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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MARCH 12, 2007

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, Peggy Nimz, Ted Ritter, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Todd Wiese and Valerie Schuettner were absent. There were also 8 other people in attendance.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the minutes of the February 12, 2007 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 02-28-2007: \$17,245.57; Money Market Account \$362,144.26; Lakes Account \$26,078.85; Park Fund \$5,022.63; Rental Account \$5,195.07; Bag Account \$7,564.68; Room Tax Account \$14,816.24; Debt Reserve \$301,959.28; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$35,944.12. Golf Course Regular Account \$10,502.19; Money Market \$0; Debt Reserve \$248,995.92; Rainy Day Fund \$0; Capital Improvement \$50,511.09. Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that vouchers 15722 – 15759 be approved along with an extra bill to ECO Water for \$466.35—fire dept. repairs and with the exception of voucher #15759 that was to be held until Mr. Christensen checked on the amount of the bill. Approved.
6. **Communications:** Mr. Wendt gave each board member a copy of the letter that he had sent to the Walter Olson Memorial Library Board concerning the library agreement. Mr. Wendt also noted that he had a copy of the Olson Memorial Library annual report if any board member wanted to see it.
7. **Reports:**
 - 7A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 29 calls. The first responder refresher class has ended, but the class for the new members will continue for about another month. There has been one application for the Junior Fire Fighter program. The department has applied for the Homeland Security Grant once again. They are looking to get a new brush truck. There could be up to \$300,000 available. The department would be responsible for \$15,000 of that amount. The airpacs that had been applied for have not been denied, but they also have not been approved. There are now 32 members.
 - 7B. **Finance Committee Report:** There was no finance committee report.
 - 7C. **Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Mr. Christensen reported that he had talked to Loren Anderson concerning the grounds around the pavilion. Mr. Anderson said that he would personally and through the Snowmobile Hall of Fame contribute to any improvements. Mr. Christensen will meet with the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.
 - 7D. **Lakes Committee Report:** Mr. Ritter reported that the money has been received for all of the grants from prior years. The 2007 applications are in. The committee will know in a few weeks if they have been granted any money for this year. Mr. Wendt noted that the balance in the Lakes Account has been growing. Mr. Ritter stated that that was part of the reason that the committee's room tax request had been lowered to \$4,000. He also noted that the committee had not contributed any money to the invasive weed problem in Little St. Germain Lake for the past two years.
 - 7E. **Golf Course Committee Report:** Mr. Wendt reported that the snow has been melting off of the greens and that the crew has been inspecting for winter damage. Most of the winter maintenance projects have been completed.

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7F. Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Ritter noted that there would be no zoning committee meeting this month.

7G. Personnel Committee Report: There was no report.

7H. Public Works Committee Report: Ms. Nimz reported she was waiting for a call from Crispell Synder to set a time for a final go through for the fire-numbering project.

7I. Grants Committee Report: There was no grants committee report.

7J. County Rep: There was no report.

7K. Citizens Groups: Verdella Mauthe reported that 50 attended the last meeting. The speaker was from NNEX. 38 people attended the Valentines Dance. The Spring Fling will be held on March 29, 2007.

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

8A. Bike Trail Update – Project Agreement: Mr. Wendt noted that two firms had responded to the ad, so far. There will be a special meeting on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. to select an engineering firm. Northern Environmental has been working on the application for the Stewardship Grant to hopefully pay the 20% balance left from the D.O.T. grant for Phase II of the Hike & Bike Trail. The D.O.T. has verbally agreed to in-kind work on Phase II. The town could take out a loan to have the work done this year. When the D.O.T. grant is received, the loan would be paid.

8B. Discover Wisconsin Proposal: In 2005, Mark Rose gave a presentation to the town board describing an advertising partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism and some of the Discover Wisconsin Destinations. Mr. Rose was present now to make the same offer to the town. The program would air on the Travel Channel twice during the winter tourism season. The cost to the town would be \$6,000 for each of the two 3-minute segments. Mr. Rose would donate the \$3,000 editing fee to the town. The contract would be for two years covering both the 2008 and 2009 seasons. The total cost to the town would be \$24,000. Mr. Rose noted that the Travel Channel had 80,000,000 subscribers nationwide. Wisconsin, Minneapolis and the Chicago would also be targeted. The 3-minute segments would belong to the town. They could be used at trade shows and on the town's website. Mr. Ritter asked if the same destinations would be shown year after year. Mr. Rose explained that it was his intent to have new destinations every two years. Mr. Ritter asked if all of Vilas County could be a destination. Mr. Rose stated that he felt that a countywide destination would be too large to cover in three minutes. Mr. Ritter also asked when the \$24,000 was due. Mr. Rose explained that nothing would be due until 2008 and that even then, he would work with the town. Mr. Wendt asked if there would be any guarantee that the Town of St. Germain could continue with the program even after the two years were over. Mr. Rose stated that the town would probably have to promote a different season, but that the town would be able to continue. Mr. Ritter thought that the Chamber of Commerce should be involved with the project. Mr. Rose noted that he had always worked with the town board in the past. Mr. Wendt felt that the Chamber would get involved, but that the town should take the initiative.

Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the matter be tabled at this time. Mr. Wendt will set up a time for a special town board meeting this week with the Chamber of Commerce.

8C. Road Limit Designee: Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that Jim Wendt be the road limit designee should anyone have questions concerning road limits. Approved.

9. Citizen Concerns (3 minute maximum)

9A. Tim Ebert: Mr. Ebert wanted to make it clear that he had been told to take care of the tennis court nets. He was not told to purchase new ones or to have the old ones repaired. He was just told to take care of them. He thought that repairing them would be cheaper, but as it turned out, it wasn't. Ms. Nimz asked if there had been any quotes for repairing the nets. Mr. Christensen stated that there had not been any.

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10. Board Concerns:

10A. Community Center Heating: Mr. Wendt noted that he had received two proposals. However, in the meantime, there had also been letters from two contractors stating that a new system was not necessary. Mr. Wendt stated that he would leave the heating system proposals for the new town board.

11. Meeting Schedule: The next regular town board meeting will be on Monday, April 9, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 in the Community Center. There will be a special town board meeting on Monday, March 19, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 in the Community Center.

12. Adjournment: Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:16 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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