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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JULY 9, 2007

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

1. 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 5:00 P.M.
2. **Roll Call:** Peggy Nimz, Lee Christensen, Todd Wiese, John Vojta, Fred Radtke, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 13 people in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the minutes of the June 11, 2007 and June 21, 2007 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 06-30-2007: \$83,577.51; Money Market Account \$105,298.98; Lakes Account \$26,784.63; Park Fund \$2,491.34; Rental Account \$7,201.02; Bag Account \$14,050.52; Room Tax Account \$13,019.99; Debt Reserve \$305,900.22; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$61,654.85. Golf Course Regular Account \$94,335.47; Money Market \$0; Debt Reserve \$248,995.92; Rainy Day Fund \$0; Capital Improvement \$0. Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that vouchers 159972 – 116025 be approved along with the following extra bills: Sue Wagner - \$9.75 license overpayment; Jim Wendt - \$10.00 license overpayment; Lisa Bartelt - \$322.50 cleaning; Lou Mirek - \$244.77 Lakes Committee; Jim Harold - \$150.19 Lakes Committee; DNR - \$550.00 initial inspection fee yard waste facility. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Mr. Wiese noted that he had been receiving requests from people to make donations to the fireworks. He directed them to Ms. Nimz. Mr. Radtke stated that he had received complaints concerning the alternate route during the parade. Apparently, the detour was not well marked.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
  - 8.1. **Fire Department:** Due to Tim Ebert's injury during a fire call, there was no fire department report.
  - 8.2. **Planning & Zoning Committee Report:** Mr. Wiese reported that the committee was reviewing the town ordinance book. The ordinances will be renumbered and given a common format. There will be an expense of around \$300, if approved by the town board. Howard Beaver, Jr. responded to Mr. Wiese's letter. He has a contractor lined up to remove the building on Forest Primeval Road. Mr. Beaver would like to remove the old cedar siding first, however.

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He will inform the committee of his progress. Mr. Wiese talked with James Anagoustopolis. Mr. Anagoustopolis will remove the portion of his building on Hwy. 70 that is collapsing. He will provide, in writing, a timetable of when the work will be done. The committee has approved the three fire department ordinances. They have been sent to P.S.S. for final corrections before they are presented to the town board for approval. The committee approved the condo conversion plat for Idle Hours Resort. The town board needs to appoint two members to the Board of Appeals. The next committee meeting will be on Monday, July 16, 2007 at 4:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. Some of the items of discussion will be a three-lot subdivision for Donald Eliason, and the final plat of Balsam Lodge.

**8.3. Emergency Preparedness Committee Report:** Mr. Vojta reported he has received the fourth bid that is required for the emergency preparedness program.

**8.4. Public Works /Parks & Recreation Committee Report:** Ms. Nimz reported that the town crew will remove the picnic shelter behind the information booth this week. She would like a formal opening of the time capsule. Mr. Wiese noted that, so far, all bids for a new picnic shelter have been under \$5,000. Gustave A. Larson Company has given recommendations concerning the Community Center heating system. Ms. Nimz has contacted Jack Piel, from the Lost Lake Association, concerning the removal of the corn-roasting pit. The new playground equipment has been installed. John Shay will be taking the transfer station money to Ms. Nimz every Monday. Vogel Enterprises will be putting topsoil and vegetation killer on the new soccer field next week. It will be seeded in late August. Mr. Christensen reminded Ms. Nimz that the field should also have an irrigation system. Mr. Wiese noted that a logging truck knocked down the stop sign and road sign at Lost Creek Road and Big St. Germain Drive. The logging company will be sending a check. He also noted that the pavilion is in need of maintenance. Mr. Wiese also suggested a checklist for people who use the pavilion and bathrooms so that the area is cleaned up properly. The mowing of the shoulders will begin next week. The GIS project has been slowed because of problems with insuring someone to install the signs that is not a town employee.

**8.5. Golf Course Committee Report:** Mr. Christensen noted that play has been very good. It is up about 10% from last year. 35 to 40 young people are enrolled in the junior program. All of the new T-signs are up. The irrigation system is working well.

**8.6. Hike & Bike Trail Committee Report:** Ms. Nimz reported that the trail along side of Mood Road has been paved. There will be a sign noting the donation from Helen McCarthy. There are several locations on the trail that need to be swept.

**8.7. Finance (Personnel, Housing Authority, Cemetery) Committee Report:** Mr. Christensen noted that there was no finance committee report. The public works committee and the golf course superintendent are keeping track of all overtime hours and sick leave time. The Housing Authority received a Federal Rural Development Award of Excellence. The award was not only for the physical plant, but also for the way the Housing Authority is operated. The next meeting will be tomorrow.

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**8.8. Lakes Committee Report:** Mr. Wiese noted that since he is the town board representative on the Lakes Committee, he is also automatically a commissioner on all of the town lake districts. He has been attending a lot of meetings. The county has extended the AIS position through the end of December.

**8.9. Red Brick Schoolhouse Committee Report:** Mr. Radtke reported that the committee met and toured the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The committee also toured the Land O Lakes town hall to see what they did when they remodeled their school. The committee will meet again on July 16, 2007 at 3:00 P.M. They will measure the rooms and discuss the removal of any asbestos. Future meetings will be with the Red Brick Restoration, Inc. and Friends of the Red Brick Schoolhouse groups. Mr. Radtke stated that although there have been several committees in the past, there is no record of anything that they did.

**8.10. Room Tax Committee Report:** Ms. Janssen reported that the next meeting will be in August.

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

**9.1. Fireworks Funding for 2007-2008:** Ms. Nimz noted that Marion Janssen has volunteered to get people to pass the hat for donations during the parade next year. The board will also meet with the Lions Club and Chamber to see what other ideas there are for fund raising. The contract with Bartolotta has terminated. The board will seek bids for the fireworks. It was also suggested that perhaps we did not need to have five or six rockets set off at the same time. It was also noted, however, that St. Germain's fireworks draw people from all around the area.

**9.2 Yard Waste Facility Update:** Mr. Vojta noted that he had sent in all of the paperwork. The payment for the initial inspection was approved earlier in this meeting. The initial inspection will be scheduled as soon as possible.

**9.3. Community Center Heating Update:** Ms. Nimz noted that an engineer from Gustave A. Larson Company had toured the Community Center. He pretty much indicated that the entire heating system needed to be replaced due to lack of maintenance, poor water quality, and "tampering" with the system without diagnosing the real problem in the past. The plans would have to be submitted to the Department of Commerce for approval. Work could be done in August. The board will have to request bids for the work.

**9.4. Approval of Road Maintenance Bids:** The public works committee approved and recommended to the town board that the roadwork be done not to exceed \$600,000 in costs. The proposed roadwork estimate from Pitlik and Wick is as follows: Reconstruction of Four Corner Lane from Found Lake Road to Hwy. G \$218,430.94; Resurfacing of Four Corner Lane from Juve Road to Found Lake Road \$93,967.24; Reconstruction of Lost Lake Drive North \$36,856.70; Resurfacing of Juve Road from Hwy. 155 in for one mile \$97,217.80; Resurfacing of Moon Road \$29,921.30; Resurfacing of Border Creek Road \$12,878.50. The proposed chipseal estimate from Fahrner is as follows: Lost Lake Drive & Found Lake Road from Murmuring Waters to Four Corner Lane \$19,221.00; Pine Terrace, Murmuring Waters Drive, and Found Lake Road from Four Corner Lane to the end \$39,561.00; Spray Injection on all of

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the above roads including Hemlock \$16,150.00; Cracksealing \$16,000.00. Ms. Nimz will continue to work with Pitlik & Wick to see if we can get a better price. Sunrise Lane from Christmas Tree Lane North to Holiday Drive will not be done unless the entire project costs no more than \$600,000. Motion Radtke seconded Nimz that the town spend up to \$600,000 to do the requested roadwork. Approved. Mr. Vojta abstained due to just receiving the information packet at the meeting instead of ahead of time like the other voting board members. In addition, the questions that Mr. Vojta asked were unable to be answered by public works committee members. The committee members deferred all questions to Tim Ebert who was not present. The list of roadwork to be done was obtained from the WISLR report.

**9.5. Financing of Road Maintenance Bids & Community Center Heating:** Mr. Radtke reported that Baird Company would come up and meet with the finance committee and the town board to discuss the town's debt. Ms. Nimz asked that the meeting be scheduled as soon as possible.

## **10. Citizen Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 minute maximum);**

**10.1. Primetimers:** Verdelle Mauthe reported that the next meeting was on July 11, 2007. The group is donating \$500 to the Vilas County Museum, the Plum Lake Library, and the Skateboard Park. They are also donating \$1,500 to the fireworks, which will be presented to Ms. Nimz at the July 11<sup>th</sup> Primetimers meeting.. There will also be a donation to the Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

**10.2 Ellen Allen:** Ms. Allen reported that the pavilion was very dirty for the Indian PowPow last weekend. She also invited everyone to an all school reunion of the classes of the Red Brick Schoolhouse from 1941 thru 1997.

**10.3 Carol Radtke:** Ms. Radtke asked what were the official posting places in town. If the Red Brick Schoolhouse is no longer an official posting place, she felt that there should be a notice stating that fact.

## **11. Board Concerns:**

**11.1. Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke noted that the town's birthday party last week was not very well advertised and did not do very well. He also noted that the street dance at Thunderbird Pass was very well run. Mr. Radtke also noted that he had responded to a letter to the editor by Gary Guymon.

**11.2. John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta asked why Craig Weborg was appointed to the county board instead of Bill Neider. Ms. Nimz questioned how Mr. Weborg could be a county board member representing the Town of St. Germain when he never attends any town board meetings. The board had recommended Bill Neider. Mr. Radtke stated that the county clerk stated that he did not receive a resume from Bill Neider. The county clerk showed Mr. Radtke the resumes that he had received. If the county chairman received Mr. Neider's resume at home, the county clerk has no knowledge of it. Ms. Nimz claimed that she sent the resume personally to the county chairman. Mr. Vojta stated that he thought that the resume was to be sent to the town board.

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**11.3. Todd Wiese:** Mr. Wiese asked that the town board members and committee members be updated on the town's website.

**11.4. Lee Christensen:** Mr. Christensen noted that he has received compliments on the good work by John Shay at the transfer station.

**12. Meeting Schedule:** The next regular town board meeting will be on Monday, August 13, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 in the Community Center.

**14. Adjournment:** Motion Wiese seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:15 P.M.

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