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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 13, 2006

The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. The meeting was called to order in meeting room #4 of the Community Center at 7:00 P.M.

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

1. **Roll Call:** Jim Wendt, Todd Wiese, Peggy Nimz, Ted Ritter, Tom Martens, Town Clerk, Val Schuettner, Town Treasurer. Lee Christensen was absent.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Wiese seconded Ritter that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the minutes of the October 9, 2006 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 10-31-2006: \$157,500.27; Money Market Account \$3,284.24; Lakes Account \$25,421.27; Park Fund \$4,955.08; Rental Account \$4,258.02; Bag Account \$9,894.43; Room Tax Account \$48,633.88; Debt Reserve \$199,252.61; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$24,948.15. Golf Course Regular Account \$151,794.30; Money Market \$0; Debt Reserve \$206,664.71; Rainy Day Fund \$100,000.00; Capital Improvement \$50,000.00. Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that vouchers 15464 – 15525 be approved. Approved. Mr. Wendt again asked the clerk what could be done so that the board could review the bills before the meetings. The clerk noted that he had been emailing a detailed list of the bills to the board at least a week prior to each meeting. If the board wanted that first of the month to be a cutoff for the bills, all bills received after the first of the month would not get paid until the next monthly meeting. The clerk also gave a key to P.O. Box 7 to Ms. Nimz so that she could take out all of the public works bills for approval. It was not worked out how the clerk was to get the bills from Ms. Nimz.
6. **Communications:** Ms. Nimz noted that she had been notified about graffiti on the Memorial Wall.
7. **Reports:**
 - 7A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 16 calls. Over 300 people attended the open house during fire prevention week. There still has been no word on the Homeland Security Grant.
 - 7B. **Finance Committee Report:** There was no finance committee report.
 - 7C. **Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** There was no parks & recreation report.
 - 7D. **Lakes Committee Report:** Mr. Ritter noted that the next meeting would be tomorrow night at 7:00 P.M. The discussion will be the grant application for 2007. Mr. Ritter also noted that the Big St. Germain Association intended to be at tonight's meeting to petition the town board to become a Lake District. They will be at the December meeting. The town board must hold a public hearing concerning the Lake District within 30 days of the application.
 - 7E. **Golf Course Committee Report:** Mr. Wendt noted that the course was closed for the season. The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday.
 - 7F. **Zoning Committee Report:** Mr. Wiese reported that the committee had revised the ordinance amendments. They will be brought up later during tonight's meeting.
 - 7G. **Personnel Committee Report:** Mr. Ritter noted that there still were a few issues to settle with the employee contracts. Mr. Ritter also noted, however, that the contracts will not be settled until after Thanksgiving.

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7H. Public Works Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that the committee would be meeting on November 27th at 2:00 P.M. There will be a discussion concerning what repairs need to be done on the four pavilions. Ms. Nimz will have a list of roads that need work for the budget hearing and elector meeting on November 28, 2006. Ms. Nimz also handed out a town winter road maintenance policy for the board to review. The policy will need to be adopted by resolution. The purpose of the policy is to protect the town's liability if there should be an accident on a town road during the winter.

7I. Grants Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported that she has not heard from Marlene Bartelt concerning grants for the Red Brick Schoolhouse. She also noted that she couldn't go any farther with grants until she has a dollar amount. Ms. Nimz will be meeting with a local contractor next week. She will ask him to give estimates for: (1) remodel and bring up to code the entire Red Brick Schoolhouse; (2) remodel and bring up to code the 1965 portion of the building, but leave the 1941 portion for interested groups; (3) demolish the 1965 portion and remodel and bring up to code the 1941 portion of the building; (4) demolish the entire building.

7J. Citizens Groups & County Rep: Fred Radtke reported that the county board would meet at 9:00 A.M. tomorrow morning to discuss the budget for 2007. Following the meeting, there will be a hearing on the budget. Nothing has been decided about the fairgrounds.

Mr. Radtke also reported that 75 people attended the last Prime-Timers meeting. The Christmas Party will be on December 4th at Clearview. The Prime-Timers donated \$250 to the Children's Museum in Eagle River. At the next meeting, there will be a discussion concerning tutoring opportunities at the Northland Pines schools.

8. Items for Consideration (Approve, Disapprove, Table):

8A. Old Shelter Repair: Mr. Wendt felt that the old shelter building behind the Information Bureau could be refurbished. He felt that it could last up to 15 more years if the town spent a few thousand dollars to do the repairs. Ms. Nimz thought that since the shelter has a fireplace, cross-country skiers who might want to use the bike trail for cross-country skiing could use it. Mr. Wiese thought that it could also be a pit stop for snowmobiles. Mr. Ritter felt that a recommendation should come from the committee.

8B. Chamber of Commerce Committee: Mr. Wendt, Ms. Nimz, and Mr. Ritter will form a committee to work along with the Chamber of Commerce on funding, room tax, and the centennial.

8C. Red Brick Considerations: Mr. Wendt asked each board member for their thoughts on the building. Mr. Wiese stated that he thought that the building was not worth keeping. He felt that it should be demolished. He also noted, however, that he would be in favor of keeping the 1941 portion of the building if it was feasible. Mr. Wendt agreed with Mr. Wiese. Ms. Nimz stated that the board had to start somewhere. Her meeting with Jerry Zimpleman next week should give the board some direction. Mr. Ritter handed out his suggestions. He felt that the 1965 portion of the building was in poor condition and should be demolished. He also stated that the board needed to consider how the 1941 portion of the building was to be used. If there was no need determined, he felt that specifications should be developed to meet State codes and that the electors should be given two choices. One choice would be to bring the building up to code, and the other would be to demolish it.

8D. Preliminary Golf Course Budget Review: Mr. Wendt handed out a proposed budget for the golf course for 2007. Brian Baldwin and Steve Spears will be at the December to discuss the budget. Ms. Nimz thought that the budget for the golf course should be prepared prior to the town budget hearing so that the electors could see what was in the budget. Mr. Ritter added that the Room Tax Budget should also be presented at that time.

8E. Non-Motorized Boating Ordinance: Mr. Ritter handed out the procedures for adopting a local boating ordinance. The next step in the procedures is to set a date for a public hearing. The hearing notice has to be published for 30 days prior to the hearing. There will be a public hearing on January 3, 2007 at 6:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center for the purpose of discussing an ordinance to regulate boating upon the waters of the town of Saint

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Germain in Vilas County, Wisconsin and prescribing penalties for violations thereof. The motorboat-prohibited area will be Little Bass Lake (T40N, R8E, S15). Electric motors only will be permitted on said waters.

8F. Revision of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes: Motion Wiese seconded Ritter that the town board approve the zoning amendment changes to sections 1.12, 1.16, 1.17, 1.18, 1.29, 1.30, 1.31, 1.32, 1.33, 1.34, 1.35, 1.36, 5.11(7), 5.16 and 5.18 be approved as presented by the committee. Approved.

9. Citizen Concerns (3 minute maximum)

9A. Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen noted that she has been discussing the centennial celebration with the Chamber of Commerce. There will be events from April thru October. They are asking the governor to attend an event. Ms. Allen asked that the male town board members grow beards for the centennial. She also asked permission to use both the community center and the red brick schoolhouse for some of the events.

9B. Rosalie Sherwin: Ms. Sherwin asked why a shed was purchased for soccer equipment when it could have been stored in the red brick schoolhouse. Ms. Sherwin is also asking the IRS for all papers involved with the Red Brick Restoration, Inc. application for their non-profit status.

9C. Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke noted that although the Prime-Timers had volunteered to do some work at the old pavilion, it has turned out to be more than they could handle.

Closed Session: Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that per Wisconsin Statutes, the meeting be adjourned into closed session to discuss personnel issues at 9:05 P.M. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that the meeting be reconvened into open session at 9:15 P.M. Approved.

10. Board Concerns:

10A. Chamber Donation: Mr. Wendt noted that the Chamber of Commerce had collected \$50 towards fireworks at the craft show on Saturday. .

10B. Phone Line: Ms. Nimz noted that she would have Tim Ebert work on getting a phone line into room #4.

10C. Repairs: The clerk noted that he had received complaints about the condition of the carpet in meeting room #2. There have also been complaints about the condition of the concrete in front of the main entrance to the community center. He also noted that something still needed to be done with the floor in the new pavilion.

11. Meeting Schedule: The next regular town board meeting will be on Monday, December 11, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 in the Community Center. The budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Community Center. The assessor's open book session will be held on Wednesday, November 29, 2006 from 9 – 11:00 A.M. in meeting room #4 in the Community Center. The Board of Review will be held on Thursday, November 30, 2006 at 7:00 A.M. in meeting room #4 in the Community Center.

12. Adjournment: Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:28 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

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