebert also presented a budget for the fire department. Line #4, emergency calls was lowered to \$25,000. Line #12, recruitment was lowered to \$0. The fire department budget for 2006 will be \$45,200. The town's share of the LOSA payment for 2005 was \$14,000. It will remain \$14,000 for 2006.

Motion Nimz seconded Christensen to accept the preliminary budget for 2006 as presented tonight based on a tax levy of \$545,164. Approved. In addition \$14,487 will be collected for an increase in the 2006 bonding payments as allowed by law.

The board also discussed the room tax budget. At this time, it was not known what amount would be needed for bike trail expenses. The Lakes Committee category was lowered to

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\$20,000. The fireworks category was lowered to \$17,500. The estimated room tax revenues were raised to \$170,000. There would also have to be some cuts made as at this time the expenses exceed the revenues. No decisions were made at this time. Mr. Ritter and Mr. Wendt will meet with the Chamber of Commerce to discuss a restructuring of how the room tax is used.

6. Citizens Concerns:

6A. Nicolet College Tower: Tim Ebert reported that Nicolet College would like to build a 25' x 25' tower three stories high for fire department training. The college is also asking for a 99 year lease on a 100' x 100' piece of land for the tower. They would also be renting room space for a classroom. Mr. Ebert is to get a written request from Nicolet College.

7. Board Concerns:

7A. NIMS Class: Ms. Nimz asked which board members had attended the NIMS class. She is concerned that the town could lose state funding if all elected officials do not attend the class. Mr. Wendt stated that at this time that would not be necessary. Ms. Nimz also stated that on November 16, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. there is another class that will go beyond the NIMS class.

8. Adjournment: Motion Christensen seconded Nimz that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 10:32 P.M. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, November 14, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The Adjourned Board of Review will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 7:00 A.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The assessor will hold his office hours/open book session on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

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