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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MAY 14, 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:** Peggy Nimz, Lee Christensen, Todd Wiese, John Vojta, Fred Radtke, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There was also a standing room only crowd in attendance.
2. **Awards Presentation:** Ms. Nimz presented Wisconsin plaques to Val Schuettner and Jim Wendt thanking them for their years of service to the town. Ms. Nimz also had a plaque for Ted Ritter who was not in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the minutes of the April 9, 2007, April 17, 2007 and April 30, 2007 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 04-30-2007: \$85,877.22; Money Market Account \$288,196.65; Lakes Account \$29,678.86; Park Fund \$5,027.84; Rental Account \$5,971.02; Bag Account \$7,572.52; Room Tax Account \$23,424.56; Debt Reserve \$305,900.22; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$36,162.40. Golf Course Regular Account \$13,356.84; Money Market \$110,212.12; Debt Reserve \$248,995.92; Rainy Day Fund \$0; Capital Improvement \$0. Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that vouchers 15855 – 15912 be approved along with the following extra bills: M & R Services \$862.40 – Leece Neville New LP7711JA; Mary Platner \$34.99 – ink cartridge; Woodland Auto \$479.11 – Dump truck repairs; Fred Radtke \$61.00 -- meeting reim. and mileage; Vilas County Sheriff Department \$1,038.92 – 2006 boat patrol.
7. **Communications:** Ms. Nimz noted that she had received several letters concerning the proposed ATV trail that will be discussed later in the meeting. She also presented a check for \$2,000 from the Lionesses to be put towards the fireworks.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
 - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 23 calls. The grant applications are looking good, but final word will not be received until August.
 - 8B. **Planning & Zoning Committee Report:** Mr. Wiese reported that the committee would be reviewing a proposed 10-unit condo project. The next meeting will be Monday, May 21, 2007 at 4:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. Chuck Vogel will be speaking to the committee concerning his lots in Kelsey Court. There will be a discussion concerning ordinances that are being proposed by the fire department. Mr. Wiese will also discuss what he learned about the proposed amendments to the Vilas County Zoning Ordinance. There have also been more complaints concerning the Howard Beaver, Jr. property on Forest Primeval Road.
 - 8C. **Emergency Preparedness Committee Report:** Mr. Vojta reported that he would have report for the next meeting.
 - 8D. **Public Works /Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Ms. Nimz reported that the committee did a site visit for the GIS project on South Bay Road. Mr. Wiese reported that on April 18th there was a washout on Big St. Germain Drive at the culvert over Lost Creek. The culvert is in bad shape and will need to be replaced. Mr. Wiese also reported that the park had been swept with the golf course sweeper. The tennis courts are now clean and open. The next

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step for the new soccer field will to be to compact the ground. The seeding will probably not be done until fall as the area will be used to shoot off the fireworks for the Independence Day Celebration..

8E. Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Christensen noted that the next meeting would be on June 18, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. Brian Baldwin has been working on new promotion ideas. There will be a segment on the Channel 12 sports tonight. 40 new T-advertising signs have been sold for about \$5,900. There are 7 new employees.

8F. Hike & Bike Trail Committee Report: Ms. Nimz noted that the ad for bids for phase II of the trail were in the newspaper. The split rail fence is up at Mud Creek on Hwy. C. Mr. Wiese asked if the black plastic barriers would be removed. Ms. Nimz will have to check.

8G. Finance (Personnel, Housing Authority, Cemetery) Committee Report: Mr. Christensen reported that he now had a folder for each employee. Unit #2 of the Housing Authority has a new roof. The cost comes out of the Housing Authority funds.

8H. Lakes Committee Report: Chuck Thier the new placemats have been delivered. If approved by the town board, the North Lakeland Discovery Center will have a booth at the Flea Market each Monday for education concerning AIS (aquatic invasive species). Mr. Wiese noted that Dave Zielinski had resigned as treasurer of the Lakes Committee. Ms. Janssen will provide information to the committee each month. Mr. Wiese noted that more invasive species have been found in Little St. Germain Lake than expected. They have already been treated. The committee would also like to put some pressure on Vilas County to do more septic inspections. At the present time, older homes and cottages are exempt from the required inspections.

8I. Red Brick Schoolhouse Committee Report: Mr. Radtke asked that the clerk provide the report from William Kelley in regards to any asbestos that might be in the building.

8J. Room Tax Committee Report: Ms. Janssen noted that committee chairman, Jim Anderson, was looking for more people to be on the committee. Jim Kelsey agreed to stay on the committee for one more year.

8K. Prime Timers: Verdella Mauthe reported that 20 birdhouses had been given to the elementary school. There now 301 members. \$1,500 has been donated towards the fireworks display

8L. County Board Rep. Report: Mr. Radtke reported that there would not be a May meeting.

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

9A. Vilas County ATV Alliance – Informational Purposes Only: Mike Musiedlak from the ATV Alliance and Dennis Leath from the DNR spoke in favor of the proposed ATV trail through the State Forest Lands in St. Germain. The trail would only include about .4 miles of Birch Spring Road. The alliance does not intend to use any other town roads. There is also a proposed spur to the Shell Station on Hwy. 70. The trail for the most part will use existing forest roads and old railroad beds. The Stakeholders group will give recommendations to the DNR. Part of the trail will be on the same trail as the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Trail. Mr. Leath hopes that the two groups can work together. Mr. Wiese asked if the Vilas County Sheriff Department would be doing the enforcement. Mr. Leath stated that he doubted the sheriff's department would be doing the enforcement. He thought that the DNR wardens and rangers would be doing it. The Alliance also has about 70 trained trail patrols in Vilas County. There will be no access to the trail from town roads. The ATV's will have to be hauled to the parking areas. There will be no access to town businesses other than the Shell gas station. The trail would be open from late May until early November. There will be public hearings on the ATV trail later this summer.

8B. North Lakeland Discovery Contract Approval: Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the contract with the North Lakeland Discovery Center be accepted as presented. Approved. There will be a cost of about \$1,800. Of that cost, about \$1,500 will come from grant money.

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8C. Yard Waste Facility – Forest Lane – Opening Procedures: Ms. Nimz noted that John Vojta would now be working with Sherry Otto from the DNR. Ms. Otto has given the town permission to open the facility for 30 days. Within that time, the town must submit a formal initial site inspection request. The request is for a yard waste-composting facility, which does not exceed 20,00 cubic yards of yard waste. The site needs to have an attendant whenever it is open. It was suggested that rather than hire a new employee, the transfer station could be closed on Saturday afternoon so that John Shay could staff the composting site. It was also suggested that perhaps the transfer station could be open for three days a week, and the composting site for two days. John Shay is limited to the number of hours that he can work.

8D. Regulation for Storage and Handling of Class C Fireworks: Motion Christensen seconded Radtke to accept Ordinance No. 8.20, Regulation for Storage and Handling of Class C Fireworks as presented with section 4(a) being changed to read “No person may use tobacco products within one hundred (100) feet of where fireworks are stored or handled.” Approved.

8E. Citizens Concerns/ Non-Town Appointed Committee Reports: Ms. Nimz noted that the WTA’s attorney had advised her that citizens concerns should be removed from the agenda. The reason is that the town board is not supposed to respond to those concerns since they would not be on the agenda and to respond would be in violation of the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. It was suggested that someone with a concern should call a town board member and have that concern placed on the agenda. Ms. Nimz polled that board. Mr. Radtke and Mr. Christensen were in favor of keeping the citizens concerns on the agenda. Mr. Wiese and Mr. Vojta were against. Ms. Nimz will make a decision prior to the next meeting. Mr. Radtke stated that he felt that the Prime Timers felt obligated to give a report to the town board since they were using the town facilities. Again, Ms. Nimz will make a decision prior to the next meeting.

8F. District #12 Recommendation: Ms. Nimz stated that she had received resumes from Mary Platner, Roger Weber, and Bill Neider for the District #12 County Board that had been vacated with the resignation of David Zielinski. Charles Rayala, Vilas County Board Chairman, asked for the St. Germain town board’s recommendation. Mr. Vojta asked for a ballot vote. Ms. Nimz asked each board member to rank the candidates from 1 to 3 with 3 being the highest. Mr. Weber received 9 points, Ms. Platner received 10 points, and Mr. Neider received 11 points. Ms. Nimz will notify Mr. Rayala that the board recommends Bill Neider to fill the seat.

8G. Committee Assignment Approval: Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the committee assignments be approved as presented. Approved.

8H. Change of Monthly Meeting Start Time to 5:00 P.M.: Motion Radtke seconded Wiese that the monthly meetings begin at 5:00 P.M. Approved.

8I. Lion’s Shelter Behind Chamber Office: Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the shelter behind the Chamber office be torn down. Approved. The clerk asked that Ms. Nimz check with the WTA attorney to make sure that the town board could vote to tear down a structure. It may have to be done at an elector meeting. They also may be exceptions if the building is a hazard. The motion just passed will be advisory only.

9. Citizen Concerns (3 minute maximum)

9A. Carol Radtke: Ms. Radtke was concerned that if John Shay is taken away from the transfer station on Saturday afternoon, that there will not be any days when the transfer station is open in the afternoon.

9B. Jim Schroeder: Mr. Schroeder asked that the town put up signs on either side of the Big St. Germain boat landing so that people would be less likely to miss the entrance. Mr. Schroeder stated that he has had many people turn around in his driveway. Mr. Schroeder has already checked with the DNR. They told him that it would be the town’s responsibility to put up the signs.

10. Board Concerns:

10A. John Vojta: Mr. Vojta stated that he had heard that the clerk was going to be in charge of the centennial celebration. Mr. Martens stated that he had asked Bill Neider if he could put his

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phone number on the old Chamber sign asking for pictures or any other information pertinent to the centennial, but Mr. Neider told him that the sign had been sold. Mr. Martens stated that he had not offered to do anything else concerning the centennial.

10B. Todd Wiese: Mr. Wiese asked who could use the town's boat. The clerk suggested that the board contact the town's insurance company. Mr. Wiese also stated that Steve Spears had suggested that the 120 acres of town property adjacent to the golf course be logged with the proceeds going to the golf course for new equipment. Ms. Nimz thought that the money would have to be put into the town's general fund. The matter will be on the agenda for next month. Mr. Wiese also noted that he was going to change the notice box on the Community Center to say legal notices. There have been so many other notices posted that there is not room for the town's official notices.

10C. Tom Martens: The clerk noted that the Board of Review would have to be called into session prior to the June town board meeting. It would then be adjourned at the end of the meeting. The only purpose of the meeting is to meet the State requirements. The assessor will not have the assessment roll ready until sometime in September. The clerk also noted that the liquor licenses would have to be approved at the June meeting.

11. Meeting Schedule: The next regular town board meeting will be on Monday, June 11, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 in the Community Center.

12. Adjournment: Motion Wojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:20 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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