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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 15, 2006

The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

1. **Roll Call:** Jim Wendt, Todd Wiese, Ted Ritter, Peggy Nimz, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens, Town Clerk.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Waived.
3. **Communications:** There were none.
4. **Informational Items for Consideration:**
 - 4A. **Budget Workshop:** Tim Ebert presented a budget for the Fire Department for 2007. The budget for 2006 had been \$59,200. The proposed budget for 2007 is \$61,450. Mr. Ebert also presented a budget for the 2007 town maintenance for \$95,150. In the first time through the proposed budget for 2007, the library contributions were lowered from \$14,200 to \$10,200. The museum contribution was lowered from \$400 to \$200. Recreation facilities were raised to \$20,000 from \$10,000, but the park fund expenses were lowered from \$7,000 to \$3,000. The Red Brick Schoolhouse was lowered from \$9,000 to \$4,000. The other categories were routinely raised or lowered. There will be another budget workshop scheduled. The board will need to decide whether or not it will be necessary to hold a referendum election at the November General Election to exceed the 2% levy limit. If there is to be a referendum, the notice has to be published no later than October 10, 2006.
5. **Action Items:**
 - 5A. **Snowmobile Routes on Town Roads:** Motion Wiese seconded Nimz that the list of town roads to be used as snowmobile routes be approved as presented. Approved. The roads are the same as on the list from last year.
 - 5B. **Recreation District Zoning Changes:** Motion Wiese seconded Ritter that the private property that is currently zoned in the Parks and Recreation District be rezoned into the Community Highway District. Approved.
 - 5C. **Closing of Red Brick Building:** Motion Ritter seconded Wiese that the Red Brick Schoolhouse be closed in its entirety for the winter months of 2006-2007. All mechanical systems are to be shut down in such a way as to protect and preserve the building. Approved. Mr. Christensen voted against. Mr. Ritter thought that there should be a floor plan drawn up for the office that is to be set up in the Community Center. Mr. Christensen thought that the building should not be closed and that nothing should be done until the town board makes a decision concerning the future of the building. Mr. Christensen also thought that since the town board had just asked for \$1,000,000 in June for office space and more meeting rooms, it would not look very good for the town board to now close the office and meeting rooms in the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Mr. Ritter stated that the intent was to save tax dollars on the heating bill. The board anticipated that they would save around \$5,000 by closing the building. Mr. Christensen thought that it would appear to the public that this would be a first step by the town

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board to demolish the building. Tim Ebert reminded the board that the water supply for the Community Center comes from the well for the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The pump would have to be kept from freezing. Mr. Christensen also thought that rooms #3 and #4 should be used by the town and not rooms #4 and #5.

6. Board Concerns:

6A. Zoning Public Hearing: There will be a public hearing concerning amendments to the town zoning ordinance on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

6B. Chamber Meeting: Mr. Wendt noted that he had received a letter from Loren Anderson, Chamber of Commerce president, stating the the town board should set the date of a meeting to discuss the room tax contract with the Chamber of Commerce.

6C. Hike & Bike Trail: It appears as though Pitlik & Wick forgot to blacktop the Hike & Bike Trail across Ross Lake Road. Mr. Wendt will check with Pitlik.

7. Schedule of Meetings: The next regular town board meeting will be on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse. There will be a Public Hearing concerning amendments to the town's zoning ordinance on Monday, October 9, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

8. Adjournment: Motion Wiese seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:55 A.M.

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