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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 14, 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:** Ted Ritter (acting chairman), Todd Wiese, Peggy Nimz, Treasurer, Valerie Schuettner, Clerk, Tom Martens. Jim Wendt and Lee Christensen were absent
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Ms. Nimz asked that it be noted that the minutes of the October 10, 2005 meeting be amended to show that the \$2,500 for fencing was a carryover amount from this year. Ms. Nimz also asked that it be noted that there be no donations to any programs, not just the basketball program. Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that the minutes of the October 10, 2005 meeting be approved as amended. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 10-31-05: \$12,633.26; Money Market Account \$2,189.47; Lakes Account \$33,051.57; Park Fund \$6,059.91; Rental Account \$6,170.24; Bag Account \$10,012.04; Room Tax Account \$57,048.84; Debt Reserve \$290,552.44; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$11,013.62. Golf Course Regular Account \$95,172.39; Money Market \$111,063.56; Debt Reserve \$228,943.10; Rainy Day Fund \$0; Capital Improvement \$92,700.00. Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved. The treasurer and clerk again noted that we would have to borrow either from a bank or from the debt reserve account before the end of the year.
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that vouchers 14626 – 14677 be approved along with the following extra bills WPS \$1,711.78—town electricity; Lisa Bartelt \$120.00—cleaning. Approved. Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that Tim Gebhardt also be paid \$76.35—blades for tractor. Approved.
6. **Communications:** There were no communications.
7. **Reports:**
 - 7A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 11 calls last month. There are now 30 members. The FEMA grant was denied for this year.
 - 7B. **Finance Committee Report:** There was no report.
 - 7C. **Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Ms. Nimz reported that she had received a quote from Foth & VanDyke for \$5,800 for a master plan for the park. The committee will meet to discuss the quote.
 - 7D. **Lakes Committee Report:** There was no report.

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7E. Golf Course Committee Report: There was no report.

7F. Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Wiese reported that the committee was working Chapter 15 of the town ordinance regarding park regulations. The committee also decided not to get involved in a dispute between two neighbors regarding a written agreement that they had.

7G. Personnel Committee Report: Mr. Ritter noted that the committee was still negotiating with the town employees. The major concern remaining is health benefits in lieu of health insurance.

7H. Public Works Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that Tim Ebert was getting the information for the backup snowplowers for this winter. The Christmas lights will be put up soon. The county will pay for one-half of the cost of the culvert on Hermanson Road. The roof over the fuel tanks has been completed. Crisbell-Snyder, Inc. has completed the GIS work for the fire numbering system. They will provide a 7' by 7' map for review by the town. The town board is to let them know of any resorts that have been divided that probably have multiple buildings with only one fire number. Mr. Ritter asked when the town would deal with the naming of roads and renumbering of homes. Mary Platner asked that the town board give residents ample time to make all of the necessary changes if their fire number should have to be changed. The WISLR report stated that six of the town roads need reconstruction.

7I. Citizens Groups & County Rep.: Fred Radtke reported that the county had approved St. Germain's zoning amendments. The county mill rate based on equalized values had gone down.

Fred Radtke also reported that the Prime-Timers now had more than 250 members. Seventy-six members had attended the last meeting and 54 members went on the trip to Branson, MO.

8. Informational Items for Consideration:

8A. Soccer Request for Storage: Ms. Nimz asked that the request not be considered at this time. She thought that it would be better to wait to see where it should be located after the Foth & VanDyke master plan is completed.

8B. Bike Trail Update: Mark Hiller noted that the environmental assessments should be completed within a few days. So far, there seem to be no problems. Once the assessments have been completed and the town receives the confirmation letter from the DNR, the town can draw 50% of the funds in advance. The trees could be cut this winter, but the rest of the work will have to wait until spring. The contracts have not yet been awarded. There will be flyer in with the property tax bills concerning donations to allow for the extension of the trail to meet with the trail in Sayner. The bike trail will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

8C. Radar Run Update: Mark Hiller also stated that the Chamber of Commerce would like to once again hold their radar run on Little St. Germain Lake on Friday, January 20, 2006 and Saturday, January 21, 2006. Mr. Hiller asked that the town sanction the event again this year.

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Mr. Ritter noted that he had not received any negative comments concerning the radar run. The radar run will be on the agenda for the next town board meeting.

9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

9A. Town Road for Snowmobile Routes: Mr. Wendt had left a list of town roads to be used as snowmobile trails. Mr. Wiese noted that the list had to be recorded with the Vilas County Sheriff Department. They would need more information than just a road name. It was not clear from the list just what parts of the roads would be opened to snowmobiling. Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the list is returned to the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club for a better description as to what parts of the town roads would be used by snowmobiles. Approved. Ms. Nimz asked how School Road got on to the list. She was against having a trail on School Road, as it would be very dangerous for any people parking for meetings in the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Ms. Nimz also asked that the Bo-Boen Club provide the list of roads earlier in the year.

10. Citizens Concerns:

10A. Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen noted that a new group, Friends of the Old Schoolhouse, would be working on ADA accessibility and bathrooms and updating the kitchen. Ms. Allen also asked how her group should go about having their donations deposited into a town account.

10B. Art Hook: Mr. Hook, a member of Friends of the Old Schoolhouse, stated that a plumber estimated that it would cost \$20,000 for two handicapped bathrooms, \$12,000 for one unisex bathroom, and \$10,000 to \$15,000 for the kitchen. Mr. Hook also thought that the bathrooms and elevator should be done at the same time.

Mr. Ritter stated that no decisions could be made at this time. He also stated that no authorization would be given until the town board had made a final decision concerning the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The board was also waiting to see if there was any money available for moving the town offices into the Community Center. Ms. Allen's request about putting the group's donations into a town account would be on the agenda for the next board meeting.

11. Board Concerns:

11A. Community Center Cleanup: Ms. Wiese noted that he had once again received complaints from the town crew concerning how the Chamber of Commerce had left the Community Center after the craft show on Saturday. Ms. Nimz will talk to the Chamber board. Mark Hiller stated that he thought that it was a communication problem.

12. Set Time and Date of Next Meeting: Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:42 p.m. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Brick Schoolhouse. There will be a special town board meeting on Monday, November 28, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The annual budget hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center. There will be a special elector meeting immediately following the budget hearing to approve the levy for 2005, set the elected officials salaries for the next term of office, and to approve a borrowing resolution of up to \$100,000, if necessary.

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13. Adjournment: Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.
Meeting adjourned 8:42 p.m.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

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