

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

P.O. BOX 7

ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558

townofstgermain.org

MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MARCH 9, 2009

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, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Todd Wiese 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 Vojta seconded Christensen that the minutes of the February 9, 2009, and the February 18, 2009 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 02-28-2009: \$35,045.77; Lakes Account \$19,037.22; Lakes Committee CD \$15,231.82; Park Fund \$2,219.56; Rental Account \$3,363.91; Bag Account \$4,695.80; Room Tax Account \$16,684.99; Debt Reserve \$108,859.57; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$53,928.73, First National Money Market \$810,279.48, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,625.97. Golf Course Regular Account \$39,503.63; Money Market \$102,339.53; CD \$180,000.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$40,596.07. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the treasurer be approved as read. Approved. .
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that vouchers 17449 – 17523 be approved with the exception of #17485 to Jewel's Graphix, Inc. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Mr. Vojta reported that he had attended a meeting concerning the Vilas County Land Use Plan. Since St. Germain already has a land use plan, the town doesn't need to do anything more. Towns without a plan must adopt the county plan. Mr. Vojta and Tim Ebert attended the Vilas County Highway Commission meeting. Their concern was the intersection of Hwy. 70 & Hwy. O. Highway Commissioner, Jim Fisher, was instructed to work the D.O.T. to see what can be done. Mr. Vojta and Mr. Ebert will be notified of the next meeting date.

Mr. Christensen reported that he had attended a meeting concerning Terrestrial Invasive Species. The group is trying to organize so that they can determine just what the problem might be in Vilas County. There is already Garlic Mustard in the Winchester area.

8. Town Committee Reports:

8A. Fire Department: Tim Ebert reported that there had been 13 calls last month. Mr. Ebert also noted that the department did not receive the Homeland Security grant for a brush truck.

8B. Planning & Zoning: Mr. Vojta reported that very few zoning permits have been issued so far this year. There is one possible violation that will have to be considered. Mr. Vojta also noted that there would be a contract between the town and Pitlik & Wick concerning the portion of Halberstadt Road that has to be moved. The contract will be prepaid by Cornerstone. There will not be a March Planning & Zoning meeting.

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

P.O. BOX 7

ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558

townofstgermain.org

8C. Public Works/Parks & Recreation: Ms. Nimz noted that Jim Santefort had been appointed to the committee to replace Mary Platner. The extra grass seed that had been ordered by mistake for the new soccer field can be used to reseed the other ball fields and soccer fields. Anything left can be used at the golf course.

8E. Bike & Hike Trail: There was no report.

8F. Golf Course: Mr. Christensen stated that he would be reviewing the golf course bills with Boyd Best and Steve Spears once a month. He will also meet with Boyd Best at the end of the year to make sure that the chemicals have been charged to the correct year. The new golf carts are being built. The crew is determining which carts will be traded.

8G. Finance & Personnel: Mr. Christensen noted that the contracts had been signed.

8H. Housing Authority & Cemetery: Mr. Christensen stated that there would be no Housing Authority meeting this month. There are still vacancies.

8I. Lakes: There was no report.

8J. Room Tax: Ms. Janssen had nothing to report.

8K. Vilas County Board Representative: Mary Platner noted the lake-district representative's expenses to a conference would be subsidized. County Treasurer, Geri Radtke, will be contacting the various constables to try to determine what can be done about the dog problem in the county.

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

9.1 Constable Radio Communications: Constable, Dennis Nagel, stated that there were situations where his safety would become an issue if the town did not purchase a radio with digital capability so that he could communicate with the Vilas County patrol cars. The cost would be around \$2,800. The clerk noted that the money could be found somewhere in the budget. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the town purchase a digital radio for the constable for up to \$2,800. Approved.

9.2 Patrol Truck Sale - Final: Ms. Nimz that the patrol truck had been sold to the Town of Aurora for \$67,450. The trade-in price had been quoted at \$50,000. The town will be able to keep the old truck until sometime in June. The new truck will not be here until August.

9.3 Patrol Truck Financing: Ms. Nimz presented four proposals from Associated Bank. The board did not make a decision at this time. The finance committee will see if the local banks can offer something better. Another possibility is that the money be taken from the remaining Baird Loan money. It would be offset by a reduction in the Public Works Budget for the next four years.

9.4 Landfill Venture Group: Ms. Nimz noted that she had attended the last Landfill Venture Group meeting. She found it very enlightening. There was a motion to use option #5 whereby the landfill would be expanded so that it could be used until 2028. The cost to St. Germain for the next four years will be around \$14,000. The cost is for the development of the plans. There will be another

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

P.O. BOX 7

ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558

townofstgermain.org

charge for the actual construction. Ms. Nimz stated that she thought that the town would have to consider closing our transfer station as early as 2010.

9.5 Friends of the Red Brick Schoolhouse: Ellen Allen listed several pros and con's concerning the Red Brick Schoolhouse. She asked again that the town board make decision. She felt that once the town board made a decision, that the private sector would contribute towards the building. She also felt that there would be donations of materials and labor.

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

10a. Verdell Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe stated that the Prime Timers now had 333 members. Ninety people have signed up for the Branson trip this fall. There are still a few spaces available.

11. Board Concerns:

Peggy Nimz: Ms. Nimz asked the rest of the board if they wanted to have the April meeting on Easter Monday. It didn't seem to matter. Ms. Nimz will schedule the meeting on either Monday or Tuesday, depending on what there is for the agenda.

Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke noted that the Feasibility Committee thought that replacing the roof on the 1965 portion of the Red Brick Schoolhouse with a flat rubber roof was not a good idea. Mr. Radtke was also concerned about the scheduled revaluation. He wondered if it would be necessary if the values in town keep dropping. The clerk suggested that Mr. Radtke call Paul Carlson, town assessor.

John Vojta: Mr. Vojta once again asked that the town get something in writing from Paul Carlson stating that he had been overpaid in 2008 and that the money either be returned to the town or be applied to the revaluation this year.

12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center unless Ms. Nimz determines that it is not necessary.

13. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:25 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor