

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 14, 2008

1. **Call To Order:** 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.
2. **Roll Call:** Peggy Nimz, John Vojta, Lee Christensen, Fred Radtke, Tom Martens Town Clerk, Marion Janssen Town Treasurer. Todd Wiese was absent. There were 18 other people present.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the minutes of the December 10, 2007 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 12-31-2007: \$(6,997.71); Money Market Account \$0.00; Lakes Account \$27,740.24; Park Fund \$599.76; Rental Account \$492.45; Bag Account \$635.07; Room Tax Account \$2,579.53; Debt Reserve \$125.99; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$980.79, First National Money Market \$1,862,567.35, Playground Equipment Fund \$1,635.22. Golf Course Regular Account \$22,778.99; Money Market \$32,813.76; Debt Reserve \$250,000.00; Rainy Day Fund \$0.00; Capital Improvement \$151,234.00. Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that vouchers 16308 – 16445 be approved along with the following extra bill; St. Germain Fire Dept. -- \$5,000.00 reim. for repairs to fire equipment. Approved.
7. **Communications:** There were no communications.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
 - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there were 24 calls this month. The Homeland Security Grant Application was denied for this year. Due to the warm weather, the ice rink is in poor condition. Driveways need to be widened to a minimum of ten feet. It is illegal to plow snow across any roadway.
 - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta reported that the committee had approved the replat of Barrington Pines subdivision pending the requested changes. There has been no response from the property owner on No Fish Bay Road whose tenant is operating an auto repair shop. The demolition material at the Howard Beaver property on Forest Primeval Road will be burned later this month. Ms. Nimz asked that Mr. Vojta find out a specific date. The committee will review the final plat for Barrington Pines, set a date for a sign ordinance workshop, review the final plat for Idle Hours condominiums, and decide what to do next concerning the property owner on No Fish Bay Road.
 - 8C. **Emergency Preparedness Plan:** Mr. Vojta stated that there was nothing new to report.
 - 8D. **Public Works:** Ms. Nimz noted the new employee has been working out very well. In the near future there will be 12 more McNaughton inmates hired to do tree trimming along the town roads. D.O.C. supervisors will supervise them. The community center heating system should be completed

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within three weeks. The wall units will all be replaced. The committee is going to have to go into some of the condo developments to assign fire numbers as there appear to be more units than were reported.

8E. Parks & Recreation: There was nothing to report.

8F. Bike & Hike Trail: Mr. & Mrs. Owens reported that the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club had asked Mark Hiller to take down some of the bike trail signs so that snowmobilers would not think that they were riding on a snowmobile trail. The town did not receive as much for the second grant as expected. There may possibly be more money in the future. There will be a meeting with Pat Zatopa next week.

8G. Red Brick Schoolhouse: Mr. Radtke the feasibility committee had met earlier this afternoon. He presented a sketch of the elevator placement, handicapped accessible washrooms, and possible meeting room and office space on the upper level of the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Mr. Christensen asked if by approving of the writing of grant applications, had the town board decided to keep the Red Brick Schoolhouse. He also asked that if the town board had not decided to keep the Red Brick Schoolhouse, what is to be done with any grant or donation monies. Mr. Christensen also thought that the roof was an emergency situation. He felt that it was the town board's responsibility to take care of the roof. Mr. Christensen stated that he thought that the town board needed to make a commitment. Also, since the voters turned down the \$1,000,000 referendum for new construction in 2006, Mr. Christensen felt that the town would to use what we have for office space and meeting rooms. Ms. Nimz will sign whatever papers are necessary to begin the grant application process.

8H. Golf Course: Mr. Christensen stated that the crew had finished the tree trimming and that they were now working on equipment maintenance.

8I. Finance & Personnel: Mr. Christensen noted that the employee contracts had been signed.

8J. Housing Authority & Cemetery: Mr. Christensen reported there are three vacancies at the Housing Authority. Usually there is a waiting list.

8K. Lakes: Ms. Nimz reported that Mr. Wiese had submitted all of the papers for the 2007 & 2008 grant applications. The grant for 2008 might be a 75% - 25% grant. The next meeting will be on April 15, 2008 at 7:00 P.M.

8L. Room Tax: Mr. Radtke stated that the Chamber of Commerce is going to try to help in getting more of the people with rentals to report to the town. The Chamber of Commerce will not advertise for those who do not report.

8M. Vilas County Board Representative: Mr. Radtke noted that the next county board meeting is tomorrow. They will discuss the Commission on Aging proposal. There is now an acceptable job description for the AIS coordinator position.

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

9.1 Recommendation for Approval of Caring For Kids Project Contract with Lee Recreational:

Ms. Nimz noted that the Public Works committee had recommended that the contract with Lee Recreational be signed before January 31, 2008 so that the town would get all of the discounts. Mr. Vojta asked that the group get a delayed delivery on the playground equipment. However, a

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delayed delivery would also eliminate the discounts. The clerk noted that according to the minutes the town board had never really committed town funds to the project. Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the Caring For Kids Park Project be approved for up to \$50,000 as laid out. Approved. The group will need to raise about \$25,000 to complete the project.

9.2 Approval of Payment of Bartolotta for 2008 Fireworks: Ms. Nimz noted that this was the third year of a three-year contract with Bartolotta. She recommended that the town pay one-half of the required fee so that the town would receive a 10% discount. The clerk is to send a check to Bartolotta for \$10,575.

9.3 Proposed Referendum Items for April Election: Neither the Public Works nor the Town Hall Feasibility committee had any recommendations for referendum questions.

9.4 Appointment of Nancy Neff to the St. Germain Housing Authority Committee: Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that Nancy Neff be appointed to the Housing Authority for a three-year term to fill the position vacated by Betty Schufelt. Approved.

9.5 Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,400,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes: Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the Town of St. Germain approve Resolution SG08-01-01 a Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of \$1,400,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes. By a roll call vote: Mr. Radtke – Yes; Mr. Vojta – Yes; Ms. Nimz – Yes; Mr. Christensen – No. Motion Carried.

Brad Viegut from Baird & Co. noted that the costs of the issuance had come down from those that had been predicted in December. The average interest rate had also dropped to 3.66%. Bi-annual payments will be on March 1st and September 1st each year.

9.6 Friends of the Old School: Ellen Allen noted that she was happy that the present town board was now looking at the value of the whole school building. After the roof is repaired, Ms. Allen noted that her group would try to raise money to make the building ADA accessible through donations and fundraisers. She once again noted that there is a plumber who would donate his labor and some material for the project. Ms. Allen also noted that now the town board needed to commit to keeping the Red Brick Schoolhouse so that her group could begin its campaign.

10. Citizens Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 Minute Maximum):

10A. Larry Janakowski: Mr. Janakowski once again brought up Woodland Drive. He had letters from other property owners concerned about the town no longer plowing or maintaining the road. Ms. Nimz will place Woodland Drive on the February agenda. Mr. Vojta asked Mr. Janakowski to provide documents or maps proving to the town board that Woodland Drive is a town road.

10B. Verdelle Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe reported that there were 70 members at the last Prime Timers meeting. About 150 people attended the Snowflake Dance. The Prime Timers donated \$4,200 during 2007. Judy Kohut gave a report on home safety.

11. Board Concerns:

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11A. Lee Christensen: Mr. Christensen stated that he hoped that there would be some action concerning the Red Brick Schoolhouse very soon.

12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

13. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:45 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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