

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 10, 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 Radtke that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the minutes of the July 13, 2009 town board meeting, and the July 30, 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 07-31-2009: (-\$11,333.25); Lakes Account \$20,631.43; Lakes Committee CD \$15,326.07; Park Fund \$0.00; Rental Account \$4,635.66; Bag Account \$14,784.42; Room Tax Account \$60,988.47; Debt Reserve \$109,450.69; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$54,301.40, First National Money Market \$449,698.54, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,628.33. Golf Course Regular Account \$98,881.99; Money Market \$66,011.34; CD \$0.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$19,389.29
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that vouchers 17781-17833 be approved along with the following extra bills: Laura Reuling \$250.00 – Lakes Committee data entry DNR; Chuck Their \$39.02 – Lakes Committee ink cartridge reim. Approved. Vouchers 17800 – 17804 are to be voided. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that vouchers 17706-17777 from July be approved. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Mr. Radtke noted that he had received a complaint about the lack of bike crossing signs between here and Boulder Junction. He also stated that there were 14 places where the bike trail crossed in that area. Mr. Vojta stated that there were still problems with the locks on the community center. He also stated that the pavilion was left messy after a wedding, but that there was too small of a security deposit to have it cleaned. Mr. Wiese stated that Vilas County had once again asked if the town wanted to participate in the beaver program this year. Mr. Wiese stated that the town had already had a man who would trap the beavers. Ms. Janssen noted that she had talked to a contractor who would donate his time to do the roof on the 1965 portion of the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Mr. Wiese said that it would be put on the September agenda.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
 - 8A. **Fire Department:** John Vojta reported that there were 19 calls last month. The new engine would be here around September 18th.
 - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta reported that the old basement was being filled in at the Howard Beaver, Jr. property. The draft of the sign ordinance was being sent back to committee. Several people had volunteered to be on a new committee.
 - 8C. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Wiese reported that the crew had started to mow the shoulders. The town had received a variance for the salt shed to be too close to an existing well. It would cost around \$20,670 to blacktop around the pavilion. The town is not going to have it done. The new truck is here. UPS agreed to pay \$500/mo. to rent the town garage. They will only be able to use one stall, and they will provide a certificate of insurance. Mr. Wiese also stated that the town had purchased and installed 30 flags.
 - 8E. **Bike & Hike Trail:** Mr. Radtke stated that the committee was still having trouble with Northern Environmental and the filing of reports. The grant will run out on June 30, 2010.
 - 8F. **Golf Course:** Mr. Vojta noted that the revenues were down a little from last year.
 - 8G. **Finance:** There was nothing to report other than that there would be a closed session to discuss employee contracts later in the meeting.

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8H. Housing Authority & Cemetery: Mr. Christensen stated that he had handed out an audit and a list of Francine Burns duties at the last meeting. There would be a USDA inspection later in the month. There were still five vacancies and only two applications.

8I. Lakes: Mr. Wiese stated that Onterra prepared a grant to the DNR on behalf of the town for lake management planning. The DNR grant is a 50/50 grant. The lake districts and associations, and the lakes committee will split the town's half. The fire department will be reviewing the opportunity to acquire the lakes committee boat for their use, as it is town owned and no longer used by the lakes committee.

8J. Room Tax: Ms. Janssen reported that so far \$47,370.31 had been collected in the second quarter of 2009.

8K. Land Committee: Mr. Christensen stated that the group had met on July 22nd. NR40 and Spotted Knappweed had been discussed. The next meeting will be at the end of the month in Woodruff.

8L. Vilas County Board Representative: Mr. Radtke reported that by 2013 Vilas County will require all septic systems to be on the three year program. The county is looking at raising the backstop at the rifle range. Ms. Platner noted that there is now a long range library plan.

8M. Landfill Venture Group: Mr. Radtke noted that the LFVG was working on cell #4. The public works committee will set the yard waste hours.

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

9.1 Little St. Germain Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Partnership Request – Ted

Ritter: Mr. Wiese excused himself from the table and abstained from the discussion and vote citing a conflict as he is a lakes commissioner for Little St. Germain Lake District. Ted Ritter explained that the Little St. Germain Lake District had applied for a 50%-50% grant from the State. In order to gain points for the grant, the district needs a letter from the town stating that the town will support 10% of the project for a total of \$10,000 from 2010 thru 2012. Mr. Radtke noted that the money would have to be put into the town's budget for 2010. But, the letter needed to be in by September 1, 2009. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the town support the project for 3 years @ \$3,333.33 per year and that Mr. Wiese with the help of Mr. Ritter draft the letter of support. Approved. Mr. Wiese abstained.

9.2 Fuel Tank Insurance: Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the fuel tank insurance be tabled at this time. Approved.

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

10a. Verdelle Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe stated that the Prime Timers had 92 cars at their car show. The carnival was somewhat of a success, but the dance was not. They will be taking a Laona Train tour this fall as well as the Branson, MO. tour. Next year the trip will be to the Black Hills.

10b. Carol Radtke: Ms. Radtke noted that the code red message after the convict escaped from the county jail was confusing.

10c. Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen noted that fire number #1063 on Rocky Road was in the wrong place.

11. Board Concerns:

Todd Wiese: Mr. Weise noted that Ms. Nimz would be back on August 22nd and that she would show the board how to use the copier on August 24th.

12. Closed Session: It is Anticipated a Motion will be Made and Seconded to convene Into Closed Session Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the Purpose of Discussion of Employee Contracts.

12.1 Adjourn Closed Session Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) and Return to Open Meeting: Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned into closed session at 6:45 P.M. Approved.

12.2 Open Session: Return to Open Session: Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be reconvened into open session at 7:30 P.M. Approved.

12.3 Action on Closed Session (If Needed): There was no action.

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13. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, September 14, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

14. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:36 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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