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MINUTES SPECIALTOWN BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 29, 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 7:30 A.M.

1. Roll Call: Jim Wendt, Ted Ritter, Peggy Nimz, Todd Wiese, Lee Christensen, Clerk, Tom Martens.

2. Approval of Agenda: Waived.

3. Communications: There were none.

4. Informational Items For Consideration: There were none.

5. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

5A. Approve Employee Contracts: Ms. Nimz noted that Mike VanMeter had called her concerning the 10-cent clothing allowance in his contract. Mr. VanMeter contends that he was hired on a probationary basis with no benefits. Therefore, he feels that he should be entitled to the 10-cent clothing allowance along with the 3% raise offered in the contract. Mr. Ritter noted that John Shay had not returned his signed contract. Mr. Shay has started collecting social security and apparently the raise offered in the new contract would put him over the earnings limit. Mr. Shay will remain under his present three-year contract. Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the employee contracts be approved as presented. By a roll call vote: Mr. Wiese – No; Mr. Ritter – Yes; Ms. Nimz – No; Mr. Christensen – Yes; Mr. Wendt – No. Motion failed.

Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the employee contracts be approved as presented with the exception of an additional 10-cents per hour to be added to Mike VanMeter's contract. By a roll call vote: Mr. Wiese – Yes; Mr. Ritter – No; Ms. Nimz – Yes; Mr. Christensen – No; Mr. Wendt – Yes. Motion Carried. Mr. Wendt wanted it noted that the 10-cent per hour raise offered to Mr. VanMeter was not for a clothing allowance, but rather because of the misconception in the pay rate when Mr. VanMeter was hired earlier this year.

Attached, as a cover letter to each contract is a form for each employee to complete concerning the health care supplement benefit. Until either the town clerk or Boyd Best is notified, the health care supplement benefits are to be divided and added to each paycheck.

Effective January 1, 2006 the town will no longer offer a health insurance group plan. The clerk is to notify the insurance company that Robert Stippich's health insurance coverage will terminate as of January 1, 2006. Mr. Stippich is aware of the cancellation.

6. Citizens Concerns: There were none.

7. Board Concerns:

7A. Clerk/Treasurer: The clerk gave each board member a letter from the WTA legal assistant stating the procedure for combining the clerk and treasurer positions. The clerk also handed out

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a statement showing the compensation to all of the town clerks, town treasurers, and clerk/treasurers in Vilas County. If the town board plans on combining the two positions, it needs to be approved at an elector meeting. The salary needs to be set prior to nomination paper deadline in 2007.

7B. Security Light Complaint: Ms. Nimz noted that she had received a complaint from Carroll Martens concerning the security light above the east entrance to the Community Center. The new halogen light shines into Ms. Martens' bedroom. The board stated that Ms. Nimz should see if a shield of some kind could be placed over the light.

7C. Heat In Rear Portion of Red Brick Schoolhouse: The thermostats in the 1965 portion of the Red Brick Schoolhouse still are not working. The board asked that the Public Works Committee look into it right away.

- 8. Adjournment:** Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:05 A.M. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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