

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 11, 2010

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, John Vojta, Fred Radtke, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 18 other people in attendance.
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 Radtke seconded Vojta that the minutes of the December 14, 2009 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 12-31-2009: \$1,310.78; Lakes Account \$28,942.29; Lakes Committee CD \$15,386.82; Park Fund \$0.00; Rental Account \$5,377.77; Bag Account \$3,692.43; Room Tax Account \$16,200.75; Debt Reserve \$234,194.53; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$64,231.77, First National Money Market \$1,787,350.75, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,780.71. Golf Course Regular Account \$3,963.28; Money Market \$196,011.34; CD \$0.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$16,220.14. Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that the treasurer be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that vouchers 18096 – 18211 be approved. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Mr. Wiese stated that he had a bill from Printing Innovations that was labeled for the Lakes Committee, but he didn't know what it was for. Ms. Janssen said that the bill was for the Room Tax Committee.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
 - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 17 calls last month. The ice rink is ready. Mr. Ebert presented a check for \$30,000 for the early payment of the loan that the department had made with the town.
 - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta noted that Lee Holthaus had resigned from the committee. An appointment will be made later in the meeting. The committee was reviewing the town setback requirements for the smaller lots in town. There is a property on Birchwood Drive that will require a UDC inspection since the shed has been converted into a dwelling. The committee asked that the surveyor provide more information for the Leisure Lodge Condominium Addendum. The sign ordinance committee hoped to complete the off-premise sign ordinance by the end of the month. They would continue working on a on-premise sign ordinance. Marion Janssen will gather information for a Blight Ordinance and Todd Wiese will gather information for a Sexually Oriented Business Ordinance. The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2010 at 4:05 P.M.
 - 8C. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Wiese stated that the committee had not met last month. The next meeting will be on February 1, 2010. Vilas County Mapping will be invited to the meeting to discuss the problems with the town's fire numbering system.
 - 8E. **Bike & Hike Trail:** Joyce Owens reported that everything was on schedule. Mark Hiller added that the committee was asked to review the area of the trail by the bridge crossing of Little St. Germain River.
 - 8F. **Golf Course:** Mr. Vojta noted that there had been no snowmobilers running on the golf course over the holidays.
 - 8G. **Finance:** Mr. Radtke had no report.
 - 8H. **Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen noted the workout plan had been approved. There will be six units with rental assistance available. One remedy will be to offer the last month of a twelve-month lease free. There still are five vacancies. Francine Burns is considering advertising.

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8I. Lakes: Mr. Wiese reported that the DNR had approved all seven of the grants and that the town had received 50% payment from the DNR. The \$3,333 payment to the Little St. Germain Lake District will come out of the Room Tax Budget.

8J. Room Tax: Ms. Janssen reported that the 4th quarter settlement will be at the end of the month. She had turned four names into Attorney Steve Lucarelli. He will write letters instructing them to file their reports and pay what is owed.

8K. Land Committee: Mr. Christensen stated the next meeting will be on Friday at the Oneida County Airport. Goals of the committee will be discussed. On January 27, 2010 there will be a symposium in Park Falls with information on how to proceed.

8K. Vilas County Board Representative: Mr. Radtke noted that there were several controversial items on the county's agenda. They will be discussing hiring a consultant and architect about an addition to the courthouse.

Mary Platner noted that she had been appointed to fill a position on the Northern Waters Library board.

8L. Yard Waste: Mr. Radtke noted that there had been 242 drop-offs for an average of 40 per day during the fall season. .

8M. Landfill Venture Group: Mr. Radtke stated that the LVG would be discussed later in the agenda.

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

9.1 Establishing Savings Account for the St. Germain Fire Department: Mr. Wiese made a motion to approve the savings account but withdrew his motion after Ms. Janssen noted that she had an opinion from the WTA attorney stating that as a town entity, the fire department could not disburse town money. All checks had to be signed by the town chairman, clerk and treasurer. Ms. Janssen also stated that the opinion applied to fire department deposits. Motion Wiese seconded Radtke that the matter be tabled at this time. Approved. Mr. Wiese suggested that a committee be formed and Mr. Vojta suggested that the board get a second opinion to see what options the town might have.

9.2 Lakes Committee Employee: Ted Ritter and Jim Herold were present to discuss the possibility of the town acting as the employer for the Big St. Germain & the Little St. Germain Rehab and Protection Districts. The two districts would like to hire someone to work approximately 400 hours at \$12/hour next summer at the boat landings. There would be no cost to the town. The districts would cover the expense. There was a question concerning unemployment insurance. Motion Vojta seconded Wiese that the matter be tabled until Mr. Ritter can provide a draft of a contract between the lake districts and the town and a job description for the employees. Approved.

9.3 Landfill Venture Group Resolution: Motion Vojta seconded Wiese that the LVG resolution be tabled at this time. Approved. Ms. Nimz stated that she had been informed that there were changes being made to the resolution.

9.4 Landfill Venture Group Agreement: Motion Vojta seconded Wiese that LVG agreement be tabled at this time. Approved. Mr. Radtke wanted the board to understand the resolution and agreement had to do with a bonding proposal at the landfill.

9.5 Appointment of Tim Gebhardt to the Planning & Zoning Committee: Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that Tim Gebhardt be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Committee. Approved. Mr. Vojta noted that Mr. Gebhardt would have to be replaced as an alternate on the Board of Appeals.

9.6 Liquor License Approval for Joe Minaudo, Country Flaire, Inc., DBA The Bear's Den: Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that a Class B Combination Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License be granted to Country Flaire, Inc., DBA The Bear's Den, Joseph Minaudo, agent. Approved. The current license held by TBD, LLP., will be surrendered.

9.7 Winter Display by the Prime Timers on Town Property: Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the Prime Timers be allowed to place a Winter-Christmas display on the town property adjacent to the old shelter building next winter. Approved. There will be no cost to the town.

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9.8 Second Annual Car Show, Kids Carnival and Crafters Show on July 17, 2010: Mr. Radtke wanted the board to know that the Prime Timers will be holding their Second Annual Car Show, Kids Carnival and Crafters Show on July 17, 2010. They have already reserved all of the town park for the event.

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

10a. Verdell Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe reported that about 100 people attended the Prime Timers Christmas Party. There are now 370 members. 135 people attended the Snowflake Dance.

10b. Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen reminded Mr. Radtke that the show next July was to have a Crafters Fair rather than a Craft Show.

11. Board Concerns:

Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke asked the clerk if there was going to be a year-end report. All of the information is posted on the town's website.

John Vojta: Mr. Vojta asked that before any decisions are made concerning the golf course and fire department checkbooks, a second opinion should be obtained and everything should be in place.

Todd Wiese: Mr. Wiese asked if a chipper had put into the budget. Ms. Nimz has a list of the requests from the Public Works Committee.

Lee Christensen: Mr. Christensen suggested that the town look into a resolution to voice an objection to the State's proposed assessment changes. He also wanted to know how long the post office would be forwarding mail to the old addresses in town.

Marion Janssen: Ms. Janssen noted that Ms. Nimz had asked her to look into the necessary signatures for the golf course and fire department accounts. She was not trying to cause problems for anyone. She thought that things should be corrected, however.

Tom Martens: Mr. Martens stated that if it turned out that the town clerk and treasurer had to write the checks for both the golf course and fire department that they should be handled in the same way as the town bills are handled now. He also thought that it would be a lot of extra work and that both the clerk and treasurer should be compensated for the work.

12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, February 8, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

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

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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