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MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING FOR AN AMENDMENT AND CREATION OF A NEW SECTION TO THE ST. GERMAIN ZONING CODE: NOVEMBER 12, 2008

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a public hearing held in the Town of St. Germain on Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear testimony concerning an amendment to Chapter 1, Section 1.36 Downtown Business District, and the creation of Chapter 1, Section 1.53, An Ordinance to Create the Regulation of Installation for Gas System Storage Tanks, of the St. Germain Zoning Code.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Thomas E. Martens, certifies as follows: (1) that he is the Clerk of the Town of St. Germain, (2) that this notice was published in the Vilas County News Review on the 28th day of October 2008 and on the 4th day of November 2008, and (3) was posted at the following locations: St. Germain Community Center, St. Germain Post Office, and Camp's Supervalu.

Dated this 28th day of October 2008.

Thomas E. Martens
Town Clerk

Ms. Nimz asked that the meeting be conducted by John Vojta, vice-chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Board Members present: Peggy Nimz, John Vojta, Fred Radtke, Lee Christensen, Marion Janssen, town treasurer, Tom Martens, town clerk. There was also one other person in attendance.

Mr. Vojta read the notice as posted. He then asked for comments from the floor. Mr. Martens noted that he would much rather see a bulk propane storage tank in the downtown business district over the community highway district where it could be near residences. He also thought that it would be better to have it more centrally located to have it near the fire department.

There were no other comments.

Mr. Vojta closed the public hearing and opened the deliberation portion of the town board meeting. Mr. Vojta asked for comments from the town board members.

Mr. Christensen stated that he felt that having a bulk propane storage tank in the downtown business district would not be a good idea because of the zero setback requirements and also because of the density of the businesses. Mr. Christensen felt that perhaps there should be an ordinance just for gas storage tanks and that they also be addressed in the community highway business district.

Ms. Nimz agreed with Mr. Martens' comments. She thought that the tank belonged in the downtown business district.

Mr. Radtke asked why the size limit was a 5,000 gallon tank. Mr. Vojta stated that he wasn't sure but that he thought that it had to do with the distribution and sale of gas versus a residential propane tank. Mr. Radtke also noted that Minocqua had turned down the propane storage tank. Mr. Vojta also noted that Mr. Krist had said that if the tank was not allowed in St. Germain, that he would move it to Eagle River. Mr. Radtke also asked if the tank could be underground. Mr. Vojta said that he didn't remember that being discussed or that if it even could be placed underground.

Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that Chapter 1 of the St. Germain Zoning Ordinance be amended with the addition of section 1.36 (8)(a) and that Chapter 1, Section 1.53 be created. By a roll call vote: Mr. Radtke – yes; Ms. Nimz – no; Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes. Motion carried.

Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned 7:15 P.M.

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