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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JUNE 9, 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 and Tom Martens, Town Clerk
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Wiese seconded Radtke that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman and that the Lakes Committee be added to town committee reports. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the minutes of the May 12, 2008 town board meeting, the May 22, 2008 special town board meeting and the June 2, 2008 special town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 05-31-2008: (-\$8,070.69); Lakes Account \$33,230.36; Park Fund \$2,615.81; Rental Account \$2,524.54; Bag Account \$8,423.71; Room Tax Account \$15,164.10; Debt Reserve \$427,610.19; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$36,320.24, First National Money Market \$896,094.37, Playground Equipment Fund \$27,590.23. There seemed to be an error in the golf course report. Motion Wiese seconded Vojta that the treasurer's report for the town be approved as read, but that the golf course report be tables. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that vouchers 16728 – 16790 be approved. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Ms. Nimz noted that she had been notified that the town's insurance records had been transferred from the Meyer Insurance Associates office in Eagle River to the one in St. Germain. Ms. Nimz was also informed that the town's agent was no longer Kurt Raichel, but now was Kim Pieniazek in the St. Germain office. Ms. Nimz stated that one of the town officials had called Meyer Insurance and asked for the switch. Ms. Nimz stated that she called Meyer Insurance and had everything moved back to Eagle River and that Kurt Raichel would remain the town's agent.

Mr. Radtke noted that he has received notice that the Red Brick roof plans have been approved by the State.

8. Town Committee Reports:

8A. Fire Department: Tim Ebert reported that there had been 18 calls last month. He also handed out the department's six-month report. The flea market is down slightly from last year.

8B. Planning & Zoning: Mr. Wiese reported that the committee tabled a plat amendment request from Bradford Point when it was discovered that it appeared that a septic system had been installed without county approval. Gayle Carlson was told that she would need to apply for a C.U.P. for her home occupation in Leisure Estates. Mr. Wiese has given a variance request from the Bennett's on Hwy. 70 to allow divide a parcel into parcels. There are already two homes on the property. One of the lots will be

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slightly less than the required 2.5 acres. Mr. Wiese has given the request to Boyd Best, chairman of the Board of Appeals. Mr. Wiese handed out copies of the letter that had been sent to Mr. Schuler.

8C. Public Works: Mr. Radtke noted that there has been twice the activity at the yard waste facility on Saturday than on Friday. He also noted that very few people come in after 6:00 P.M. Last week, there were three illegal dumpings at the facility. The locks should probably be changed. Mr. Radtke noted that a sign needs to be put up at the gate. The time portion should be removable so that the times can be changed.

Ms. Nimz stated that she is finishing the errors in the GIS project. The address change letters should be going out by July 1, 2008. The new fire numbers should be going up sometime in September.

Ms. Nimz also noted that the Caring for Kids Park is almost complete. A split rail fence still needs to be put up. A crew from McNaughton will paint the pavilion. The town crew should complete sweeping the town roads next week.

8D. Parks & Recreation: Ms. Nimz stated that this would be brought up later in the meeting.

8E. Bike & Hike Trail: Mr. Radtke stated that donation letters have been sent out and the fundraisers will begin shortly. Part of the trail was swept off after the hailstorm last month.

8F. Red Brick Schoolhouse: Mr. Radtke noted that part of the roof on the 1965 portion of the building was sagging quite badly. The town has received State approval for the roof. The bill of \$430 needs to be paid to William Kelly. The money will come out of the \$14,000 set aside for the roof. Patty Schoppe stated that Red Brick Restoration, Inc. has hired to federal grant writers. Mr. Martens noted that USDA grant money was available, but that the town would need to take out a loan with the USDA in order to qualify. Mr. Radtke will check into the terms of a loan. It will be brought up again at the July meeting.

8G. Golf Course: Mr. Christensen stated that the course was off to a slow start, but that when the weather cooperated, play was good. The next committee meeting will be on July 28, 2008. The winterkill is starting to fill in. Jeff Sievert, owner of the Whitetail Inn, was at the last committee meeting to discuss a possible condo project on the former Quam property. Mr. Vojta felt that it was a step in the right direction to have more communications with the owners of the Whitetail.

8H. Finance & Personnel: Mr. Christensen stated that interest rates were lower now than they have been in a long time. Mr. Wiese noted that the town constable had gone out with the town saw to help clear roads after the last storm. Mr. Wiese felt that there might be a liability issue and the town crew should be doing that work. Mr. Wiese will talk to the constable. Mr. Martens noted that prior town board members had just gone out to help clear the roads without asking anyone.

8I. Housing Authority & Cemetery: Mr. Christensen stated that the next housing authority meeting was tomorrow. He also stated that the cemetery committee had held its annual meeting and Pat & Jerry Eliason were doing a very good job.

8J. Lakes: Mr. Wiese handed out the AIS control grant application for this year. He explained how the committee is working to get AIS information out to the public.

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8K. Room Tax: Ms. Janssen reported that she had sent delinquent notices and had received several responses. There is one accommodation owner, however, that refuses to pay the room tax. The town will probably have to go to court to get the money.

8L. Vilas County Board Representative: Ms. Platner noted that she was now on seven county committees. Mr. Radtke stated that he was on five committees.

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

9.1 Appointment of Fred Radtke as Commissioner to the Landfill Venture Group: Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that Fred Radtke be appointed as Commission to the Landfill Venture Group. Approved.

9.2 Approval of Liquor/Bartender/Cigarette Licenses: Motion Wiese seconded Vojta that the liquor, cigarette and operator license applications be approved as presented and that the license for Connie's The Place To Be, be held until the property is sold for up to one year. Approved. Mr. Radtke abstained.

Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the town clerk be given authority to issue operator licenses without town board approval. Approved. If the clerk has a question concerning an applicant, he will notify the town chairman.

9.3 Approval of 2008 Road Maintenance Proposal: Motion Wiese seconded Radtke that the public works committee be authorized to spend up to \$450,000 for road maintenance including a bid from Pitlik & Wick for \$429,034.30 for repairing Birchwood Drive. Approved. Ms. Nimz noted that Pitlik & Wick was the only company to send in a bid. Ms. Nimz also noted that there was a TRIP grant that would add an extra \$23,000 to the project and that Vilas County and Pitlik & Wick will contribute to a portion of Birchwood Drive up to the pit.

9.4 Approval of Funds for Fencing Projects – Skateboard Park & Vandervort Park: Motion Wiese seconded Radtke that \$2,500 be approved for fencing at both the Skateboard Park and Vandervort Park. Approved. The Lost Lake Association and the Skateboard Park group will match the town funds. No funds will be paid out until the money is received from the organizations. The town funds fill come out of the loan from Baird.

9.5 Soccer Field Completion Recommendation: Motion Wiese seconded Vojta to advertise for bids for the completion of the soccer field that has been started. Approved.

9.6 Lease/Purchase of Loader: Ms. Nimz handed out numerous quotes for loaders. She asked that the board members study the quotes for the next meeting. Mr. Vojta asked what the plan was for the loader. Tim Ebert noted that a loader could be leased for five years with an option to purchase. Mr. Wiese noted that the town could also purchase a loader and finance it. If the loader were to be leased, the payments would have to fall under the 2% levy limit.

9.7 Utility Cart Recommendation: Motion Wiese seconded Vojta that up to \$3,000 be taken from the public works budget to pay for a utility cart. Approved. The public works had recommended that the town purchase some type of vehicle so that the town trucks would not have to be used to make

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short trips around the town property or to the town businesses. Mr. Ebert had seen a Diatzu HiJack near Rhinelander that would appear to be what the town was looking for. Mr. Ebert will contact the owner. Toyota also handles the vehicles.

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

10a. Verdelle Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe reported that 88 people had attended the last Prime Timers meeting. The group now has 340 members. Cora Mollen and her daughter, Ann, spoke about mushrooms. Several members helped with the installation of the equipment at the Caring for Kids Park.

10b. Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen noted that her group, The Friends of the Old School, now had \$1,565 in their account. She would like to put the money into a town account.

10c. Bob Schell: Mr. Schell asked that Mr. Radtke think very hard about expanding the Hwy. G. Landfill. Mr. Schell noted that several times throughout the summer he can smell the landfill from his property on Found Lake.

11. Board Concerns:

Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke noted that a flea market vendor had apparently dug out an area for his display. Mr. Wiese will look into it next Monday.

Todd Wiese: Mr. Wiese stated that he thought that the town board members were working very well together.

Peggy Nimz: Ms. Nimz thought that it would not be a good idea to accept the money from Ellen Allen's group since there was a possibility that the Red Brick project would not be done.

Marion Janssen: Ms. Janssen noted that she needed more volunteers for the fireworks.

Tom Martens: Mr. Martens noted that the town board had stated at the last meeting that a portable toilet would be taken to the yard waste facility. Mr. Radtke and Ms. Nimz felt that the attendants could leave the facility and go home.

12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting.

The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned into closed session to discuss the requisition of Integrity's property and to discuss Northern Environmental Contract issues with representatives from the Bike & Hike Trail Committee. By a roll call vote: Mr. Radtke – Yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Wiese – yes; Ms. Nimz – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes. Motion carried at 8:51 P.M.

Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned out of closed session. By a roll call vote: Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Wiese – yes; Ms. Nimz – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes. Motion carried at 9:03 P.M.

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13. Adjournment: Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:03 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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