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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: MARCH 19, 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 at 5:00 P.M.

1. **Roll Call:** Jim Wendt, Peggy Nimz, Ted Ritter, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Todd Wiese was absent.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.
3. **Communications:** There were none.
4. **Items for Consideration:**

3A. Discover Wisconsin Proposal: Bill Neider and Loren Anderson were present representing the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Wendt explained that Mark Rose from Discover Wisconsin had offered the town two three minutes segments for each of two years on the Travel Channel beginning in 2008 for \$12,000 per year. Mr. Rose would discount the \$3,000 editing fee for the town. Mr. Ritter asked if the Chamber of Commerce thought that the venture would be worthwhile. Mr. Anderson stated that his answer right now would be no. He went on to say that he felt that he would have to take it to his board and marketing people before any decisions would be made. Mr. Anderson also wanted to be sure that if there was an agreement reached, that the town and chamber would have editorial comment and would have control of what was in the segment. Mr. Neider thought that there should be more of a deal from Mr. Rose. Mr. Neider thought that perhaps a 30-minute program on Discover Wisconsin should be included. Mr. Neider also noted that there were grants available, but that more time would be needed to apply for them. The chamber board will meet again on April 18, 2007. Mr. Wendt will let Mark Rose know that the chamber will discuss the offer at its meeting in April. Mr. Christensen thought that the money would be better spent on maintaining the town's present facilities or on an irrigation system for the town park.

Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the Discover Wisconsin Proposal be tabled at this time.

3B. SOQ Evaluation for Bike Trail Engineering: Mr. Wendt reported that he had received five statements of qualification for phase II of the hike & bike trail. They were from Northern Environmental, Becker-Hoppe, REI, Central Wisconsin, and Coleman Engineering. Mr. Wendt also noted that since the grant involved Federal money that town board had to justify why they picked the engineering firm. Cedars Corporation is the intervening agency for Federal money in Wisconsin. They will approve or disapproved of all costs. Mr. Wendt asked that the board members assign scores to each company using four criteria that had been suggested to Mr. Wendt. The company with the highest score would be chosen. Mr. Ritter suggested that the Hike & Bike Trail Committee also rank each company. The Hike & Bike Trail Committee will meet on March 22, 2007 to begin studying the companies. They will meet again on March 26, 2007 to rank the engineering firms. The town board will hold a special meeting on Thursday, March 29, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. to make a final determination.

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4. Citizens Concerns: Fred Radtke asked what the town board had in mind for the 35 acres adjacent to the town park. The board said that at sometime in the future, it could be used for a municipal sanitation facility.

5. Board Concerns: Mr. Wendt noted that David Zielinski had withdrawn from the town treasurer's race. Mr. Zielinski's lake property is in St. Germain, but his home is in Cloverland. At this point there is nothing that the town needs to do. If Mr. Zielinski should happen to get the highest number of votes, he would have 10 days to become a resident of St. Germain. Mr. Ritter noted that Mr. Zielinski had sent a letter to the town clerk withdrawing from the race. The clerk is to write to the Wisconsin State Election Board to see if Mr. Zielinski's letter means that he is automatically out of the race or if the town board would still have to make an appointment should Mr. Zielinski get the most votes.

6. Adjournment: Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.
Meeting adjourned 6:21 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

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