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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 28, 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 7:00 A.M.

1. **Roll Call:** Peggy Nimz, Todd Wiese, John Vojta, Fred Radtke, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens Town Clerk. Mary Platner and three representatives from Bryant were also present.
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Waived.
3. **Items for Consideration: (Approve, Disapprove, Table)**

3.1: Recommendation and Approval for HVAC system at the Community Center: Mr. Radtke asked that it appeared that both boilers were good and 85% efficient, why they shouldn't be fixed. Mr. Vojta stated that local contractors have told him that the copper should be good. He asked why a piece of copper had not been cut out to see if it was good to use. Mr. Wiese stated that the piping at the fire department had to be replaced. He thought that since the well was so close that it was probably using the same vein of water and that the copper pipes at the Community Center probably were in the same condition. Mr. Christensen stated that the problem at the fire department had been fixed and that it had only taken three years for the pipes to go bad. The piping the Community Center has already been in for about 30 years. If there was the same problem, it should have shown up before now. Mr. Wiese also stated that there were valves that had to be replaced. Both Mr. Vojta and Mr. Radtke asked if anyone from the Public Works Committee had asked for quotes to repair the Community Center heating system. Mr. Wiese stated that the committee had decided to replace the system and not to repair it. Mr. Vojta also stated that he was not comfortable approving the proposal from Omega without having had a quote to do the repairs. Mr. Christensen stated that there had not been a study done to know what should be done one way or the other. Mr. Radtke noted that when the heating system was switched from oil to natural gas, the wrong size piping was used. And there should have been another pump installed as a backup.

Ms. Nimz stated that the quote from Omega is for \$98,610 that includes \$27,000 for air-conditioning in the six classrooms. The work would be done in 3 to 4 weeks. A 50% down payment is required. All of the work would be done to code. Ms. Nimz also stated that the Public Works Committee had made the decision to recommend to the town board to replace the heating system. If the town board did not approve the proposal, Ms. Nimz stated that someone else could take over the project. She also asked if Mr. Vojta and Mr. Radtke wanted the committee to start over by sending out bids to repair the heating system rather than replacing it. Mr. Vojta and Mr. Radtke both indicated that they thought that repair bids should be obtained. Mr. Wiese stated that he was frustrated it seemed that once a committee made a decision that the town board pulled it apart.

One of the Bryant representatives noted that they could repair the system, but that the outcome would not be the same as if the system was replaced. He also stated that they would keep a majority of the copper piping. Ms. Platner, a member of the Public Works Committee, added that she thought that the town should spend the \$2,000 for an engineer to give an opinion of what should be done.

Motion Radtke seconded Wiese that the town replace the heating system in the Community Center per the proposal from Omega. By a roll call vote: Radtke – No; Vojta – No; Wiese – Yes; Christensen – Yes; Nimz – Yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Vojta asked that a State engineer approve the work before it completed. Mr. Radtke asked there be a State approved plan before they go ahead with the work.

4. **Citizens Concerns:**

4.1 Bryant Representative: The Bryant representative noted that the Gustav Larson was a not an engineering firm as Mr. Vojta had indicated earlier in the meeting. The Gustav Larson employee was a designer and not an engineer. He thought the Ms. Platner's idea of hiring an engineer was a good idea. He stated that their proposal was based on a professional assessment. He also stated that in his opinion, Gustav Larson was in the business of moving products.

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5. Board Concerns:

5.1 Fred Radtke:

Mr. Radtke stated that, as chairman of the Town Hall Feasibility Committee, he wanted the town board to know that the committee members were tired of batting around ideas and that it was time for the town board to make a decision about the Red Brick Schoolhouse. The committee had a recommendation that Mr. Radtke had asked to be on the agenda for this meeting. Mr. Radtke also handed out a letter from Brad Waldmann to Jim Wendt dated December 8, 2003 concerning the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

5.2 John Vojta: Mr. Vojta asked if the problems noted in a letter from Sandy Stern concerning the bar at Elbert's Resort had been resolved. The clerk noted that Jim Anderson had been appointed the new agent and that Adam Schenkenberg had gotten an operator's license.

5.3 Peggy Nimz: Ms. Nimz noted that there was a contract with Bartolotta for fireworks in 2008. This is the third year of a three-year contract. Ms. Nimz also handed out copies of the Community Planning Survey from 1997.

6. Set Meeting Date: There will be a special town board meeting held on Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the Red Brick Schoolhouse, the borrowing proposal, and personnel issues.

6. Adjournment: Motion Wiese seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:52 A.M.

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Chairman

Supervisor

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