

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MAY 11, 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, Todd Wiese, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Wiese seconded Vojta that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the minutes of the April 14, 2009 town board meeting, and the April 14, 2009 Annual Elector meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 04-30-2009: \$66,204.28; Lakes Account \$19,040.40; Lakes Committee CD \$15,272.22; Park Fund \$2,219.94; Rental Account \$4,264.55; Bag Account \$7,228.80; Room Tax Account \$27,149.32; Debt Reserve \$109,231.09; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$53,987.75, First National Money Market \$758,910.83, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,626.91. Golf Course Regular Account \$2,007.48; Money Market \$285,796.60; CD \$0.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$36,814.18. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the treasurer be approved as read. Approved. .
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Radtke seconded Wiese that vouchers 17592 – 17639 be approved along with the following extra bills: Copy Cat Printing \$570.00—Lakes Committee; Marion Janssen \$25.96—reim. postage; Tom Martens \$167.66—reim. ink cartridges & internet; Northway Communications \$2,862.00—constable radio. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Ms. Nimz stated that she had received a request for a donation to the youth baseball program. The board decided that instead of donating money, money would be put towards the town parks. Mr. Wiese noted that Jane Baker from LUHS would like to use the Community Center for a youth gymnastic program. The board recommended that Ms. Baker check with Northland Pines to see if she could use the elementary school. Mr. Vojta was concerned about the lack of safety equipment in the Community Center. Ms. Nimz will check to see what other classes have paid to use the Community Center. Mr. Radtke wanted to know if the town had received the license from WPS for the Freedom 5K run.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
  - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 15 calls last month. Six hundred four people had attended the Firemen's Fish Fry. The spots for the Flea Market have been filling up. The granite parking lot will be graded. It will be paid for the firemen's association. The department has once again applied for a homeland security grant for an exhaust system for the garage. The new truck should be here by the middle of August. Ms. Nimz presented Mr. Ebert with a plaque in appreciation of his 30 years of service to the St. Germain Fire Dept.
  - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Wiese reported that a property owner on Birchwood had been sent a letter notifying him that the building that he had moved in was too small for living space. The owner

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responded with a letter noting that he had not been living in the building. Mr. Wiese stated that the town would have to keep an eye on the property. Mr. Wiese also stated that a contractor had added onto a structure without a permit taken out either by him or the property owner. The fine is 10 times the original permit fee. The committee will review a preliminary plat for a six-lot subdivision by Charles Vogel. Mr. Wiese noted that Tim Reeder had been hired by Dan Schular to inspect his mother's home. Mr. Schular is not satisfied with the inspection and is taking Mr. Reeder to court.

**8C. Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Wiese noted that most of the intersections had been swept. Mr. Wiese had reviewed the wells at the old dumpsite with Sherry Otto from the DNR. Two of the wells are not working properly. There are also areas that need to be covered with more fill. The DNR has given the town a deadline of July 31, 2009 to have an engineer come up with a plan. Some of the golf course equipment will be used to complete the new soccer field. Tim Ebert noted that as long as Steve Spears directs the work that is being done, the town crew might apply the herbicides. There has been a complaint of woodchips from the Caring for Kids Park ending up on the tennis courts. The community center roof is leaking. Some of the roof boards need to be replaced. The new fire numbers are being installed. The private road signs will be in blue. Mr. Radtke noted that there was an illegal dumping of stumps at the yard waste facility. Mr. Christensen asked about a Red Brick Schoolhouse Committee. Ms. Nimz noted that there would be a special town board meeting scheduled.

**8E. Bike & Hike Trail:** Mark Hiller noted that the route for Phase II had been changed to follow Hwy. 70 to run behind Thunderbird Pass, and then follow the WPS highline. It would stay along the South side of Hwy. 70 until Elmer's. The bike trail would have its own bridge across the Little St. Germain River. There shouldn't be too much of a sign problem since there will not have to be very many signs in the area. Mr. Hiller noted that the land use agreements have to be in as soon as possible.

**8F. Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen stated that the course had opened on April 24<sup>th</sup>. Some gold T's have been installed for seniors. The new carts should be ready to go by Memorial Day. Steve Spears has been having some staffing issues. The clerk is to try to find a copy of the original contract between the town and the owners of the Whitetail.

**8G. Finance & Personnel:** Mr. Christensen noted that the new patrol truck would be financed from money out of the public works budget. Mr. Martens noted that at the last finance committee meeting there had been a recommendation that the town not do any roadwork this year. Ms. Nimz stated that at least Lost Lake Drive North and Parkway Road had to be done.

**8H. Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen that there would be a Housing Authority meeting tomorrow. There are also vacancies. The cemetery committee will hold its annual meeting on May 22nd

**8I. Lakes:** Mr. Wiese noted that the grant had not been approved. The committee was going to purchase a trailer for a portable sign. The committee was going to apply for a grant to hire an aquatic ecologist to do a lake study. If awarded, the grant would be received in August.

**8J. Room Tax:** Mr. Radtke noted that room tax collections were down from last year. The next meeting will be on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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**8K. Vilas County Board Representative:** There was no report.

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

**9.1 Approve/Disapprove Liquor Licenses:** Motion Vojta seconded Wiese that the licenses be tabled at this time. Approved.

**9.2 Approve/Disapprove Hold of Connie's Liquor License:** Motion Vojta seconded Wiese that the town maintain possession of the Class B Combination license that was held by Connie's The Place to Be. Approved. The clerk is not to advertise that there is a license available, but if someone should apply for the license, the town board will have to decide what it is going to do.

**9.3 Approval of letter to DNR in Support of Grant for Shoreland Restoration of Little St. Germain Lake:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the town board approve the letter of support. Approved. The grant will be used to restore approximately 1,000 feet of shoreline on Little St. Germain Lake.

**9.4 Approval of Purchase of G.P.S. for Public Works/Planning and Zoning:** Motion Nimz seconded Wiese to spend up to \$500 for a G.P.S. unit for Public Works/Planning and Zoning. Approved. The unit will be used to establish the location of new fire numbers and other projects.

**9.5 St. Germain Landfill Well Situation:** Mr. Wiese reported during the Public Works committee report that two of the wells at the old dumpsite were failing. The DNR has given the town a deadline for taking care of the problem.

**9.6 Approve MSA Contract to Fulfill Conditions Set Forth by John Morris, WI DNR, in Conjunction with Landfill Requirements:** Motion Radtke to approve the MSA contract failed for lack of a second. Also, Radtke expressed the MSA contract was too open ended with no cost projected was the reason for the table motion. Motion Wiese seconded Christensen to approve the contract with MSA. Approved. Mr. Radtke voted against. The contract is to tell the town board what needs to be done, not to install any new wells.

**9.7 Prevailing Wages Discussion:** Ms. Nimz noted that the current prevailing wage requirement is for projects over \$234,000. In AB 75, the governor's proposed budget, the prevailing wage requirement would be lowered to projects over \$2,000. Local contractors argue that such a proposal would place an undo hardship on small municipalities.

**9.8 Prevailing Wages Resolution:** Motion Radtke seconded Vojta to approve resolution SG09-05-01 opposing proposed changes to the Wisconsin prevailing wage law. Approved. Ms. Nimz will make the necessary corrections.

**9.9 Appointment of Committees for 2009/2010:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the following committee appointments be approved: Planning & Zoning, John Vojta, chair; Todd Wiese, vice-chair; Public Works/Parks & Recreation, Todd Wiese, chair; Peggy Nimz, vice-chair; \*Emergency Preparedness Plan, John Vojta, chair, vice-chair to be announced; \*Yard Waste Facility, Fred Radtke, chair, Todd Wiese, vice-chair; \*Landfill Venture Group, Fred Radtke, chair, Peggy Nimz, vice-chair; Bike & Hike Trail, Mark Hiller, chair, Fred Radtke, vice-chair; Lake Committee, Chuck Their, chair, Todd Wiese, vice-chair; Land Invasive Committee, Lee Christensen, chair; Golf Course

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Committee, John Vojta, chair, Lee Christensen, vice-chair; Personnel Committee, Lee Christensen, chair, John Vojta, vice-chair; Finance Committee, Fred Radtke, chair, Marion Janssen, vice-chair, Tom Martens, advisor; Room Tax, Jim Anderson, chair. Fred Radtke, vice-chair; Housing Authority/Cemetery, Lee Christensen, chair. Approved. The \* indicates sub committee under the direction of Public Works.

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

**10a. Verdel Mauthe:** Ms. Mauthe stated that the Prime Timers now had 344 members. Ninety people attended the last meeting. There was a speaker concerning the prescription drug problem in the area. The Prime-Timer van will provide transportation for someone stranded at the hospital.

**10b. Clyde Owens:** Mr. Owens suggested trail cams be used to prevent the illegal dumping at the yard waste facility.

**10c. Laurel Kuenn:** Ms. Kuenn noted that the hole and debris still have not been cleaned up at the Howard Beaver, Jr. property on Forest Primeval Road.

**10d. Northern Waste:** Tami from Northern Waste noted that the company will be having a demolition site in Sugar Camp.

## 11. Board Concerns:

**Peggy Nimz:** Ms. Nimz suggested that the board schedule a special meeting to discuss the Red Brick Schoolhouse. There will be a special town board meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

**Todd Wiese:** Mr. Wiese noted that someone from the town board would need to speak at the Memorial Day ceremony on May 24, 2009. He also asked the status of the employee contracts. Mr. Vojta stated that they all needed to be retyped. Mr. Wiese also noted that he had sent a letter to Veolia asking to terminate the current contracts. The town would then consolidate some of the services, and determine what the future needs of the town might be.

**Tom Martens:** Mr. Martens asked that the town board consider hiring Craig, the current inmate from McNaughton. He has been very conscientious while he has been working in town. The town board will send a letter to the supervisor at McNaughton so that it can be put into his file.

**Marion Janssen:** Ms. Janssen asked for help with planning for the fireworks display.

**12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting.** The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a special town board meeting held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

**13. Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:25 P.M.

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Town Clerk

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