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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 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, Walt Camp, Fred Radtke, Lee Christensen, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 15 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. Mr. Radtke asked that the agenda be changed so that item 9.1 be moved before the committee reports. Ms. Nimz agreed.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the minutes of the September 13, 2010 town board meeting and the October 5, 2010 budget workshop be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town, Golf Course and Fire Dept):** Balance General Account as of 09-30-2010: \$6,321.33; Lakes Account \$69,085.08; Lakes Committee CD \$15,429.20; Rental Account \$0; Bag Account \$0; Room Tax Account \$24,005.39; Debt Reserve \$151,407.26; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$65,178.58; First National Money Market \$214,500.38; Playground Equipment Fund \$5,784.02; Golf Course Regular Account \$69,983.88; Money Market \$0; CD \$100,001.91. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$36,868.63. Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that vouchers 18706-18760 be approved. Approved. Motion Christensen seconded Camp that golf course vouchers 11709-11780 be approved as presented. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Mr. Vojta stated that he had received a letter from Chuck Vogel showing an interest in the vacant position on the Planning & Zoning Committee but that the position had already been filled.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
 - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert noted that there had been 19 calls last month. There will be an open house on October 23, 2010 from 11am until 2pm. The new fire truck will be christened at that time.
 - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta noted that the committee would meet on Monday, October 25, 2010 at 4:05 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center. The committee will review the ordinance book.
 - 8C. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Vojta reported that the crew is getting ready for winter. The stumps have been removed from Jackson Lane. Pitlik & Wick should be here soon to do the roadwork. The cost of approximately \$63,000 will come from the public works account. The Orion lights are installed at the shop and the WISLR report has been filed.

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8D. Emergency Preparedness: Mr. Vojta noted that the town would need to review its emergency plan.

8E. Bike & Hike Trail: The Bike & Hike Trail will be discussed in item #9.1 and #9.2.

8F. Golf Course: Mr. Christensen reported that the course would be closing for the season next week. The revenues are above last year, but still under budget.

8G. Finance: Mr. Radtke asked that a loan for the bike & hike trail be placed on the agenda for next month.

8H. Housing Authority & Cemetery: Mr. Christensen stated that there was nothing new to report.

8I. Lakes: Mr. Camp reported that the committee would not be meeting again until next spring. The Onterra report would be available in spring. The Big St. Germain Lake District will be meeting with Wisconsin Valley Improvement to discuss the fluctuation of the lake level in Big St. Germain and the lakes that feed into it. They are trying to get a working relationship with Wisconsin Valley Improvement.

8J. Room Tax: Mr. Radtke stated that the next meeting would be in November.

8K. Invasive Committee: Mr. Christensen stated that WHIP is making progress. There has been funding from Lumberjack. The memorandum of understanding still has to be signed by two of the entities.

8L. Vilas County Board Representative: Mr. Radtke handed out a report concerning the delinquent property taxes in Vilas County. Delinquencies have spiked in the last few years. The county board approved around \$800,000 to update the HVAC system in the courthouse.

8M. Yard Waste: Mr. Radtke noted that the facility has been open for two weeks. It will remain open on Fridays and Saturdays through October.

8N. Landfill Venture Group: Mr. Radtke stated that the LVG had taken out a loan for \$1.8 million. The loan is supposed to save the group \$300,000 over the next 20 years. Mr. Radtke also stated that the LVG has a letter from their attorney stating that towns can opt out of the LVG, but that they would be responsible for the cost of any programs that had been agreed to while the town was a member.

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

9.1 Update on Bike & Hike Trail – Amy Plato: Amy Plato, the design engineer from Bonestroo, stated that the bids had been advertised. There has been interest, but so far, she has not received any bids. The bids will be opened tomorrow in Park Falls. The lowest bid will be accepted. The bid needs to be approved by the Department of Transportation. The town board will also need to approve the bid. The general contractor will hire out subcontractors. Any subcontractors need to be on a pre-approved list. Ms. Plato stated that the plan is to complete everything but the paving yet this fall. Mr. Vojta noted that there would be areas near Vogel

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Enterprises and the snowmobile trail that could be damaged by heavy equipment. Ms. Plato said that those things would be discussed at the pre-construction meeting. She also noted that the town could dictate which portions of the trail should be done first.

- 9.2 Set Date and Time for Bike & Hike Trail Bid Acceptance:** There will be a special town board meeting held on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center for the purpose of accepting the bid for Phase II of the Bike & Hike Trail. The Board of Review will follow the meeting at 6:00 P.M.
- 9.3 Appointment of Peggy Anderson for Five-year Term on Housing Authority Committee:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that Peggy Anderson be appointed to a five-year term to the Housing Authority. Approved.
- 9.4 Approve changes in By-Laws for the Housing Authority Committee:** Mr. Christensen stated that attorney Steve Lucre asked that the town board approve the changes in the By-Laws for the Housing Authority. Ms. Nimz questioned why the board needed to approve them when the board really had no say in what went on at the Housing Authority. The item was tabled until the board discusses the matter with Attorney Lucareli.
- 9.5 Set Date & Time for Budget Workshop:** The next budget workshop meeting will be held on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 4:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.
- 9.6 Set Date & Time for Electors Meeting:** The Annual Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the community center. It will be followed immediately by a special elector meeting to approve the tax levy for 2010 to be collected in 2011.
- 9.7 Approve Radar Run for January 21 and 22, 2011:** Motion Vojta seconded Camp that the town board sanction the following trails for the St. Germain Radar Racers Radar Run on January 21, 2011 and January 22, 2011: (1) Hearthside to Thunderbird Pass; (2) St. Germain Rentals along highline to Elberts Condominiums; (3) Trail from West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake to Hwy. 70 next to Corner Store Gas Station; (4) All marked trails on Little St. Germain Lake; (5) West one half of West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake. The times will be from 10:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. on both days. Approved.
- 9.8 Ellen Allen – Becoming an Official Town Committee:** Ms. Allen noted that her committee, The Friends of the Old School, would like to become an official town committee like the bike & hike trail committee and the caring for kids park committee. By becoming an official committee, Ms. Allen thought that there would be better communications between the committee and the town board. She also stated that the committee would not need tax-exempt status. Ms. Allen also stated that at the last elector meeting, the people had approved that the town board repair the roof on the rear portion of the school. The people also said that other work should be done by donations. Ms. Allen said that people are afraid to donate since the town board has not made any decisions concerning the school. Mr. Radtke stated prior to any referendum, the town board would have to make a decision and back the referendum. Mr. Vojta stated that the first step should be for the town board to make a decision. Mr. Christensen felt that the town board should

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make the decision to repair the roof and that donations would follow. Ms. Allen's request was tabled at this time.

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

Mary Lee Mueller: Ms. Mueller asked how the collection of the room tax was enforced. She was told to contact Marion Janssen.

Rosalie Sherwin: Ms. Sherwin read from a prepared list of complaints: (1) Town Clerk has two deputies; (2) Are deputies oaths and bonds on file – can they be inspected?; (3) Town Clerk editing of board meeting minutes; (4) Lee Christensen, town supervisor, is financially supporting “Friends of the Old Schoolhouse”. The honorable thing for Lee to do is refrain from voting regarding the Red Brick School; (5) I stated reason why proponents of Red Brick School felt they lost at elections.

Gary Guymon: Mr. Guymon encouraged people to vote on November 2, 2010.

Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke noted that the Prime Timers had very enjoyable trips to the Badlands. There were 115 people at the last meeting.

11. Board Concerns:

Walt Camp: Mr. Camp asked how citizens were to get answers to their questions if the town board could not respond to their concerns. He was told that they could talk to board members after the meeting or ask to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke stated that he thought that the town should seek insurance quotes each year.

John Vojta: Mr. Vojta stated that he thought that the town board needed to make a decision concerning the Red Brick Schoolhouse. He also said that everyone should tell their friends about the elector meeting so that just a few people weren't making important decisions.

Marion Janssen: Ms. Janssen asked when Trick or Treating would be held. It will be on October 31, 2010.

12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting: The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, November 8, 2010 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a budget workshop on Monday, October 18, 2010 from 4:00 P.M. There will be a special town board meeting on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. The Board of Review will be held on Monday, October 18, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. All of the meetings will be held in meeting room #4 of the community center. The Annual Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the community center. It will be followed immediately by a special elector meeting to approve the tax levy for 2010 to be collected in 2011.

13. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:58 P.M.

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