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## MINUTES SPECIALTOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 28, 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, Peggy Nimz, Todd Wiese, Clerk, Tom Martens, Lee Christensen was absent.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
3. **Communications:**
  - 3A. **Community Center Hockey:** Ms. Nimz reported that she had received a request from Nick Myer asking to be allowed to play floor hockey in the Community Center. Mr. Myer stated that he would be responsible for the group. The board was concerned with black marks on the floor and walls and with damage that had been caused in the past. It was agreed that the group, under the supervision of Mr. Myer, would be allowed to play floor hockey. However, a letter would be sent to Mr. Myer stating that he would be held responsible for any damage, and that at the first sign of marks on the floor or walls, or of any damage being done, the group would no longer be able to play hockey in the Community Center.
  - 3B. **WTA Educational Seminar:** Mr. Ritter asked if any of the board members were going to attend the WTA Educational Seminar. Mr. Wendt stated that he wanted to attend the emergency planning session. Mr. Wiese stated that he had a conflict that day.
4. **Informational Items for Consideration:**
  - 4A. **NATC Fire Training Facility on Town Property:** Mr. Wendt stated that there would be a special town board meeting on Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. to view colored pictures of the proposed structure. Tim Ebert explained that Nicolet College needs an area of land no less than 50' by 50'. They would prefer 100' by 100'. The proposed location would be between the snowmobile barn and the town shop. Mr. Ritter was concerned about the aesthetics of a 30' high structure in that location. Mr. Wendt thought that since it was a training facility for the fire department there would not be any complaints. The facility needs to be close to the fire department so that Nicolet College can also hold classes. It would be built by spring. Questions came up concerning insurance, security, and whether or not the St. Germain Fire Department could use the structure without someone from Nicolet College being present.
5. **Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)**
  - 5A. **Town Roads for Snowmobile Routes:** Ed Siergiej presented a list of town roads to be used as snowmobile routes. Mr. Siergiej had included the approximate distances to be used as requested by the board. Ms. Nimz questioned the safety of using School Road as an access to Subway. Motion Wiese seconded Ritter to accept the list of town roads to be used as snowmobile routes as presented by the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club with the understanding that if School Road becomes a problem, it can be reassessed and closed. Approved. Ms. Nimz asked

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that the list be presented in September in the future. Mr. Siergiej asked about the access ordinance. According to the State Statutes, residents and guests at lodging establishments can use any road as the shortest access to a snowmobile trail.

**5B. Bike Trail Contract (Bid Submission):** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter to approve the contract from Pitlik & Wick in the amount of \$324,047 for the Hike and Bike Trail. Approved. Mr. Wendt also had a letter from the DNR stating that the town could now get an advance of \$105,250 from the Stewardship Grant. The grant is for \$210,500. Mr. Wendt also stated that as part of the environmental study, there needs to erosion control for Plum Creek and Mud Creek. Mr. Ritter asked if that was part of documentation of the contract with Northern Environmental. Vogel Enterprises will be doing the excavation. Mr. Wendt has a Notice of Award and a Notice to Proceed. He will sign and return them to the DNR.

**5C. Chamber Radar Run Sanction:** Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the Town of St. Germain sanction the radar run for the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, January 20, 2006 and Saturday, January 21, 2006. Approved.

**5D. New Loan to Cover Town Expenses for 2005:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the matter be tabled. Approved. The town treasurer had borrowed \$100,000 from the Debt Reserve Fund to cover the remaining bills for 2005.

**5E. Adjourn to Closed Session for Employee Discussions:** Motion Ritter seconded Wiese that per Wisconsin Statutes, the meeting be adjourned into closed session. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the closed session be adjourned and that the meeting be reconvened in open session. Approved.

**6. Citizens Concerns:** There were none.

**7. Board Concerns:**

**7A. Treasurer's Short Term Tax Bond:** Mr. Ritter asked that status of the treasurer's short-term tax bond. Ms. Schuettner has applied for the bond. The cost will be \$960. The board agreed that the town should continue to purchase the bond rather than pass a resolution by which the bond would not be necessary.

**7B. Friends of the Red Brick Schoolhouse:** Mr. Ritter stated that at the last meeting Ellen Allen asked that the group's donations be kept in a special town fund. Mr. Wendt stated that the matter would be on the agenda for the December town board meeting.

**7C. Red Brick Schoolhouse Decision:** Mr. Ritter stated that the board needed to make a decision concerning the Red Brick Schoolhouse sooner rather than later. It appears as though proposed funding from grants is not going to materialize.

**7D. Scoreboard in Gym:** Ms. Nimz asked for permission to remove the scoreboard from the Community Center gym. It has badly damaged. The board granted Ms. Nimz permission to

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remove the scoreboard. The clerk noted that it was another example of what happens when hockey and basketball are allowed with no supervision.

**7E. Casual Labor Wages:** The board agreed that effective January 1, 2006 the casual labor rate for snowplowing would be \$12.00 per hour. The rate for a substitute at the transfer station would \$11.14 per hour.

- 8. Adjournment:** Motion Wiese seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:45 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 Wednesday, November 30, 2005 at 6:30 P.M. in the boardroom of 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.

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