

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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## MINUTES BUDGET WORKSHOP: SEPTEMBER 10, 2008

1. **Call To Order:** Mr. Wiese noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M.
2. **Roll Call:** Todd Wiese, Lee Christensen, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, and Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also five other people in attendance. Peggy Nimz and Marion Janssen arrived later.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Items for Consideration (Approve, Disapprove, Table):**
  - 4.1 **Budget Workshop (1.5 hour maximum):** The clerk read through the budget as of the last workshop meeting. The first time through the budget approximately \$115,000 needed to be cut. After making some adjustments, the amount to be cut was lowered to \$67,119. Ms. Nimz stated that \$65,000 could be taken out of the public works budget if \$65,000 could be used towards roads from the Baird Loan. The rest of the board members agreed. The remaining \$2,119 was taken from the park projects fund.

Once the budget was balanced, it was determined that the tax levy for 2008 to be collected in 2009 would be \$723,807. The clerk stated that the levy might have to be adjusted once he receives the Levy Limit Worksheet from the Department of Revenue.

Members of the fire department were present to ask that the town finance a new fire truck. The estimated cost is approximately \$584,625. If a new truck is ordered after November, the cost will be going up by 3%. None of the board members questioned the fact that the town needed a new fire truck. Mr. Radtke asked if there was another company from which to get bids. Mr. Christensen was concerned about the financing. Fire Chief, Tim Ebert stated that he could cut \$20,000 from the department's operating budget each year for the next 20 years to help pay for the truck. The clerk questioned how Mr. Ebert could do that.

- 4.2 **Referendum Questions:** The town board decided that there would be two referendum questions on the November 4, 2008 ballot. Question #1: Shall the Town of St. Germain spend taxpayer's dollars to renovate the entire Red Brick Schoolhouse and make the building ADA compliant to be used for town office space and meeting rooms.

Question #2: Shall the Town of St. Germain obtain financing for a period of up to 20 years for an amount not to exceed \$595,000 to purchase a 2009 fire engine to replace the aging 1986 fire engine.

### 5..Board Concerns and Communications:

**5A. John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta asked Ms. Janssen if there were any delinquent personal property taxes. Ms. Janssen stated that there were none.

**5B. Todd Wiese:** Mr. Wiese stated that he would do what he could to promote the referendum question for the fire truck.

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5. **Set Time and Date for Next Meeting:** There will be a special town board meeting held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.
6. **Adjournment:** Motion Nimz seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 10:00 P.M.

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