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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 26, 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 at 4:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call:** Jim Wendt, Todd Wiese, Peggy Nimz, Ted Ritter, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens Town Clerk..
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Waived.
3. **Items for Consideration:**

3A. New Soccer Field: Mr. Wendt presented proposals outlining the stumping, tree removal, hauling and work to be done in the spring for a new soccer field. The bid was from Vogel Enterprises for \$6,000.00 with possibly an additional \$1,000.00 for seeding and fertilizing to be done in the spring. There were also donations from Lumber Jack's, Woodland Tree Service and Harman Excavating for some of the work. Mr. Christensen wanted to know what the emergency was. He stated that the reasons for a new soccer field were the same now as they were last year when he was turned down. Mr. Wendt stated that the field needed to be done now since it would give the stumps time to settle and the seed would get established in time for the area to be used to shoot off the fireworks next year. Mr. Ritter asked where the field will be located. Mr. Wendt stated that it would be north of the present field and west of the skateboard park. There would be a 20-foot buffer left between the soccer field and the elementary school. Mr. Christensen felt that procedure should be followed and that the matter should go back to the parks and recreation committee. Mr. Wendt stated that the parks and recreation had endorsed the new soccer field in their master plan so he took it out of committee so that the project would get finished. Mr. Ritter wanted to know if the seeding and fertilizing were in the golf course budget. Mr. Christensen wanted to know what size the field was going to be since there were no dimensions given on the proposal from Vogel Enterprises. Mr. Christensen also noted that a new field would need water. There is a partial irrigation system already in place, but there is no money in the budget to complete it. Mr. Wendt stated that the irrigation would be dealt with before spring. Mr. Wiese stated that there was no reason to delay. Mr. Ritter asked for a more complete plan and also could see no reason for the rush to get it done.

Hank Kosanda asked about the debris that was lying on the snowmobile trail. Mr. Wendt noted that it would be addressed later in the meeting.

Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that the town accept the generous donations and the bid from Vogel Enterprises for a new soccer field. Motion carried by a 3 to 2 vote. Mr. Ritter and Mr. Christensen voted against..

3B. Approve Employee Contracts: Mr. Ritter stated that all of the employee contracts had been signed and that all provisions had been agreed to. Shawn Savel did not accept the contract that was offered to him from the golf course. He did, however, sign a three-month public works contract. Mr. Savel will terminate his contract with the town on April 1, 2007 and accept a position at the Plum Lake Golf Course. Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the town board approve and sign the seven employee contract for 2007. Approved.

3C. Employee Benefit Question and Clarification: It is the consensus of the town board that Mr. Savel will receive reimbursement for 50% of the medical leave days that he will have accumulated at the time that he terminates his contract on April 1, 2007.

4. **Citizens Concerns:** Hazel Christensen asked for a clarification concerning the \$6,000 in the budget for the parks and recreation committee. If \$6,000 is spent on building a soccer field, primarily to be used for fireworks display, then there is no money left for town projects such as, donating to the much needed fence around Vandervort Park, refurbishing the area around the pavilion, replacing and maintaining the dead trees around the Memorial or maintaining the baseball outfield by seeding and growing grass. Jim Wendt and Peggy Nimz both agreed there was NO MONEY for any of these projects.

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5. **Board Concerns:** Mr. Ritter asked about the fireworks contract for 2007. Mr. Wendt stated that it would be on the agenda for the January 8, 2007 meeting. The board would discuss it at that time.

6. **Adjournment:** Motion Nimz seconded Wiese that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 4:43 P.M.

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