

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 13, 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, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Fred Radtke was absent. There were also 10 other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Camp that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the minutes of the August 9, 2010 town board meeting and the August 10, 2010 public hearing be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town, Golf Course and Fire Dept):** Balance General Account as of 08-31-2010: \$36,678.17; Lakes Account \$69,082.26; Lakes Committee CD \$15,425.27; Rental Account \$0; Bag Account \$0; Room Tax Account \$21,236.10; Debt Reserve \$151,363.72; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$64,575.92; First National Money Market \$294,505.26; Playground Equipment Fund \$5,783.78; Golf Course Regular Account \$43,432.18; Money Market \$0; CD \$100,000. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$16,575.23. Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Camp seconded Christensen that vouchers 18639-18704 be approved. Approved. Motion Christensen seconded Camp that golf course vouchers 11628-11670 be approved as presented. Approved.
7. **Communications:** There were none.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
  - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert noted that there had been 23 calls last month. The flea market is over for the year. There will be an open house on October 23, 2010 from 11am until 2pm.
  - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta noted that the committee has approved a condo replat. There will not be a meeting this month.
  - 8C. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Vojta reported that the crew is behind in some of the summer projects. He had received a complaint about the condition of River Road. The committee also looked at the proposed budget for 2011.
  - 8D. **Emergency Preparedness:** Mr. Vojta had nothing to report.
  - 8E. **Bike & Hike Trail:** Mark Hiller noted that the Bike & Hike Trail had received a donation of \$2,850 from the 5K Freedom Run. The cost of Phase IIB will be \$81,000. Kevin from Cedar Corp. and Fred from the DOT were present to talk about the timeline for Phase II. The easements are in except for utility easements from WPS and Frontier. They thought that bids could go out in about three weeks. Hopefully, at least the gravel and bridge footings can still be put down this fall. Mr.

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Vojta was concerned that the town could lose the Stewardship Grant money if the town didn't show some progress yet this year. Ms. Janssen asked how big a line of credit she should get in order to pay bills while waiting to be reimbursed with grant money. The total project will be around \$500,000.

**8F. Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen reported that the committee had reviewed the bills for the month. The board thought that the pro shop could get along with fewer employees. The committee will begin working on the budget next week. Ms. Janssen will give a progress report on the lease agreement with Jeff & Joy Seivert at the October meeting. The next committee meeting will be on October 4, 2010 at 1pm.

**8G. Finance:** Ms. Janssen will check on a line of credit for the Bike & Hike Trail.

**8H. Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen stated that vacancies should be down to two by October. Mr. Camp asked why he was supposed to go to the Housing Authority meetings. Mr. Christensen is on the Housing Authority. He can vote at the meetings. Mr. Camp can only sit there and listen. Ms. Nimz told Mr. Camp that he didn't have to go to the meetings. There was nothing to report concerning the cemetery.

**8I. Lakes:** Mr. Camp reported that the committee had discussed the parking problem at the Big St. Germain boat landing. The No Parking signs have moved so that there is no parking on the south side of Big St. Germain Drive. A letter has been sent to the DNR expressing the concern over the parking. Chuck Their has resigned as chairman of the committee. He will remain as the Found Lake representative. The Little St. Germain Lake District is discussing the phosphorus problem coming from Muskellunge Creek. The tax levy for the Little St. Germain District should be less this year.

**8J. Room Tax:** Ms. Janssen will work on the room tax budget for 2011. She noted that since the Chamber of Commerce has required a room tax number from its members it has helped with delinquent accounts.

**8K. Invasive Committee:** Mr. Christensen stated that they are developing projects and are working on publicity.

**8L. Vilas County Board Representative:** Ms. Platner noted that the Vilas County board had voted not to do the remodeling of the courthouse at this time. Baird Co. advised them that this is a very good time to do the work since interest rates are as low as 1.5%. The board also voted to keep all of the county functions located in the courthouse. The health department is looking at the stray dog problem.

**8M. Yard Waste:** Ms. Nimz noted that the yard facility would be open each Friday and Saturday through the month of October.

**8N. Landfill Venture Group:** There was no report.

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

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- 9.1 Approval of Sign Ordinance:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the sign ordinance be approved as corrected. Approved. The next step is to have the county approve the ordinance.
- 9.2 Approval of Revisions to Setback Ordinance 1.15:** Motion Camp seconded Christensen that the setback revisions to section 1.15 of the St. Germain Zoning Ordinance be approved as presented. Approved.
- 9.3 Approval of Liquor License for EMK, LLP for Someplace Else:** Motion Camp seconded Christensen that a Class B Combination Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage license be granted to EMK, LLP, Richard L. Eliason, Bonita M. Eliason, Diane L. Misina, John Misina, Richelle E. Kruse, Timothy Kruse. Approved.
- 9.4 Yard Waste Facility Fall Hours:** Ms. Nimz noted that the yard waste facility would be every Friday and Saturday through the month of October from 9:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.
- 9.5 High Speed Internet Update:** Mr. Vojta noted that he had not heard from Frontier. However, once they realized that the fire departments and ambulances in the area did not have high-speed Internet service, they were more receptive to the idea. Vilas County economic committee is also looking into it.
- 9.6 Set Date & Time for Board of Review:** Paul Carlson will hold the open book session on October 18, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M. The town board tentatively scheduled the Board of Review for October 18, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. The clerk will check with Mr. Carlson to see if that time will work for him.
- 9.7 River Road Maintenance Level:** Mr. Vojta noted that he had received a complaint concerning the condition of River Road. Ms. Nimz stated that it was a minimum maintenance road. It only had to be passable. It does not get plowed. There are puddles, but the base is solid. The town receives gas tax money for the road. Motion Camp seconded Christensen that River Road is kept as a minimum maintenance road. Approved..
- 9.8 Skateboard Park Repairs:** Mr. Vojta noted that the town's insurance company stated that there were repairs that needed to be done at the skateboard park. Ms. Nimz will find out what happened to the money that the group earned this summer at the Independence Day Celebration. Mr. Ebert noted that almost every morning the town crew has to pick up garbage at the skateboard park. He asked that they police themselves better.

## 10 Citizens Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 minute maximum):

**Tim Nagel:** Mr. Nagel was concerned about Mr. Vojta working as a public works employee when he was also the chairman of the public works committee and was on the personnel committee. Mr. Radtke is in the same position when he works at the transfer station. Mr. Nagel asked the minutes of the various committees be updated on the website. He also asked the town board continue to look at lowering expenses.

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**Brian Sherren:** Mr. Sherren asked when the next budget workshop would be held. He also was concerned about the bit jump in the town tax levy for 2009.

**Gary Guymon:** Mr. Guymon was concerned about all of the cars that had been parked along Hwy. 70 during the Labor Day Flea Market.

**Ellen Allen:** Ms. Allen stated that the Friends of the Old School would like to ask the board to make a decision about the Red Brick Schoolhouse. She also stated that Midwest Wisconsin Bank had grants available.

## 11 Board Concerns:

**Walt Camp:** Mr. Camp stated that he learned a lot at the WTA budget workshop in Minocqua. He also stated that it appeared that St. Germain was doing things right.

**Lee Christensen:** Mr. Christensen asked that the incident where Mr. Ebert was injured while chasing some juveniles be documented in his file..

**12 Set Date & Time For Next Meeting:** The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, October 11, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a budget workshop on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M.

**13 Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:39 P.M.

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