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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 12, 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. Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - 2. Roll Call:** Walt Camp, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, William Bates, Lee Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 27 other people in attendance.
  - 3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Bates seconded Radtke that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
  - 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the minutes of the August 8, 2011 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
  - 5. Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town, Golf Course & Fire Department):** Balance General Account as of 8-31-2011: \$162,280.00; Lakes Account \$25,601.94; Lakes Committee CD \$15,471.48; Room Tax Account \$14,429.36; Debt Reserve \$155,830.31; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$6,476.74; First National Money Market \$51,272.83; Playground Equipment Fund \$4,386.45; Fire Department Restricted Acct. \$5,816.78; Golf Course Regular Account \$9,722.87; Payroll Acct. \$0; CD \$1000.00; Fire Dept. Acct. \$7,512.73..
  - 6. Payment of Invoices, Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Radtke seconded Bates that Mr. Camp be reimbursed \$185.20 for use of his cell phone, but that Mr. Camp is to come back to the board with a plan so that his phone doesn't go over the limit because of town business. Motion carried. Mr. Vojta was against. Mr. Camp abstained. Mr. Vojta stated that all of the elected officials have used their own phones and had other expenses and has not been reimbursed. Motion Radtke seconded Bates that town vouchers 19475-19539 be approved along with the following extra bills; Mid States \$1,687.48 – well monitoring; Allied 100 \$45—fire dept and that the golf course and fire dept. bills also be approved. Approved. .
  - 7. Communications:** Mr. Camp noted that he had received a letter from the D.O.T. stating that they would be working on the culvert on Hwy. 155 for Lost Creek sometime in 2013 or 2014. Mr. Vojta asked that Mr. Camp check to see how they were going to handle the fire department's dry hydrant. Mr. Camp also has received notice that the water at the community center and the pavilion passed inspection. The boiler at the community center has been inspected. The permit will be posted in the boiler room. The WISLR report needs to be filed. The town has also received a thank you note from the Freedom 5K run.
- Mr. Camp also stated that he had received a letter from a man stating how great the fireworks were. He asked what he could do to help. The man sent a check for \$2,000. Mr. Radtke stated that he had estimates from Krueger Fireworks for a 30-minute show for \$10,000 and a 45-minute show for \$12,000.
- 8. Citizen's Comments on Items to be Considered by Town Board (3 minute maximum):** There were none.
  - 9. Items to be considered by the Board:**
    - 9.1 Appointment of Nancy Neff to Housing Authority:** Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that Nancy Neff be reappointed to the Housing Authority for a five-year term beginning in September 2011 and ending in September 2016. Approved.
    - 9.2 Friends of the Old School:** Ellen Allen stated that her group and Red Brick Schoolhouse, Inc. have combined to form Supporters of the Old School Building. She stated that her group felt that it was time for the town board to make a decision so that the public landmark could remain standing. She also noted that without board support, the public is very reluctant to help. Mr. Christensen asked that a resolution concerning the 1941 portion of the building be drawn up and placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
    - 9.3 Generator for Public Works Building:** Mr. Camp stated that a propane-fired generator has been stored in the town shop for the last 10 years. Tim Ebert has asked that it be hooked up so that the gas pumps, lights and doors could be operated in case of a power outage. Mr. Vojta was in favor of connecting the generator as long as it didn't cost more than a few hundred dollars.

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Motion Bates seconded Christensen that the generator be connected as long as it is in working condition. Approved.

**9.4 Approval of Fee for Stump Dump Usage:** Mr. Camp reported that the public works committee had recommended to the town board that a fee should be charged for using the yard waste facility. Mr. Vojta stated there were concerns about illegal dumping and burning when he first had worked on getting the yard facility opened. He thought that with a fee, those would be concerns again. Mr. Vojta also thought that yard waste facility was one thing that people could see that they were getting for their taxes. He also stated that the site doesn't have to be manned. Mr. Radtke stated that by next spring the compost should be ready to sell. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that a fee of two dollars per vehicle be charged at the yard waste facility. Motion carried. Mr. Bates and Mr. Vojta voted against.

**9.5 Road Signs – Handicap Child Sign for Sunset Blvd:** Mr. Camp stated that he had received a request for a "Handicapped Child" sign for Sunset Blvd. The severely handicapped child is in a motorized wheelchair. The caregiver and child sometimes walk along Sunset Blvd. Cars sometimes pass them at high speeds. Mr. Camp stated that the cost of the sign is approximately \$41. Mr. Vojta thought that speed limit signs should also be put. If a road isn't posted, the speed limit is 55 mph. Motion Bates seconded Vojta that both "Handicapped Child" signs and speed limit signs should be put up on Sunset Blvd. Approved. Pat Falkenstern offered to pay for the "Handicapped Child" signs and gave a check for \$82 to the town treasurer.

**9.6 Employee Grievance Resolution:** Mr. Radtke that the grievance resolution be tabled at this time. Since the employees are under contract, the resolution would not take effect until January 1, 2012. Ms. Janssen reminded Mr. Radtke that the golf course part-time employees should also be included.

**9.7 Disposition of Compactor:** Mr. Camp read a letter from Eagle Waste stating that the company would purchase the compactor for \$4,000 with the option that the town could buy it back if Eagle Waste should lose the contract with the town. The letter also stated that the town owed Eagle Waste \$3,962 for "Town of St. Germain" bags that have been used at the transfer station since Eagle Waste took over. After September 1, 2011, Eagle Waste would invoice the town for bags used. Mr. Vojta stated that he had told the town board at the time that there would be a problem with the bags that were out. Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the use of "Town of St. Germain" bags be cut off as of October 1, 2011 and that the town sell the compactor to Eagle Waste for \$4,000 with the understanding that there will be no further charges for bags. Approved.

## 10. Committee Reports:

**10.1 Fire Department:** Tim Clark noted that there had been 25 calls in August. The two-year old Pierce fire truck is finally problem free. Pump and hose tests have been conducted. The department will be doing an inventory tonight. There will be an open house on October 15, 2011 from 9 am until 1 pm. Mr. Clark also stated that perhaps there should be an ordinance concerning false alarms being called in. Apparently the fire alarms at some of the businesses have been sending false alarms. The department now has 28 members. Mr. Clark is working on the ISO rating.

**10.2 Public Works:** Mr. Camp asked if there were any questions on the report that he had sent to the board members. Mr. Vojta asked what it would cost to connect the generator. Mr. Vojta also asked when the board approved snowplowing in Cloverland. Mr. Camp stated that the committee is looking into costs and will ask for board approval once a final proposal is drawn up. Mr. Radtke said that the board will need a resolution to do the plowing. The yard waste facility will be open on Friday & Saturdays beginning on October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> for five weeks.

**10.3 Bike & Hike:** Mr. Camp stated that Janke has asked that the bond be released, however, there are still some things that need to be done. There is a \$17,000 matching grant that is going to be used to extend the trail from South Bay Road to Old Hwy. 70. The town will match with work by the town crew.

**10.4 Personnel:** Mr. Radtke stated that the committee is working on the grievance resolution.

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**10.5 Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen stated that the pathway between the Whitetail Inn and the parking lot has been repaired. Play has been good. The course was booked last Saturday. All of the carts were out. Mr. Christensen stated that something needed to be done about season pass holders. They did not receive any discount earlier this summer when the greens were in poor shape. All other players did receive a discount. The course needs to get more groups to play. The public works crew will be helping with some of the projects at the course. A letter will be sent out with the tax bills. Ms. Janssen stated that the fees for next year need to be set. Mr. Christensen stated that the town will have to refinance about \$500,000 of the debt. Mr. Vojta asked what money would be needed to operate the course for the next 5 to 10 years. Mr. Vojta also asked that the finance committee meeting this Wednesday give him figures. Mr. Christensen also said that the course would have to purchase new greens mowers.

**10.6 Constable:** Jack Santerelli noted that he has responded to 14 dog calls, 1 accident, 7 road calls, 8 traffic stops, 9 vandalism to vehicle calls, 4 traffic control calls, 3 disorderly conduct calls, 13 under aged drinking calls, 15 mailbox vandalism calls, among others. He has also put in 70 hours at the flea market, 13 hours at the Pig In the Pines, among others. Mr. Santerelli also asked that the town board eliminate the town's unenforceable ordinance so that he could ticket people and have them taken to Vilas County Court. Mr. Radtke suggested that the board look into the matter during the budget workshops to see just what it would cost.

**10.7 Lakes:** Mr. Bates noted that there will be an annual meeting on September 17, 2011 to satisfy the conditions of the Onterra grant from 10 am until noon.

**10.8 Cemetery:** Mr. Bates stated that the committee has gotten the necessary documents to that it can now work on a cemetery ordinance.

**12. Citizen's Comments:** **Verdelle Mauthe** noted that 79 had attended the last Prime Timers meeting. About 100 people attended the picnic. There will be a bike ride on September 13<sup>th</sup>. The group donated \$250 for paint for the community center gym.

**Gary Guymon** thought that dogs should not be allowed at the flea market. He thought that it was just a matter of time before someone got bit.

**Phil Monday** said that something needed to be done about the bike trail near the hill by the Big St. Germain River. He almost hit a family that just came out onto the road instead of trying to navigate the hill on the trail..

**Mike Davidson** asked that something be done about the abandoned property at the corner of Normandy Court Road and Hwy. 70. He stated that he thought that Mary Jackson owned the property. Ms. Janssen will find her address. The planning and zoning committee will look into the problem.

**Rosalie Sherwin** asked why she was singled out at the last meeting for talking about non-board matters. She also stated that she thought that it was very dangerous for the motorcycles in the Independence Day Parade to rev up their engines, spin their tires and take off. Ms. Sherwin wanted to know how often the golf course employees were paid. She wanted to know how many of the tapes and CD's of town minutes the clerk had destroyed. She said that he would need town board and State Historical Society permission to destroy them. Ms. Sherwin wanted to know how many groups store things in the community center and if the prime timers still stored things in the shower rooms. Mr. Camp will see what he can find out.

**Pat Falkenstern** wanted to know just what Boyd Best's position was in the town. She wanted to know why his salary was more than the town clerk's and why he didn't take over for the clerk when the clerk was out of town.

**13. Board Concerns:** **John Vojta** was concerned about receiving the necessary information for the finance committee this Wednesday.

**14. Set Time & Date for Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled town board meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center. There will be a budget workshop held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a two-hour time limit. The November town board meeting will be moved to Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the

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community center. There will be a meeting with insurance carriers on October 19, 2011 at noon in meeting room #4 of the community center. There will be a meeting on October 21, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center to make a decision about the town insurance. The assessor will hold his open book session on Monday, October 24, 2011 from 9 am to 11 am in meeting room #4 of the community center. The board of review will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center.

**15. Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:37 P.M.

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Town Clerk

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Chairman

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Supervisor

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