

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JUNE 8, 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 Christensen that the minutes of the May 11, 2009 town board meeting, and the May 26, 2009 special town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 05-31-2009: \$10,062.00; Lakes Account \$19,042.02; Lakes Committee CD \$15,292.81; Park Fund \$0.00; Rental Account \$4,264.91; Bag Account \$9,261.47; Room Tax Account \$19,477.10; Debt Reserve \$109,231.09; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$54,192.34, First National Money Market \$509,333.06, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,627.39. Golf Course Regular Account \$66,136.90; Money Market \$66,011.34; CD \$0.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$22,762.75. Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that the treasurer be approved as read. Approved. .
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Radtke seconded Wiese that vouchers 17641 – 17705 be approved with exception of voucher #17675 to A-1 Septic. Approved. The clerk is to check to find out why the toilet rental at Vandervort Park is so high.
7. **Communications:** Mr. Vojta reported that he had received a request for a “Dead End” sign on Kuenne Road. The sign has been put up. Ms. Nimz noted that she had a copy of the Vilas County Recreation Plan. She also had a correspondence from Tom Martens stating that he felt that the stories on the local TV and radio stations concerning the vote on the Red Brick Schoolhouse at the May 26, 2009 special town board meeting were very misleading and damaging to ever getting any donations for the building. The stories did not say that Ms. Nimz would not commit to spending town money until she saw that there had been donations towards the building.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
  - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 21 calls last month. After a huge Memorial Day Flea Market, the market has been down. Mr. Ebert gave the town board the department's six-month report. The new fire truck is supposed to be here in mid August.
  - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta reported that Alltel was installing a generator near their tower on Birchwood Drive. Mr. Ebert had purchased a stamp to be used on all permits. The off-premises sign moratorium may have to extended for 30 days. The P & Z committee will hold a public hearing concerning the off-premises sign ordinance. The committee received a written complaint about three properties on South Bay Road (fire #'s 7506, #1287, and #1347. The next committee meeting will be Monday, June 15, 2009 at 4:05 P.M.

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**8C. Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Wiese reported that there had been problems with the washrooms at the town park when there was heavy usage. Randy Radtke thought that the problem was that there was not enough water pressure for the toilets to flush properly. The pressure tanks have been changed. Hopefully, the problem has been solved. Due to illegal dumping, the committee is considering placing locks on all of the town dumpsters. The committee is working with Veolia to consolidate all of the contracts into one. The new diesel fuel tank has been installed. The yard waste facility will be open for two more weeks. The new patrol truck should be here by the end of June. The committee is considering a sub-contract with Eagle Waste to operate the transfer station facility for \$9,000 per year. The firefighter's auxiliary had the parking area near the soccer fields graded at a cost of about \$7,000.

**8E. Bike & Hike Trail:** Mark Hiller noted that most of the surveys and studies had been completed and submitted to the required authorities. Approval should take about four weeks. All of the approvals had to be done in a certain order. The committee is still hoping for a fall start date.

**8F. Golf Course:** Mr. Vojta noted that one-half of the new carts were here. However, since they were a month late in arriving, the committee is trying to have the payment deferred for 30 days. There still has not been a committee meeting. Rather than cutting down a tree on the 3<sup>rd</sup> green, the committee is seeking donations to have it carved. Early season play is up over last year. The committee will seek legal advice concerning the lease with the Whitetail Inn.

**8G. Finance:** Mr. Radtke noted that the committee had discussed the town's insurance program. The committee felt that the town should seek bids annually. The committee also had concerns about the contracts with Veolia. The committee also discussed the promises from the Public Works Committee for taking the truck and loader payments from their budget. The committee was not sure how that was going to be done. After a lengthy discussion concerning the town insurance, Mr. Radtke stated that the committee would not get involved.

**8H. Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen that there would be a Housing Authority meeting tomorrow. There are seven vacancies. A 20-year study done by the Housing Authority projected that it would cost around \$1,000,000 to keep the project going. Mr. Christensen noted that the Housing Authority will be meeting with a Federal representative to discuss what can be done. The town board wanted to know who held the insurance policies, and where all of the Housing Authority information was stored. Mr. Christensen noted that the Cemetery committee had held its annual meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cemetery should be included in the town zoning.

**8I. Lakes:** Mr. Wiese stated that Little St. Germain missed getting its grant by one point. Onterra Company has been hired to do a Lake Management Planning Project on several of the town lakes. The cost will be \$59,000. However, there are 75%-25% grants available. If no grant is received, there will be no charges from Onterra. The different lake districts and associations will determine how the cost is to be divided. St. Germain is also leading the way in shoreline restoration projects.

**8J. Room Tax:** Mr. Radtke noted that room tax collections were down about 31% from last year.

**8K. Land Committee:** Mr. Christensen stated that the committee hopes to meet once a month. The committee is working with Ted Ritter, Vilas County AIS Coordinator, for grants. Mr. Christensen stated

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that there didn't appear to be much of a problem with land invasive species in St. Germain, so far.

**8K. Vilas County Board Representative:** Mr. Radtke reported that the Economic Development Corp. had received its 503C. That was important because now they can go forward looking for help with getting high speed internet to all of Vilas County. The county is looking at possibly expanding the jail. The new ball diamonds on Hwy. G should be completed by 2010.

Mary Platner there had been a policy review concerning discrimination. The county passed. The five-year library plan needed to be updated.

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

**9.1 Approve/Disapprove Liquor Licenses:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the liquor and beer licenses be approved as presented. Approved. Mr. Martens noted that an application from M & I Bank should not be on the list.

**9.2 Approve/Disapprove Cigarette Licenses:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the cigarette licenses be approved as presented. Approved.

**9.3 Approve/Disapprove Bartender's Licenses:** Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the bartender licenses be approved as presented with the addition of Joshua Renkes. Approved. Motion Nimz seconded Vojta that the clerk be granted authority to issue bartender and picnic beer licenses without board approval unless the clerk has a concern about an applicant. Approved.

**9.4 Appointment of Committee Members for 2009/2010: Lakes:** Chuck Thier chairman, Todd Wiese Vice Chair, Lou Mirek secretary, D. Thompson, D. Zelinski, J. Mau (alt.) Alma/Moon, J. Harold, D. Bauman, D. Kunelius (alt.) Big St. Germain, C. Thier, B. Schell, D. Kloepfer (alt.) Found, P. Rosenow, L. Mirek Little St. Germain, J. Peil, L. Peil, J. Heeler (alt.) Lost.; **Housing Authority:** Jerry Eliason chairman (9/1/2013), Lee Christensen Vice chairman (9/1/2009), Peggy Anderson treasurer (9/1/2010), Barb Zimmerman Secretary (9/1/2012), Nancy Neff (9/1/2011), Francine Byrns Executive Director.; **Bike & Hike Trail:** Mark Hiller chairman, Fred Radtke town board rep., Peggy Nimz, Joan Kazda, Jim Wendt, Sally Reuling, Anne Small, Clyde Ownes, Joyce Owens.; **Cemetery:** Jerry Eliason chairman, Pat Eliason vice chairman, Jane Powell secretary, Catherine Humbaugh treasurer, Dorothy Drews, Wilmer Weber, Marge Crowe, Tim Ebert directors, Lee Christensen town liaison.; **Public Works:** Todd Wiese chairman, Peggy Nimz Vice chairman, Tim Ebert, Jim Lenz, Jim Santefort.; **Finance:** Fred Radtke chairman, Marion Janssen vice chairman, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens advisor.; **Room Tax Commission:** Jim Anderson chairman, Fred Radtke vice chairman, Marion Janssen, Deb Harvey, Dave Weber, Jim Kelsey. **Planning & Zoning:** John Vojta chairman, Todd Wiese vice chairman, Marion Janssen, Lee Holthaus, Mary Platner; **Emergency Plan:** John Vojta chairman, Phil Kohout vice chairman. **Personnel:** Lee Christensen chairman, John Vojta vice chairman; **Golf:** John Vojta chairman, Lee Christensen vice chairman, Brian Baldwin, Steve Spears, Marci Spears, Tom Wenzel, Bruce Weber, Boyd Best, Marion Robin, Marion Janssen, Craig Callies.

**9.5 Land Use Agreement for Hike & Bike Trail:** Motion Radtke seconded Wiese to approve the land use agreement between the State of Wisconsin and the Town of St. Germain. Approved.

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Motion Weise seconded Vojta that the permanent limited easement between Thunderbird Bar & Grill, LLC and the Town of St. Germain be approved and that the chairman be given the authority to sign the easement at the appropriate time. Approved.

**9.6 Resolution for Hike & Bike Trail:** Motion Radtke seconded Wiese that Resolution SG09-06-01, A Resolution for Dedicating Land for Multi-Use Trail, be approved with the necessary typing corrections. Approved.

**9.7 Halberstadt Road Reconstruction Agreement:** Mr. Wiese noted that the letter of agreement between Pitlik & Wick, Cornerstone Construction and the Town of St. Germain had been signed. The work is to be completed by July 1, 2009. Pitlik & Wick has received the check from Cornerstone Construction.

**9.8 Salt Shed Estimates:** Tim Ebert is drawing up the specifications for the salt shed. Once completed, there will be an ad placed in the local paper.

**9.9 Negotiation of Veolia Contracts:** Mr. Wiese reported that the Public Works committee is working with Veolia to consolidate all of the various contracts that the town now has with Veolia.

**9.10 New American Flag Purchase for Downtown:** Motion Vojta seconded Nimz that Mr. Wiese be given permission to purchase 25 new American Flags at a cost of up to \$1,500. Approved. The flags will have 6' posts so that they can swivel and not get caught on the utility poles. Hopefully, there will be donations from the Chamber of Commerce.

**9.11 Public Works Recommendation for Landscape Fencing at Park Pavilion:** There was a lengthy discussion concerning what should be done around the pavilion. The Lioness Club may contribute to the project, but they would like to see a plan. The Fire Department Auxiliary would not be able to contribute at this time. Mr. Ebert will get prices for split rail fencing. The problem will be discussed at the next Public Works Committee meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**9.12 Public Works Recommendation for 2009 Road Construction/Maintenance:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the proposal for Parkway Road for \$11,946.50 and for the culvert on Lost Lake Drive North for \$43,730.00 be approved with the money to come out of the Baird Loan proceeds. Approved. Mr. Wiese and Ms. Nimz voted against.

Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the proposal from Fahrner for Juve Road, Big St. Germain Drive and Four Corner Lane for \$69,666.63 be approved with the money to come out of the Public works budget. Approved.

Motion Wiese seconded Nime that the proposal for the Chamber of Commerce Parking Lot for \$16,530.00 be approved with the money coming out of the Baird Loan proceeds. Approved. The board will ask the Chamber of Commerce to pay one half of the bill.

**9.13 Public Works Recommendation for Purchase of Bulldozer:** Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the town spends up to \$25,000 for a bulldozer plus up to \$5,000 for a trailer. Motion failed.

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Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the town spend up to \$32,000 for a bulldozer and trailer and that Tim Ebert be given the authority to negotiate for the town. Approved.

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

**10a. Verdell Mauthe:** Ms. Mauthe thanked Tim Ebert for giving the PrimeTimers a tour of the town shop and facilities. Ms. Mauthe also presented a check for \$50 to be used for the flags. On July 18<sup>th</sup> there will be a car show and swap meet, carnival, and dance.

**10b. Tim Ebert:** Mr. Ebert stated that there is more power and room in the Community Center kitchen than there is in the pavilion. He also stated that the water has always been turned on when the Lionesses have asked for it.

**10c. Rosalie Sherwin:** Ms. Sherwin wanted to know why the PrimeTimers had sole use of one room in the Community Center. Ms. Nimz answered that there have been times when the PrimeTimers could not get into the room because someone else was using it.

**10d. Pat Falkenstern:** Ms. Falkenstern thought that the town clerk should know what was in the State Statutes or should look up information during the meetings. Ms. Nimz stated that it was the board's responsibility to know what was in the Statutes.

## 11. Board Concerns:

**Peggy Nimz:** Ms. Nimz stated that she was going to order two new filing cabinets and that they were to be used.

**John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta was happy that the various organizations and committees were working together.

**Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke noted that he felt that the longer flagpoles were a good idea.

**Tom Martens:** Mr. Martens stated that he had received an application for the liquor license for Connie's. The board would have to hold a special meeting to approved no sooner than June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting.** The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 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, June 23, 2009 at 7:00 A.M.. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

**13. Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:53 P.M.

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Town Clerk

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