

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JUNE 14, 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, Walt Camp, Lee Christensen, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 17 other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the minutes of the May 10, 2010 town board meeting and the May 18, 2010 special town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 05-31-2010: \$8,278.61; Lakes Account \$71,444.85; Lakes Committee CD \$15,412.30; Rental Account \$7,235.19; Bag Account \$10,451.32; Room Tax Account \$26,647.93; Debt Reserve \$51,282.27; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$64,557.78, First National Money Market \$38,136.73, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,783.05. Golf Course Regular Account \$25,119.08; Money Market \$0; CD \$0.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$35,511.97. Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved. Ms. Janssen also noted that she had a financial report from the cemetery committee. She would check into whether or not those funds also had to be managed by the town treasurer and clerk.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Vojta seconded Camp that vouchers 18471 – 18526 be approved along with the following extra bills: Copy Cat Printing \$250.00 – Found Lake Assoc. invasive species signs; Found Lake Assoc. \$58.88—reim. for material for signs. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Ms. Nimz noted that Cindy Grambow was the new Vilas County Humane Officer.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
  - 9A. **Fire Department:** John Vojta reported that there had been 23 calls last month. He also stated that the problem with the jet gun on the new fire truck had been fixed. There have been complaints about the parking on Hwy. 70 during the flea market. Vilas County has reinstalled the No Parking signs. The town crew has installed brackets so that on flea market day orange flags will be placed on the signs. Cones could also be put out. Vilas County will ticket violators.
  - 9B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta noted that a letter had been prepared concerning one of Cathy's Ice Cream signs. So far, Mr. Clark has not reviewed it and it has not been sent. There will have to be a public hearing scheduled for setback changes. There will be a public hearing held tomorrow night at 7:00 P.M. to discuss a proposed sign ordinance.
  - 9C. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Ms. Nimz reported that pavers have been installed between the parking lot and the pavilion.
  - 9D. **Emergency Preparedness:** Mr. Vojta had nothing to report.
  - 9E. **Bike & Hike Trail:** Mr. Radtke stated that a notice had been published and letters had been sent to two interested parties concerning the bridge over the Little St. Germain River as required by the DNR for the grant. The committee is looking into having the bridge constructed early.
  - 9F. **Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen reported that due to the recent rain, the course is in great shape. The Angel on My Shoulder outing was rained out. Mr. Christensen noted that the owners of the Whitetail had opened the bar so the players had a place to get out of the rain. There was a special meeting with the town board on May 18, 2010 to discuss the lease agreement with the Whitetail and Mulligans.
  - 9G. **Finance:** Mr. Radtke stated that the committee has not met. Ms. Janssen will meet with Boyd Best this month to discuss the golf course finances.
  - 9H. **Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen stated that the vacancies at the Housing Authority have been varying. Mr. Camp noted that the rates for plots at the cemetery are going up. He also stated that Pat & Jerry Eliason are doing a very good job of keeping the records.

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**9I. Lakes:** Mr. Camp reported that the committee thought that it would be a good idea if each lake association or district placed invasive species signs at the boat landings like those at the Found Lake landing. Coasters that will be dispensed to the local taverns have been purchased. There will be an invasive species training session in Rhinelander this week.

**9J. Room Tax:** Mr. Radtke noted that the next meeting will be in August.

**9K. Invasive Committee:** Mr. Christensen stated that a memorandum of understanding had been drafted concerning communications with the DNR and other governmental units. There will be a meeting concerning invasive species at LUHS on June 29, 2010.

**9L. Vilas County Board Representative:** Mr. Radtke handed out information showing that zoning permits in Vilas County are up dramatically for the year to date. There will be a meeting at 9:00 A.M. tomorrow. Some board members are still pushing for the addition to the courthouse. Ms. Platner noted that stimulus money might be available for the courthouse. She also reported that Vilas County has been very supportive of the nutrition program.

**9M. Yard Waste:** Mr. Radtke noted that the facility is closed until the fall. The last two weeks most of the loads have consisted of branches and logs.

**9N. Landfill Venture Group:** Mr. Radtke stated that there was a LVG meeting going on right now.

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

**9.1 Approve/Disapprove Liquor Licenses:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the Class A and Class B intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverage licenses for 2010-2011 be approved as presented with the addition of a special picnic beer license for the Prime Timers on July 17, 2010. Approved.

**9.2 Approve/Disapprove Cigarette Licenses:** Motion Camp seconded Vojta that the cigarette licenses for 2010-2011 be approved as presented. Approved.

**9.3 Approve/Disapprove Bartender's Licenses:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the bartender licenses for 2010-2011 be approved as presented. Approved. Mr. Radtke asked whether the clerk had done background checks on the applicants. The clerk asked how to do a background check. The board said that the clerk should use Ccap for this year, but that he should look into the cost of actually doing a background check for next year. The cost would be added onto the license fee. This would apply to all licenses.

**9.4 Approve/Disapprove Class A Combination License – Little Red Canoe Coffee Co., LLC, Leslie Rasch-Hiller, agent:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that a Class A Combination intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverage license be issued to Little Red Canoe Coffee Co., LLC, Leslie Rasch-Hiller, agent. Approved.

**9.5 Red Brick Schoolhouse Contractor's Update – Ellen Allen:** Ms. Allen introduced the contractors that were present. Aleta Edwards, Bill Edwards wife, stated that Mr. Edwards proposal for plumbing was \$12,500 for materials and that he would donate \$12,500 in labor. Chuck Vanskyhawk stated that the cost of rebuilding the roof, not including weatherproofing, felt paper or shingles, on the 1965 portion of the building would be \$18,631 for labor and \$12,253 for material, but that material costs constantly changed. Ms. Allen read a quote from Nathan Wusterbarth for \$10,900 for shingling the roof. Mr. Wusterbarth would donate \$2,500 in labor lower the cost. Bruce and Dexter VanHoozen stated that they would donate 80 hours of labor @\$40 per hour towards electrical work on the main floor. Bruce VanHoozen stated that to replace the florescent tube lights with old fashioned school lights would cost about \$200 per fixture. A lengthy discussion followed. Ms. Nimz stated that even though labor would be donated, the contractors would have to take into account the prevailing wage laws. Mr. Camp thought that the town could petition the state to have the prevailing wage limit lowered.

The board asked Ms. Allen who the general contractor would be. The clerk stated that when the roof on the 1941 portion of the school had been replaced, the town did not hire a general contractor. The contractor doing the work was the general contractor. Mr. Vojta noted that nothing had been addressed concerning HVAC or the chair-lift. There was no mention of remodeling for the

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bathrooms. Mr. Christensen stated that he thought that the building would be usable if the roof was replaced and the ADA compliant chair-lift and bathrooms were installed. The board asked that Ms. Allen present a cost for the chair-lift and the remodeling of the space for ADA compliant bathrooms.

**9.6 Orion Lighting – Jerry Solem:** Mr. Solem was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Vojta noted that the fire department has been using Orion Lighting already. He said that the energy consumption has been greatly reduced. The clerk is to call Mr. Solem and have him call Tim Ebert to find out just what the town could do.

**9.7 Request for Rental of Office Spaces for the Town:** Ms. Nimz noted that Eliason Financial has approached the town concerning possibly renting the back portion of their building for town office and meeting room space. There would be around 5,000 sq. ft. of space. Mr. Eliason proposed a monthly rent rate of \$2,500 to \$3,000 per month. No action was taken.

**9.8 Memorial Day Vandalism:** Ms. Nimz noted that three juveniles had spray painted the concession and scoring booth at the ballpark. While pursuing the three juveniles, Mr. Ebert was injured. The juveniles left a backpack so that their parents were contacted. The parents purchased paint and repainted the building. The juveniles were not from Wisconsin. They were turned over to juvenile intake. Ms. Nimz does not know what has been done. The town board will prosecute.

**9.9 Golf Course Lease Agreement -- Mulligans:** Ms. Nimz read a letter dated June 10, 2010 from Joy and Jeff Seivert relinquishing their pursuit for the Mulligan's food and beverage sales. The Seiverts stated that they did not want it to become a public battle and center of controversy. They did say, however, that if the opportunity did ever become available, that they would be interested in providing a professional level of service to the golf course and its customers. Mr. Christensen noted that the lease provisions between the Seiverts and the town have not been met. Mr. Vojta stated that the two parties have been starting to work together and that the lease provisions will be worked out

**9.10 Public works Recommendation for Road Maintenance/Reconstruction:** Ms. Nimz stated that since the board turned down the road program, the public works committee's hands were pretty much tied. She stated that partially due to the prevailing wages, the cost of reconstructing Jackson Lane had already gone up about 33% from last year. Lost Lake Drive North was also in need of reconstruction. There is \$50,000 in the budget for road maintenance, but nothing for reconstruction. First National Bank had proposed a 10-year loan at 4.3%, but the board did not want to keep adding to the already high loan payments. Mr. Camp will check into whether or not the town can petition the state concerning the prevailing wages. The clerk stated that the cost of reconstructing Jackson Lane could be taken from the Debt Reserve Account as long as it was paid back by 2013. The draws on the Debt Reserve Account will be \$45,000 this year, \$48,000 in 2011, \$63,000 in 2012 and \$77,000 in 2013. Motion Radtke seconded Camp that Jackson Lane be fixed at the same time as the bike and hike trail is done. Approved.

**9.11 Public Works Recommendation for Additional Personnel:** Ms. Nimz stated that since Mr. Ebert was injured, two part time employees have been hired. She would like to continue using the two employees to help catch up on projects that need to be done. Motion Radtke seconded Camp that the town board spend up to \$15,000 this summer for part time help. Approved. Mr. Vojta abstained.

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

**Verdelle Mauthe:** Ms. Mauthe noted that there are now 387 members. New officers will be elected in July. One of the speakers donated \$50 to the fire department. The Prime Timers will hold their annual car show on July 17, 2010.

**Pat Falkenstern:** Ms. Falkenstern thought that the town board should have a State Inspector go through the Red Brick Schoolhouse to see just what needed to be done. She also thought that the inspector should only report to Mr. Vojta or Ms. Nimz since they were impartial. Ms. Falkenstern was also mentioned a possible mold problem in the building. She was concerned about the safety of any workers in the building.

**Mary Platner:** Ms. Platner stated that dead birch trees have been falling along Shields Road. Ms. Nimz stated that the crew would clean up the ones that fall, but that they would not be removing the dead trees.

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**Gary Guymon:** Mr. Guymon explained that Verizon would be keeping the cellphone service in the area. Frontier will become the telephone and internet provider for the town.

## 11. Board Concerns:

**Peggy Nimz:** Ms. Nimz stated that she heard that one of the restaurants was going to starting flea markets on Saturdays and Sundays. There does not seem to be any ordinances prohibiting a flea market on private property. Parking might be an issue.

**Walt Camp:** Mr. Camp asked for an update on cable TV. He also asked that the Red Brick Schoolhouse be on the agenda again for the July meeting.

**John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta stated that he has been in touch with Frontier. They are very aware of the concerns about high speed internet. They at least seem interested in trying to provide the service to the entire town.

**Marion Janssen:** Ms. Janssen wanted to know why the employees serving beer with the cart at the golf course did not have bartender licenses. Mr. Martens explained that he had received an email from the Department of Revenue that there were no provisions for licensing bartenders when there is no license for the beer. When the town first started selling beer at the golf course, the town board passed a resolution allowing it.

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

**13. Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Camp that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:40 P.M.

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