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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 14, 2011

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 16 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 Christensen that the minutes of the January 10, 2011 and the January 13, 2011 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town, Golf Course and Fire Dept):** Balance General Account as of 1-31-2011: \$4,040.83; Lakes Account \$35,233.95; Lakes Committee CD \$15,444.54; Room Tax Account \$28,552.72; Debt Reserve \$291,888.42; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$67,296.46; First National Money Market \$1,953,271.48; Playground Equipment Fund \$5,784.99; Golf Course Regular Account \$216.95; Payroll Acct. \$10,000; CD \$30,104.74. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$17,550.88. Mr. Vojta noted that it appeared that the golf course would be running out of money to pay the monthly bills very shortly. He suggested closing the golf course shop for the month of March. Ms. Janssen didn't think that was a good idea since last year the course was open by the end of March. Mr. Christensen stated that the course would have to borrow to make the bonding payment in June. Mr. Vojta stated that the rangers had to be paid in order to be covered under the town's insurance policy. Motion Camp seconded Christensen that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Christensen seconded Camp that vouchers 18949-19047 be approved . Approved.
7. **Communications:** Ms. Nimz noted that she had received a message from Mary Platner stating that she would be retiring from being the St. Germain reporter for the New Review. Veronica Olson would be taking her place..
8. **Items for Consideration (Approve, Disapprove, Table):**
 - 8.1 **Community Center Space and Storage – Anne Small:** Ms. Small stated that she was concerned that one group could have sole use of the only large meeting room available in the community center. She thought that any group should be able to use the room. Ms. Small had called Lois Reudiger to reserve meeting room #6. Ms. Reudiger stated that she didn't have a key to the room. Ms. Small made arrangements with the Prime Timers to use the room, but when she went to use it, it was locked. Ms. Small also stated that she had tried to use a room at the elementary school, but that the only space available was the lunchroom. Ms. Nimz stated that she would place the matter on the agenda for the March meeting. Mr. Vojta suggested allowing groups to use meeting room #4, but the clerk said that it needed to be available for town use at any given time. Ms. Nimz also stated that she had received calls concerning the Prime Timers use of the bathrooms for storage when they had their own storage shed. Ms. Nimz stated that she would call around to see if there were other concerns about the room.
 - 8.2 **Transfer Station:** Mr. Vojta stated that there was nothing to discuss at this time.
9. **Closed Session: It is anticipated a motion will be made and seconded to convene into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for purpose of discussion of employee contracts.**
 - 9.1 **Adjourn Closed Session Pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) and return to open meeting.** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned into closed session at 6:20 P.M. By a roll call vote: Mr. Camp – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes. Ms. Nimz – yes. Motion carried.
 - 9.2 **Open Session – Return to Open Session:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be reconvened into open session at 7:05 P.M. By a roll call vote: Mr. Camp – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes. Ms. Nimz – yes. Motion carried
 - 9.3 **Action on Closed Session, If needed:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the letter dated January 23, 2011 to Jeff & Joy Seivert be approved with the change to section three that the

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costs of mowing and trimming of the lawn shall be the sole responsibility of the Lessee (Town of St. Germain) and that the actual name of the Lessor be clarified. Approved.

Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the proposal from the Whitetail Inn concerning the food & beverage service on the golf course be declined. Approved.

10. Town Committee Reports:

10A. Fire Department: Tim Clark reported that there had been 24 calls last month. The paperwork for the ISO rating has been sent. The department has been working on updating the radios. There was a question as to whether or not the town could use the water supply at Camp's Supervalu in case of an emergency.

10B. Planning & Zoning: Mr. Vojta stated that the next meeting Monday, February 21, 2011 at 4:05 P.M. He encouraged all of the board members to attend to hear the discussion concerning the new sign ordinance and the fee schedule.

10C. Public Works/Parks & Recreation: Mr. Vojta stated that the next public works committee meeting would be held on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. There will be a discussion about the transfer station. John Shay will be going on medical leave starting on February 23, 2011. The transfer station will be closed on Mondays. Mike VanMeter will man the site on Wednesdays. Jeanne Kroll will be hired for the Saturday hours.

10D. Emergency Preparedness: Mr. Vojta had nothing to report.

10E. Bike & Hike Trail: Clyde Owens had nothing new to report. Ms. Nimz stated that the weight limits had been changed for the bridge over Little St. Germain River. Mr. Martens stated that he and Mark Hiller have been trying to get together to complete the grant reimbursement applications.

10F. Golf Course: Mr. Christensen had nothing new to report.

10G. Finance: There was no report.

10H. Housing Authority & Cemetery: Mr. Christensen had nothing new to report.

10I. Lakes: Mr. Camp reported that the committee had approved the expenditures for public awareness. Mr. Camp stated the Alma-Moon District has decided to put a map showing the property owners and the fire numbers in the district on their website. Nothing new has been decided on the parking lot for the Big St. Germain boat landing. Mr. Vojta asked about the DNR policy for plowing the Big St. Germain boat landing.

10J. Room Tax: Ms. Janssen stated that the fourth quarter collections were \$35,789.47. The next meeting is this Wednesday.

10K. Invasive Committee: Mr. Christensen stated that the committee is working on public awareness. He handed out a pamphlet from WHIP.

10L. Vilas County Board Representative: Mary Platner stated that an ordinance for animal control was on the agenda for the next meeting. Nothing has been finalized as of this time.

10M. Yard Waste: There was no report.

10N. Landfill Venture Group: Mr. Camp asked if anyone knew when the next LVG meeting was going to be held.

10O. Insurance: Mr. Vojta noted that the town had received the workmen's compensation bill from after the annual audit.

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

Verdelle Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe stated that in regards to Anne Small's concern, the new president of the Prime Timers intended to open the door to the room for Ms. Small, but forgot to do it. Ms. Mauthe also stated that the Prime Timers have asked Lois Reudiger to let people know that they can

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use the room, if the Prime Timers don't have something already scheduled. Ms. Nimz suggested that the Prime Timers give a schedule of their events to Ms. Reudiger. Ms. Mauthe said that they already had done that. Ms. Mauthe also noted that they had a speaker on wells and septics at their last meeting. The Valentine Dinner will be at Spang's on February 17, 2011.

Brian Sherren: Mr. Sherren stated that when he was chairman, he had told Steve Spears that the golf course can pay out only so much money. The course is living beyond its means. The town board still needs to approve the town budget for 2011.

Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen stated that the Friends of the Old School would be holding a Spaghetti Dinner at Sisters on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 from 5 pm to 8 pm. There will also be silent auction.

12. Board Concerns:

Walt Camp: Mr. Camp stated that he had attended the WTA workshop in Minocqua on February 5, 2011. He learned that there is a push to change the prevailing wage law back to the way it was, or even to eliminate it altogether. The town board should contact the legislators. There could also be requests for proposals rather than formal bids.

Peggy Nimz: Ms. Nimz noted that Fred Radtke is working a job description for the constable for the March meeting.

Tom Martens: Mr. Martens said that he had submitted an application to the Department of Justice for on-line background checks. He asked the board what he was supposed to be looking for. The board said that he should bring any questionable applications before the town board. Mr. Martens also stated that he had sent an email showing that if the town board would increase the garbage fees to \$3, and negotiate a different contract with John Shay, the transfer station could break even or possibly even make a little money.

13. Set Time & Date for Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled town board meeting will be held on Monday, March 14, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center.

14. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Nimz that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:18 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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