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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: APRIL 12, 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, Todd Wiese, Lee Christensen, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 25 other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Wiese 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 March 8, 2010 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 03-31-2010: (\$3,985.70); Lakes Account \$75,825.98; Lakes Committee CD \$15,402.00; Rental Account \$6,129.16; Bag Account \$7,462.90; Room Tax Account \$21,818.24; Debt Reserve \$264,936.11; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$64,372.63, First National Money Market \$297,769.23, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,782.14. Golf Course Regular Account \$1,300.54; Money Market \$77,112.14; CD \$0.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$41,336.63. Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that vouchers 18361 – 18421 be approved. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Ms. Nimz noted that she had received a letter from Ellen Allen asking about the pornography ordinance. Ms. Nimz stated that the Planning & Zoning Committee was discussing it. Mr. Vojta stated that he had contacted Jim Holperin and Senator Feingold concerning high speed Internet. Mr. Holperin responded that Vilas County was looking into a tower.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
 - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 22 calls last month. The fish fry will be held on April 25, 2010 at Golden Pines. Ms. Nimz noted that a law had been passed stating that in the future, municipalities could not levy less than the previous year for fire, rescue and police services.
 - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta noted that there had not been a meeting last month. The next meeting will be Monday, April 19, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.
 - 8C. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Wiese stated that he and the committee had reviewed the contracts with Veolia. Inmates will do the landscaping around the pavilion with brick from McNaughton. The weight limits were removed today. The committee has recommended that the town build an access road from the shop to Hwy. 155. Mr. Vojta added that the chipper had been added to the town's insurance policy.
 - 8E. **Bike & Hike Trail:** Mark Hiller stated that right now is a holding period for the approvals. The environmental documents need to be approved next. Ads for bids should be in by late June and construction needs to begin by September 1. It will take about 8 weeks to construct the bridge and 3 weeks for the trail itself. The land use agreements need to be in place. The committee is planning on applying for another grant.
 - 8F. **Golf Course:** Mr. Vojta reported that the course opened on April 1, 2010. The balance of the carts have been delivered. A minimal crew is trying to get the course ready for play. Ms. Nimz noted that the course might have to supply health insurance for its employees.
 - 8G. **Finance:** Mr. Radtke stated that the committee would work on the loan for the Bike & Hike Trail when they are ready.
 - 8H. **Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen stated that some of the vacancies had been filled, but some other people had also left. There was nothing to report concerning the cemetery.
 - 8I. **Lakes:** Mr. Wiese stated the grant money had been received. The next meeting will be on April 20, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. The Little St. Germain District is working with UW Oshkosh concerning an

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employee for the boat landing. Mr. Wiese did not know what the Big St. Germain District was going to do. Chuck Their has resigned as chairman. The town board is going to have to appoint another town board member to the lakes committee. The board may also have to pass another resolution naming someone other than Mr. Wiese as representative.

8J. Room Tax: Mr. Radtke noted that the next meeting would be in May.

8K. Invasive Committee: Mr. Christensen stated that he had not been at the last meeting. Trees for Tomorrow will be giving a presentation at the end of the month.

8K. Vilas County Board Representative: Mr. Radtke noted that county zoning permits were up, but that the dollar amount was down. Septic systems in four towns will be inspected. All systems in the county must be on the county program by 2013. The ball fields will be transferred to Hwy. G by next year. Ms. Platner stated that the county chairman position would be decided next week. A water specialist had been hired for a limited term.

8L. Yard Waste: Mr. Radtke noted that the yard waste site opened last weekend, a month earlier than last year. The site will remain open on Friday and Saturday through at least the first week in June.

8M. Landfill Venture Group: Mr. Radtke stated that repairs needed to be made to the digester and the leach tank. The LVG is working on the new cell.

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

9.1 Hike & Bike Trail Construction Contract: Mark Hiller explained that a portion of the grant could be lost if the bridge over Little St. Germain Creek had to be moved. The trail could be moved, but the location of the bridge has been set. Adjacent property owners have been concerned about the location of the bridge. The deadline for applying for another Stewardship Grant is May 1, 2010. The money from a new grant could be used to finish the portions of the trail that had to be scaled down. The committee would like to apply for a grant of \$81,000. Matching funds would come from a \$40,000 WVIC grant and a \$41,000 refund from Boonestro. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the town board approve of the application for a Stewardship Grant for phase IIB of the Bike & Hike Trail to complete the Sunrise spur, the Jackson/Halberstadt spurs and to complete the trail to Old Hwy. 70 for \$81,000 with matching funds to come from a \$40,000 grant from WVIC and a \$41,000 refund from Boonestro. Approved.

9.2 Advertising Ad for Public Works Grounds & Buildings Maintenance Employee: Ms. Nimz stated that money had been placed in the 2010 budget for a third public works employee. Ms. Nimz and Mr. Wiese explained why the public works committee thought that the employee was necessary. Mr. Radtke wanted to know just the duties the employee would have. He also wanted to know if it would be cheaper to hire out the work to private contractors. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the matter be tabled at this time for further review. Mr. Radtke, Mr. Christensen and Mr. Vojta voted in favor, Ms. Nimz and Mr. Wiese voted against. Motion carried.

9.3 Public Works Grounds & Buildings Maintenance Employee Compensation: There was no discussion since item 9.2 had been tabled.

9.4 Garbage and Recycling Contracts with Veolia: Mr. Wiese explained that the town was in the first year of a five-year contract with Veolia. Mr. Wiese thought that the town was paying too much, but it would take litigation to get out of the contract. Mr. Wiese had also been in contact with other haulers. Veolia has agreed to change the five-year contract to a one-year contract that would expire on May 15, 2011. After that it would be a month-to-month contract. At that time, a new town chairman would decide what to do. The town should save \$5,000 to \$7,000 with the change. Motion Vojta seconded Wiese that the town approve the one-year contract with Veolia. Approved.

9.5 Town Shop Access from Hwy. 155: When the town purchased the Drews property a few years ago, it allowed for an easement for an access road to the property next to the Drews home. Mr. Ebert stated that it is very difficult and dangerous to try to get trucks through the parking lot while the Flea Market and other town events are held. The public works committee has recommended that the access road be built. The town crew had the equipment to build the road. The town already has the gravel at Pitlik's pit. The property line is also already marked. Mr. Radtke thought that there would still be a cost to the town since the gravel could be used somewhere else, and the crew could be doing something else.

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Motion Radtke to table at this time. Motion failed for lack of a second.

Motion Wiese seconded Vojta to accept the recommendation from the public works committee to build the access road to Hwy. 155. Motion carried. Mr. Radtke voted against.

9.6 Fourth of July Celebration Amusement Rides: Ms. Nimz explained that Big Brother, Big Sister and the Lions Club were now in charge of the entertainment for the Independence Day Celebration. In order to try to keep people in town between the parade and fireworks, it was suggested that there be rides for the children. However, neither Big Brother, Big Sister nor the Lions Club has the funds for the rides. It has been suggested that the town pay for the rides. The town already pays for the fireworks. There was also a concern about liability insurance. Motion Christensen seconded Radtke to table the matter at this time. Approved.

9.7 Public Hearing for Sign Ordinance: There will be a public hearing to discuss the off-premise sign ordinance on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center following the regular town board meeting. After the public hearing, the town board will reconvene to make a decision concerning the ordinance.

9.8 Annual Beaver Program: Motion Radtke seconded Vojta to decline the annual Vilas County beaver program. Approved.

9.9 Donation Request – St. Germain/Sayner Youth Baseball & Northwoods Children’s Museum: Motion Christensen seconded Wiese to decline the request for donations to the St. Germain/Sayner Youth Baseball and Northwoods Children’s Museum. Approved. The board felt that rather than contribute to individual groups it would spend money on improvements to the facilities.

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

Verdelle Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe noted that 82 members attended the last Prime Timers meeting. The Prime Timers contributed \$1,300 to the Fire Fighters Association and \$100 to the St. Germain/Sayner Youth Baseball team. The trips to plays will be starting soon. Ms. Mauthe also thanked Mr. Wiese for his years of service to the town.

Brian Sherren: Mr. Sherren asked if the golf course still had its debt reserve fund. It doesn’t show up on the monthly report. Mr. Sherren also asked that an accounting of the 2009 levy increase be available for the annual elector meeting tomorrow night.

11. Board Concerns:

Peggy Nimz: Ms. Nimz noted that Mike VanMeter had built a basket for the loader bucket so that when the Christmas lights, etc. were put up, the crew could be harnessed in.

Todd Wiese: Mr. Wiese stated that Jim Santefort had resigned from the public works committee and would have to be replaced. Mr. Wiese also thanked the board for working with him for the last five years.

Lee Christensen: Mr. Christensen added that the town needed an office. Ms. Nimz stated that the desks were in the room next door.

12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a public hearing concerning the off-premise sign ordinance on Monday, May 10, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. The town board will reconvene the regular town board meeting following the public hearing.

13. Adjournment: Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:56 P.M.

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