

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 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, Lee Christensen, John Vojta, Todd Wiese, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Fred Radtke was absent.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the minutes of the September 8, 2008, September 10, 2008, September 18, 2008, and the September 29, town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 09-30-2008: \$50,163.29; Lakes Account \$14,647.64; Lakes Committee CD \$15,095.47; Park Fund \$1,118.66; Rental Account \$3,212.07; Bag Account \$19,435.98; Room Tax Account \$19,593.04; Debt Reserve \$407,064.83; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$40,242.52, First National Money Market \$801,735.87, Playground Equipment Fund \$3,423.78. Golf Course Regular Account \$48,263.54; Money Market \$470,822.20. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$18,008.42. Motion Wiese seconded Vojta that the treasurer be approved as read. Approved. .
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that vouchers 17002 – 17083 be approved along with the following extra bills: ECO Water Systems - \$293.90—fire dept.; Vilas County Land Information - \$12.00 –Board of Appeals list; Kris Main \$217.00—type code book. Approved.
7. **Communications:** There were none.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
 - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 24 calls last month. About 300 people attended the open house that was held on October 11th. The department will be testing the pumps tomorrow.
 - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** There was no report.
 - 8C. **Public Works:** There was no report.
 - 8D. **Parks & Recreation:** There was no report.
 - 8E. **Bike & Hike Trail:** There was no report.
 - 8F. **Red Brick Schoolhouse:** There was no report.
 - 8G. **Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen stated that the committee was working on the budget. A decision will have to be made concerning the carts. If carts were going to be purchased, Mr. Vojta would like to have them purchased over a two-year period. The cost should be about \$150,000.
 - 8H. **Finance & Personnel:** Mr. Christensen stated that the contracts had been distributed.
 - 8I. **Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen stated that the Housing Authority was going to be meeting tomorrow, but that there was nothing else to report.
 - 8J. **Lakes:** Mr. Wiese noted that the Big St. Germain Lake Rehab and Protection District had been approved.
 - 8K. **Room Tax:** There was no report.
 - 8L. **Vilas County Board Representative:** There were no reports.

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

9.1 Insurance Comparisons – John Strom and Kurt Rekau: Steve Miksic and Gary Breuer were present representing the EMC company. Kurt Rekau and Herman Yelk were present representing the Continental Western Company. Ms. Nimz stated that she had placed the insurance comparison on the agenda because it was brought to her attention that the EMC quote did not include several things that the Continental Western quote did. Ms. Nimz read through several of the differences. Mr. Wiese thought that since a decision to switch insurance companies had already been made at a previous meeting, the board should abide by that decision until further investigation of intelligent comparisons can be made. Ms. Nimz would like to have someone prepare quotes from both companies using the same criteria. Mr. Breuer noted that if the town is not satisfied, the board could cancel the policy at any time.

9.2 Garage Resolution: Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the Resolution for Use of Town Building, SG08-10-01 be adopted as presented. Approved. Mr. Vojta asked that in order to protect both parties, there should be something in writing noting who is responsible for the maintenance and expenses for the building once it is completed. Mr. Christensen noted that it stated in the resolution that the building would become a town building and that the town would become responsible.

9.3 Set Date for Public Hearing for Above Ground Gas System Storage Ordinance: There will be a public hearing concerning an Above Ground Gas System Storage Ordinance held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

9.4 Ordinance to Create the Regulation of Installation for Gas Storage Tank: Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that Section 8.21, An Ordinance to Regulate the Safety of Installation and Storage of Above Ground Gas Systems be adopted as presented. Approved. Mr. Wiese will check with the town attorney to make sure that the town board can adopt the ordinance without a public hearing.

9.5 Referendum Mailing: Ms. Nimz stated that Mr. Radtke had sent a sample of a mailing concerning the Red Brick Schoolhouse referendum question to each town board member. Ms. Nimz also stated that she wanted opinions for the other board members. Mr. Vojta and Mr. Wiese both thought that there were statements in the mailing that were biased. Mr. Wiese thought that there should not be any mention of it costing \$1,000,000 to replace the Red Brick Schoolhouse, since the town board has made no decision to replace it. Mr. Martens stated that the mailing was not stating that the board was going to replace the building. He noted that the mailing was just stating that at \$120/sq. ft., it would cost \$1,200,000 to replace it to gain the same amount of space. Mr. Martens also stated that the mailing for the last referendum that was sent out by the town board was very biased in favor of building a \$1,000,000 addition onto the Community Center.

Motion Vojta seconded Wiese that the referendum be tabled at this time. Approved. Ms. Nimz noted that there would have to be at least one special town board meeting to decide how the mailing should be written. Mr. Wiese noted that the town board had not approved a mailing at all.

9.6 2009 Budget Adjustments: Mr. Martens stated that after receiving the Levy Limit Worksheet, the budget for 2009 would have to be adjusted by \$32,070. Both the clerk and the treasurer felt that there would be at least that amount left as a carry-over balance at the end of the year. Motion Vojta seconded Wiese that a carry-over balance of \$32,070 is shown in the 2009 budget. Approved.

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

10a. Verdelle Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe reported that the Prime Timers had received an anonymous donation of \$4,000. The new bus has arrived. Construction on the garage will begin soon. There are over 300 members. Ms. Mauthe also stated that as a member of the Town Hall Feasibility Committee, she felt that the committee was not biased. The committee had visited several other towns to see what they had done for their town facilities. She also stated that if it were in the best interest of the town, the Prime Timers would give up their room in the Community Center.

10B. Rosalie Sherwin: Ms. Sherwin stated that she felt that the Town Hall Feasibility was very biased and should be dissolved immediately. She also felt that Red Brick Schoolhouse Restoration, Inc. has

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misled the public. Ms. Sherwin also stated that the Community Center was not overcrowded and could be used for town offices and meeting rooms.

10C. Pat Falkenstern: Ms. Falkenstern agreed with Ms. Sherwin. She also added that she felt that the fire department needed to be well equipped and that everyone should vote for the new fire engine.

10D. Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen stated that she felt that the Town Hall Feasibility had been appointed by the town board and that it was not biased. She wondered if the committee would be considered biased if it had decided that the Red Brick Schoolhouse should be removed.

11. Board Concerns:

Todd Wiese: Mr. Wiese asked about the fire numbering system. Ms. Nimz stated that installation should be started soon. Ms. Wiese noted that there were still problems at Bibs Resort on Shields Road. Mr. Wiese also asked if Ms. Nimz had talked to Lois Ruediger concerning building usage. Ms. Nimz stated that she was working on a new fee schedule.

Lee Christensen: Mr. Christensen stated that he felt that the space in the Red Brick Schoolhouse was needed. He also felt that it could be made usable at a reasonable price. The other work could be done over time. Mr. Christensen also noted that it was not the decision of the town board to demolish the Red Brick Schoolhouse. He also emphasized that during the last eleven years that the discussion has been going on, the electors had not told the town board to take down the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, November 10, 2008 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

13. Adjournment: Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.
Meeting adjourned 6:19 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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