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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: JUNE 30, 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 5:05 P.M.
2. **Roll Call:** Peggy Nimz, Todd Wiese, Lee Christensen, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer and Tom Martens, Town Clerk.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved. Ms. Nimz moved item #4, communications, to the end of the agenda.

4. **Items for Consideration (Approve, Disapprove, Table):**

- 4.1 **Lease/Purchase of Loader:** Ms. Nimz noted that at the Public Works Committee meeting that was held prior to the special town board meeting, the committee voted to recommend to the town board that the town lease a 2008 John Deere 544J front-end loader from Nortrax for a term of five years. The cost of the loader is \$83,900. The lease payments will be \$18,858 per year. The first lease payment will be in July of 2009. The town will be able to purchase the loader for \$1 at the end of the lease. The money will come out the public works fund in the budget. Mr. Wiese had voted against the recommendation at the committee meeting. He stated that he felt that it might be better to lease a 2007 loader that had 690 hours. The 2007 loader would cost \$11,000 less than the new one. Tim Ebert noted that he had not really looked into the features of the 2008 loader since he thought that the town board would be leasing the 2007 loader. Mr. Ebert was concerned that the 2008 loader might not have all of the features that were included on the 2007 loader. Mr. Ebert also thought that the town should purchase a fork attachment for the loader. The cost of a new unit is about \$5,000. Mr. Wiese thought that the town should get the loader now, and outfit it later. The board thought that perhaps the bucket on the old loader might be able to be traded for the fork attachment on the new loader. Mr. Ebert also stated that the present loader needed a new water pump. The present loader cannot be used in its current condition. Mr. Ebert said that he needed a loader to use now. The board instructed Mr. Ebert to see if Nortrax would either repair or replace the old water pump as part of the deal for the new loader. Mr. Wiese also asked that Mr. Ebert check again with Nortrax to be sure that the plow, etc. from the old loader will fit on the new loader.

Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the town board accept the recommendation from the public works committee to lease the 2008 John Deere 544J front-end loader from Nortrax for a term of five years with the first annual lease payment of \$18,858 to be paid in July of 2009 based on the public works supervisor's recommendation after talking to Nortrax on Tuesday morning. By a roll call vote: Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Wiese – no; Mr. Radtke – yes. Motion carried. Ms. Nimz had left the meeting prior to the vote.

- 4.2 **St. Germain Fireman's Auxiliary Loan:** The St. Germain Firemen's Association has purchased a 1990 Pierce Tele-Squirt ladder truck with a 1,500-gal/min. pump. The cost of the truck was \$33,000. The cost of painting and bringing the truck up to top shape will be between \$45,000 and \$55,000. The Firemen's Association asked that the town loan the Firemen's Association up to \$55,000. Mr. Ebert and Troy, who were representing the Firemen's Association, stated that the

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association would pay the money back to the town within three years. They would pay back as much each year as they could.

The clerk noted that the Firemen's Association had borrowed from the town before to purchase a piece of equipment. He also noted that the association had paid interest to the town to offset the interest that was lost by giving them the loan. The money could be taken from the Debt Reserve Fund since the association was going to be paying the money back before the town would need it for the bonding payments. Ms. Janssen noted that there should be a promissory note signed between the town and the Firemen's Association.

Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the town board proceed with a loan, not to exceed \$55,000, to the Firemen's Association to be paid back within three years. Motion carried by a voice vote. Mr. Vojta abstained.

Motion Radtke seconded Wiese that the loan to the Firemen's Association be a no interest loan. Approved. Mr. Vojta abstained.

5. Board Concerns and Communications:

5.A Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke stated that since use had dropped off considerably, the last day that the yard waste facility will be open will be July 12th. The facility will be reopened again this fall unless it becomes necessary to open it again this summer. Mr. Radtke also asked that the clerk hold the Vogel Enterprise bill for repairing the Community Center wall until the new blocks are painted. Mr. Radtke also noted that he had received a call from the United Church of Christ asking about their \$200 donation for shrubs around the Veteran's Memorial. The clerk stated that there had been donations for shrubs, but did not specifically remember one from the church. Mr. Radtke will call to find out more about the donation.

5.B John Vojta: Mr. Vojta wanted to acknowledge all of the work that the committee from the Firemen's Association had done in regards to the purchase of the 1990 Pierce Ladder Truck.

Mr. Vojta also had several other concerns: (1) A local resident has been riding a golf cart around town, not a town employee. (2) Harvey Sadler had complained about the stones from the chip sealing having been thrown up into his driveway when the town road was swept. (3) Ted Crusius asked that the town have a place for fluorescent bulbs to be recycled. (4) At the last meeting, the chairperson stated that a town supervisor had asked that the town's insurance be switched from Meyer's Eagle River office to the St. Germain office. If someone did, it was not Mr. Vojta. Grant Meyer is supposed to be calling Ms. Nimz. So far, he hasn't called. (5) Mr. Vojta asked that the leaves, needles and brush that the town has been piling on the property near the new soccer field be hauled to the yard waste facility. (6) Mr. Vojta also noted that since Friday was a legal holiday, the transfer station would not be open.

5.C Tom Martens: Mr. Martens stated that his mother had asked that a bench be place somewhere near the Skateboard Park. Mr. Ebert said that he had a bench that could be put out there.

5.D Lee Christensen: Mr. Christensen stated that someone had asked him about a fireworks permit. He thought that the town clerk issued the permits, but found out that the town chairperson issues them.

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Mr. Ebert stated that the town had not gotten a permit for last night's fireworks. Mr. Wiese felt that it was an oversight on the part of Ms. Nimz.

5E Todd Wiese: Mr. Wiese stated that at the July 14th town board meeting the board will have to set a date for a public hearing for the vacation of a portion of Kelsey Court.

6. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:14 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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