

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: APRIL 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, Todd Wiese, Marion Janssen Town Treasurer.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the minutes of the February 11, 2008 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 02-29-2008: \$48,642.31; Lakes Account \$27,756.21; Park Fund \$1,600.14; Rental Account \$1,523.06; Bag Account \$3,398.42; Room Tax Account \$9,019.62; Debt Reserve \$424,961.23; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$1,321.40, First National Money Market \$1,195,130.05, Playground Equipment Fund \$15,977.33. Golf Course Regular Account \$15,020.07; Money Market \$12,813.76; Debt Reserve \$250,000.00; Rainy Day Fund \$0.00; Capital Improvement \$151,234.00. Balance General Account as of 03,31-2008: \$(-\$19,990.47); Lakes Account \$27,764.46; Park Fund \$1,600.62; Rental Account \$1,823.57; Bag Account \$4,901.79; Room Tax Account \$11,374.11; Debt Reserve \$427,610.19; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$1,101.75, First National Money Market \$1,130,617.98, Playground Equipment Fund \$17,023.60. Golf Course Regular Account \$15,020.07; Money Market \$12,813.76; Debt Reserve \$250,000.00; Rainy Day Fund \$0.00; Capital Improvement \$151,234.00. Motion Radtke seconded Wiese that the treasurer reports for both February and March be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that vouchers 16580 – 16632 be approved with the exception of #16657 for unemployment insurance for Val Schuettner. Approved. Ms. Janssen will check to see if Val is eligible for unemployment insurance. Mr. Wiese thought that she would not be since she decided not to run for office.
7. **Communications:** Ms. Nimz noted that she had a copy of a letter that the Chamber of Commerce had sent to the Department of Transportation asking that the speed limit through the business district be lowered from 40 mph.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
  - 8A. **Fire Department:** There was no report.
  - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Wiese reported that Howard Beaver, Jr. had burned the debris from the old lodge. He will finish cleaning up the property this summer. The Tranetzke issue has been turned over to Vilas County since they have an ordinance dealing with unlicensed vehicles. The committee had discussed the matter of town roads versus private roads on subdivision and condo plats. The new ordinance book is being typed. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 21, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. Mary Platner's new cell phone number is 866-513-1164.
  - 8C. **Emergency Preparedness Plan:** Mr. Vojta stated that there was nothing new to report.
  - 8D. **Public Works:** Ms. Nimz noted that the GIS coordinator who has been working with the town is no longer with Crispell-Snyder. A new coordinator is trying to get caught up. The numbering will start with Hwy. 70, Hwy. 155, and Hwy. C.

Birchwood Drive will be done this year. Vilas County and Pitlik and Wick will pay a portion of the cost from Hwy. 155 to the gravel pit entrance. An application for a TRIP grant of \$21,000 has been submitted. If there is any money left, either Sunrise Lane or Jackson Lane will be done. There was a discussion concerning a crack in Four Corner Lane near Forest Primeval Road. Tim Ebert has been in contact with Brian Pitlik. The town will not be eligible again for a TRIP grant until 2009. It appears that the grants are only available in the odd numbered years unless another town does not use the money.

The town is seeking bids for garbage service for a 4 or 5-year term. There is a question concerning the final bid for the soccer field from Vogel Enterprises. Ms. Nimz will have the clerk check the bill.

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There was a discussion concerning the cost of snowplowing. In the past, some of the men who have plowed snow have not turned in their hours until the end of the season because of how it might affect their unemployment insurance from their main employer. Mr. Vojta was concerned about the legality of not turning in the hours. The board will check into the matter.

**8E. Parks & Recreation:** Ms. Nimz noted that the committee plans on repairing the concrete in the southwest corner of the pavilion and in front of the main entrance to the Community Center. Mr. Radtke noted that Barb Gibson at the courthouse is holding up the GIS project.

There was a complaint that the air handler in the gym is very noisy. There was a concern about shutting it off. There was also a complaint that there is no cigarette disposal container in front of the Community Center.

**8F. Bike & Hike Trail:** Clyde Owens reported that the committee is on target with Phase II to Hwy. O & Old Hwy. 70. There will be a mailing of 3000 flyers the second week in May seeking donations. There will also be fundraisers. Letters will be sent the local businesses asking for donations. The board was concerned about the portion of the trail that will be in the Town of Newbold in Oneida County. Mr. Owens was not sure how that situation has been resolved. He will check and get back to the board. St. Germain would have to agree to maintain the trail.

**8G. Red Brick Schoolhouse:** Mr. Radtke presented bids for the roof repair on the 1965 portion of the building. The bids were needed in order to apply for grants to do the work. Marlene Bartelt thought since the amount was rather small, approval of the grants should be within two or three months. Mr. Radtke also noted that plans were for the roof to be raised to match the roof on the 1941 portion of the building. The brickwork alone would cost an extra \$10,000. Mr. Radtke thought that perhaps some kind of woodwork could be done instead. Mr. Radtke asked about a survey being done by the Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Nimz stated that the board would have to wait to see what the results are.

**8H. Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen stated that the committee would be meeting in two or three weeks. There is no cart replacement scheduled for 2008. There will be soil tests done to try to eliminate the use of phosphorus. The course has been getting along fine without an assistant pro.

**8I. Finance & Personnel:** Mr. Christensen stated that there was nothing new to report. Ms. Nimz noted that if there was going to be a referendum this fall concerning roadwork, the red brick schoolhouse, or a fire truck, that work needed to be started now.

**8J. Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen reported there are still units available.

**8K. Lakes:** Mr. Wiese noted that there was nothing new to report.

**8L. Room Tax:** Ms. Janssen reported that the next meeting will be on May 14<sup>th</sup> not on May 13<sup>th</sup> as discussed.

**8M. Vilas County Board Representative:** Ms. Platner had nothing to report. Mr. Radtke noted that the county board members will be electing a chairman. A director for the Commission on Aging has been hired.

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

**9.1 Caring For Kids Project – Recommendation for Bids for Preparation, Installation and Completion of the New Park:** Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that the bid from Vogel Enterprises for timbers for \$4,750, the bid from Vogel Enterprises for concrete for a sidewalk for \$1,145, and bid from Fink Brothers for woodchips for \$4,009.50 and a bid from Charlie Brown Homeworks to remove the old equipment for \$500 be approved. Approved. All work is to be completed by May 17<sup>th</sup>. Paul Bohnen will donate the use equipment, if it available at the time. Steve Vogel will donate 4 hours of time to spread the woodchips. Part of the agreement with Charlie Brown Homeworks is that he will take whatever old equipment is not going to be used.

**9.2 Internet Services for St. Germain – Sonic Net:** There was a lengthy discussion concerning high-speed internet service to St. Germain. Loren Anderson and Bill Neider from the Chamber of Commerce stated that businesses are losing business and homeowners are losing sales from lack of high-speed internet service. Sonic Net could provide a service right now. **Northern Net Exposure:** Ted Bogemann was present to discuss his plans for a high-speed internet service to St.

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Germain. He has been working for the past two years to get all of the necessary approvals. His company has just begun to provide high-speed service to Eagle River. He would move out to St. Germain next. He asked if St. Germain could help fund the project. Ms. Nimz will check with the WTA to see if that would be possible. Mr. Bogemann stated that he will be providing service to St. Germain in either case. However, if he had the money now, he could begin the work now.

- 9.3 UPS Contract:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the contract with UPS for \$350 per month for use of the town garage be approved as presented. Approved. Mr. Vojta voted against because he felt that UPS should be paying more for the additional use of the town phone and water to wash their truck.
- 9.4 Room Tax Violations:** Ms. Janssen noted that one owner/management company has reported room tax since 2006 and has not responded to four requests from Ms. Janssen. Mr. Wiese asked if there was any proof that there were actually any rentals. Ms. Janssen stated that she had a letter from one of the owners stating that the owner had been paying the room tax to the management company. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that Ms. Janssen has Attorney Steve Lucareli send an official letter to the owner/management company. Approved.
- 9.5 Transfer Station/Yard Waste Facility – Hiring of “as needed” attendant for both facilities – hourly wage for “as needed” attendant for both facilities – placing ad in the paper for the above:** Ms. Nimz noted that the Public Works Committee has recommended that the yard waste facility be open from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. every Saturday beginning May 17, 2008 until further notice. The pay would be \$10.00 per hour with no benefits. Ms. Nimz also reported that John Shay needs to have surgery and that someone will have to be hired while he recovers. Ms. Nimz will contact Jeanne Koegler. Ms. Nimz will have the clerk place an ad in the paper seeking part-time employees for the position.
- 9.6 Public Works Recommendation for the Taking of Minutes at Meetings:** Motion Vojta seconded Wiese that Tom Martens be hired to take the minutes of the Public Works Committee meetings, if he is willing, at a rate of \$50 per meeting. Approved. Ms. Nimz noted that Mr. Martens had stated that he would be able to take the minutes if the meeting times worked into his schedule.
- 9.7 Request to Have Town’s Attorney in Attendance at Special Meetings:** Ms. Nimz noted that the Town of Plum Lake has their attorney present at the Annual and Special Elector meetings. Mr. Wiese noted that many towns have an attorney present at all of their meetings. Mr. Radtke stated that he didn’t think that it would be worth the cost to have an attorney sit at all of the town meetings since there would be several meetings when he would probably not be needed. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the matter be tabled until budget time next fall. Approved.
- 9.8 Alma-Moon District and Moon Beach Camp Shoreline Restoration:** Mr. Wiese reported that Moon Beach Camp has applied for a 75%-25% grant to restore 1,400 feet of shoreline on Moon Lake. The DNR would restore the entire 1,400 feet of shoreline back a distance of 25 feet from the lake to its original vegetation and condition. If the work is done nobody can touch that area again forever. There would be no cost to the town. Moon Beach Camp needs a letter of support from the town. Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the town board writes the letter of support for the restoration project. Approved. Mr. Vojta was concerned that other property owners might ask for the same thing.
- 10. Citizens Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 Minute Maximum):** There were no citizens concerns.
- 11. Board Concerns:** Mr. Radtke noted that he had received a complaint about Walter Drive not being plowed. The board thought that it may be the portion that is in the Town of Cloverland. Mr. Vojta noted that he had received a complaint that the roads were plowed too narrow after the last snowstorm. The board noted that the weather forecast was for much warmer weather so rather than spending the money to widen the roads it was decided to let the snow melt.
- 12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting.** The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, May 12, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a special town board meeting held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 4:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

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**13. Adjournment:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.  
Meeting adjourned 8:00 P.M.

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Town Clerk (from notes provided by Marion Janssen & the tapes)

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Chairman

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