

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JULY 13, 2009

1. **Call To Order:** The acting chairman, Todd Wiese, 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:** Lee Christensen, Todd Wiese, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Peggy Nimz was absent.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Christensen 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 June 8, 2009 town board meeting, and the June 23, 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 06-30-2009: \$75,621.38; Lakes Account \$15,826.33; Lakes Committee CD \$15,314.11; Park Fund \$0.00; Rental Account \$4,635.27; Bag Account \$11,239.29; Room Tax Account \$20,853.68; Debt Reserve \$109,450.69; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$54,196.79, First National Money Market \$449,534.86, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,627.85. Golf Course Regular Account \$105,850.10; Money Market \$66,011.34; CD \$0.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$23,988.88
6. **Payment of Invoices:** The board had no objections to paying vouchers 17706 – 17777. There will be a motion to approve the bills at the August meeting.
7. **Communications:** There were none.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
  - 8A. **Fire Department:** John Vojta reported that Phil Kohout had done 196 fire inspections during the spring period. He found 66 violations. 53 prior complaints had been remedied. There were 14 calls last month.
  - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta reported that a complaint about a repair shop on the Jerry Road had been investigated. A certified letter had been sent to Eleanor Beaver. The committee planned to send letters to three property owners on South Bay Road. There have been complaints concerning the condition of the yards. There will be a special meeting on Wednesday at noon to hand out drafts of the sign ordinance. The next meeting will be on Monday, July 20, 2009 at 5:00 P.M.
  - 8C. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Wiese reported that the new fuel tank had been installed at the shop. The Pavilion washroom problem seems to have been solved. The committee found out that State approved plans are necessary for the salt dome. The cost for an architect will be around \$4,500. There had been a discussion concerning the removal of some dead trees near the new soccer field. That might make a good place to shoot off the fireworks. Something needs to be done at the old landfill site by July 31<sup>st</sup>. French drains may be installed along the Flea Market area for about \$500.
  - 8E. **Bike & Hike Trail:** There was no report.
  - 8F. **Golf Course:** Mr. Vojta noted that play has been about equal to last year. There are 20 junior players. A tree on the third green will be cut down and carved. Steve Spears now eleven employees. The Angel On My Shoulder event was a success. The shipment of the remainder of the carts will be delayed until next April so that the new batteries do not have to be stored all winter. Mr. Vojta noted that the course is in the best shape that it has ever been in.
  - 8G. **Finance:** There was nothing to report. Mr. Vojta noted that Ms. Nimz had not yet completed copying the 2009 contracts.
  - 8H. **Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen stated that three of the vacancies had been filled. Francine Byrns has been advertising the vacancies. Mr. Christensen handed out a Housing Authority report and audit.

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**8I. Lakes:** Mr. Wiese stated that the committee was applying for a grant during the fall cycle. The Big St. Germain Lake District's budget was set at \$10,500. The money will come out of funds from the Big St. Germain Lake Association treasury.

**8J. Room Tax:** Ms. Janssen reported that collections were coming in.

**8K. Land Committee:** Mr. Christensen stated that the group was trying to get about \$8,000 in funding from the Lumberjack organization. Ted Ritter will be speaking to the Fish & Wildlife club on July 23, 2009. The next committee meeting will be on July 22, 2009.

**8L. Vilas County Board Representative:** Mr. Radtke reported that by 2012 Vilas County will require all septic systems to be on the three year program. The county is planning a new park near the old Heckels Marina. There have been complaints about the noise at the rifle range.

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

**9.1 Town Lakes Committee Grant Resolution Request:** Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that Resolution SG09-07-01 be approved so that the committee can proceed with the grant application from the DNR. Approved.

**9.2 UPS Contract:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the contract be tabled at this time. Approved.

**9.3 Town Landfill Well Bid Specifications:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the landfill well bid specifications be tabled at this time. Approved.

**9.4 Pavilion Landscaping Recommendation:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the landscaping recommendation be tabled at this time. Approved. There had been a suggestion that the town have Pitlik & Wick use their screen print. There would be stone patterns melted into blacktop to give a stone walkway effect.

**9.5 Flag Donations:** Mr. Wiese noted that he had collected over \$2,000 in donations for the flags. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that Mr. Wiese be given permission to purchase ten additional

flags. Approved. The flags will be used in front of the businesses farther down on Hwy. 70E and on Hwy. 70W.

**9.6 Cook Stove Donation:** Mr. Wiese noted that Lionesses had donated a cook stove for the Pavilion.

**9.7 Trailer/Bulldozer Recommendations:** Tim Ebert had found a bulldozer that was one year older than his original proposal, but had only one-half of the hours (3,000 hrs.). The cost was \$21,000. The town board had approved \$32,000 for a bulldozer and trailer. The cost of a trailer would be about \$6,000. The trailer could haul any of our town equipment except for the loader. For an additional \$2,000, the town could purchase a trailer to haul the lawnmower. Motion Radtke seconded Vojta to permit the Public Works to purchase one trailer to meet the town's needs for all equipment except for the loader. Approved.

**9.8 Fencing Donation Request for Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen to donate the 2' orange plastic fencing that had been around the new soccer field to the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club with the understanding that the club will help the town with the snowmobile problem on the west side of the golf course. Approved.

**9.9 Transfer Station Proposal:** Ms. Nimz had asked Mr. Radtke to get a proposal from Eagle Waste concerning the transfer station. No action was taken.

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

**10a. Rosalie Sherwin:** Ms. Sherwin noted that she had talked to Mr. Radtke after the last meeting. She also stated that she thought that a elected official should have to inform the board of any special interest groups that they belong to.

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**10b. Carol Radtke:** Ms. Radtke noted that the Prime Timers had 360 members and that 99 had attended the last meeting. They now have biking groups and hiking groups. The group will transport anyone that needs a ride to the food pantry.

**10c. Ellen Allen:** Ms. Allen asked that the town get smaller senior bags at the transfer station. She said that she never has enough trash to fill the big bags.

## 11. Board Concerns:

**Todd Wiese:** Mr. Weise stated that he had sent a letter to the manager at the Hearthside Inn noting that if the snow problem was not resolved, the town would put guardrails up along the town road in front of the motel. Mr. Wiese also noted that he had handed out a sheet showing all of the donations the Fish & Wildlife Club has made. Ms. Nimz told Mr. Wiese that she had a copier from her old business that she would sell to the town for \$1,000.

**12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting.** The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

**13. Adjournment:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:58 P.M.

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Town Clerk

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Chairman

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Supervisor

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