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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 8, 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 23 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 Vojta seconded Camp that the minutes of the October 5, 2010 budget workshop that had been approved at the October 11, 2010 town board meeting be amended so that the words “the town could enter into a contract with Eagle Waste at a lower cost” are stricken from the minutes. Approved. Mr. Vojta asked that approval of the October 11, 2010 minutes be tabled at this time.
5. **Approval of Treasurer’s Report (Town, Golf Course and Fire Dept):** Balance General Account as of 10-31-2010: (\$3543.44); Lakes Account \$32,120.63; Lakes Committee CD \$15,433.00; Rental Account \$0; Bag Account \$0; Room Tax Account \$95,535.80; Debt Reserve \$189,459.55; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$65,181.35; First National Money Market \$176,663.35; Playground Equipment Fund \$5,784.26; Golf Course Regular Account \$14,675.68; Money Market \$0; CD \$100,033.56. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$35,308.27. Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the treasurer’s report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that vouchers 18761-18818 be approved. Approved. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that golf course vouchers 11827-11848 be approved as presented. Approved.
7. **Communications:** There were none.
8. **Town Committee Reports:** Ms. Nimz noted that there would not be any committee reports.
9. **Items for Consideration (Approve, Disapprove, Table):**
 - 9.1 **Future Town Use of Red Brick School:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen this town board goes on record on November 8, 2010 that we will henceforth seek funding for getting the red brick building as a usable building for town and community usage. Secondly, that the town board will look for budget dollars to fix the annex roof and ways to start fixing the interior to make comfortable meeting and office space. The town board will further commit to yearly placing into the budget a sum of dollars for remodeling the building to meet handicap standards and office space and meeting space for town and community usage. Ms. Nimz was concerned that the motion was open ended. Mr. Vojta wanted to know what it was going to cost. He said that could not support the motion without knowing what it was going to cost.

Mr. Camp stated that he thought that the motion was to show that the board was taking a stand about fixing and using the building. Mr. Christensen stated that the town needed a place to keep

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records and for people to come in if they needed something. Ms. Nimz asked if this was a non-budgeted expense item. Mr. Radtke said that it was.

By a roll call vote: Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Camp – yes; Mr. Vojta – No; Mr. Christensen – yes; Ms. Nimz – no. Motion carried.

Mr. Camp thought that the money in the bike & hike account should be used to repair the roof. Mr. Vojta stated that the money had already been earmarked for Jackson Lane. Mr. Martens stated that at the last budget workshop, it was decided that the bike & hike money would remain in that account. Mr. Martens will listen to the tape to see what was said. The board also discussed the cost of having the plans re-approved by the state. Ms. Nimz asked if the entire plan had to be approved or if it could just be the roof portion. Mr. Camp noted that the state requirements had not changed since the plans had been approved the last time. Mr. Radtke stated that the plans called for a knee-wall to be built with a hip roof to be built over that. Ms. Nimz stated that it would have to put out for bids. Mr. Camp asked that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next meeting.

- 9.2 Landfill Venture Group Agreement and Operation Concerns:** Tabled until the December town board meeting.
- 9.3 Approval of 2010/2011 Bo-Boen Snowmobile Routes:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Routes be approved as presented. Approved. The routes are the same as what they have been the past several years.
- 9.4 Approval of Golf Course 2011 Budget:** Ms. Janssen stated that the committee had decided not to change the rates for 2011. The board felt that should be their decision. Mr. Radtke thought that the revenue projection for 2011 was too high. He thought that \$725,000 might be a more realistic number. Boyd Best thought that it could be higher. Mr. Vojta thought that the revenues should be set at \$706,000, which are the actual revenues for 2010. Mr. Christensen stated that revenues for 2010 were up about 5% from 2009. There was a discussion concerning dropping American Express Cards. They cost from 3% to 4% compared to 1.5% for Master Card, VISA and Discover. No decision was made. Mr. Christensen stated that the course was profitable. The problem was that the loan payment kept going up each year and that the loan was structured in such a way that it could not be refinanced. Mr. Martens added that initially, the golf course debt reserve fund was to offset the loan payment increases each year. But, that since the debt reserve fund was no longer there the payments were going up. The golf course budget was tabled until the December meeting.
- 9.5 Approval of 2011 Golf Course Rates:** Tabled until the December town board meeting.
- 9.6 Approval of 2011 Lakes Improvement Committee Allotment:** Chuck Their stated that the Lakes Committee needed money in reserve in case an invasive species showed up in one of the other lakes in town. He said that the \$32,000 balance in the Lakes Committee Account would be just a drop in the bucket. Mr. Their also reported that the major lakes in town contribute to a fund that is being handled by the Fish & Wildlife Club. The money is used to maintain signs, etc. at the boat landings. In 2012, funding for Walleye fingerlings will stop and each lake will

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have to pay for its own fish. The room tax contribution to the Lakes Committee will remain at \$3,500 and the contribution to the Lakes Improvement Fund will remain at \$5,000.

9.7 Approval of Room Tax 2011 Budget: Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the Room Tax Budget for 2011 be approved as presented by Ms. Janssen. Approved.

9.8 Janke Inc., General Contractors (Athens, WI) Construction Contract: Motion Radtke seconded Camp that the construction contract for Phase II of the Bike & Hike Trail with Janke General Construction, Inc. of Athens, WI in the amount of \$555,919.20 be approved. Approved. Ms. Nimz noted that she had signed the contract and that the town clerk had attested to her signature.

9.9 Bonestroo Contract to Oversee Janke Inc. General Contractors: Tabled until November 15, 2010 meeting.

9.10 Vilas County Solid Waste Committee Recycling Program Contract: Tabled until November 15, 2010 meeting.

10. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Camp that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:30 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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