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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 10, 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. Mr. Bates was absent at the beginning of the meeting. He came in at 6:17 P.M. There were also 31 other people in attendance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Mr. Camp forgot to add item #3 to the agenda. The agenda was followed as posted.
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the minutes of the September 12, 2011 regular town board meeting and the September 30, 2011 special town board meeting be approved as written. Approved. Mr. Vojta thought that the approval should be tabled two members of the audience thought that things were missing from the minutes. When questioned, they said that the minutes didn't mention the approval of a bill from Mr. Camp for use of his cell phone. Mr. Vojta read the minutes and found that the bill was in the minutes. The two people from the audience stated that the bill was not mentioned in the minutes in Mary Platner's column.
- 5. Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town, Golf Course & Fire Department):** Balance General Account as of 9-30-2011: \$161,430.58; Lakes Account \$11,154.12; Lakes Committee CD \$15,475.42; Room Tax Account \$17,215.77; Debt Reserve \$141,031.58; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$6,527.01; First National Money Market \$66,131.14; Playground Equipment Fund \$4,386.63; Fire Department Restricted Acct. \$5,817.02; Fireworks Donation Acct. \$2,000.00; Golf Course Regular Account \$(-6,605.39); Payroll Acct. \$1,000.00. Ms. Janssen noted that she had transferred \$32,000 from the town money market account to the golf course general account.
- 6. Citizens' Comments:**
 - Mary Platner:** Ms. Platner explained that he column in the Vilas County News Review is a summary of the minutes of the town board meetings, not the actual minutes.
 - Brian Sherren:** Mr. Sherren stated once again that he and his group had told the town board as far back as 2006 that the golf course needed to operate within its budget. He was quite upset that salaries were so high and that the money had been spent on the golf carts.
 - Rosalie Sherwin:** Ms. Sherwin said that she objected to the agenda item concerning a resolution about the Red Brick Schoolhouse.
 - Verdelle Mauthe:** Ms. Mauthe noted that the Prime Timers would be donating \$1,000 to the fireworks for 2012.
- 7. Payment of Invoices, Town, Fire Department, and Golf Course:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that town vouchers 19540-19624 & the golf course bills be approved as presented. Approved. Mr. Vojta questioned if the golf course employees salaries were being followed to the penny. The Harman Excavating bill is for working on filling the sinkholes on Wilderness Drive.

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- 8. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp noted that he had received a letter from the Plum Lake Library requesting that \$10,000 be placed in the 2012 budget. He also received a letter from Walter Olson Library requesting that \$8,803 be placed in the 2012 budget. The board had approved the \$10,000 for Plum Lake, but has allotted \$8,000 for Walter Olson. Mr. Camp has also received the operator's license for the compost site from the DNR. It expires in September 2012. Eagle Waste sent a letter showing that they are following the contract to the letter. The only extra charge is for the locking bars. The storm water discharge needs to be taken care of on the bike trail or the town will be fined \$10,000 per day. Mr. Camp will not relinquish Janke's bond until everything is taken care of. Mr. Camp also received a letter from Mark Hiller asking the town to once again sanction the radar run for 2012. The letter came too late to be placed on the agenda.
- 9. Fire Chief's Report:** Fire Chief, Tim Clark reported that there had been 11 calls last month. Mr. Clark turned in two checks for \$500 for car accidents to Ms. Janssen. The department has applied for a 50-50 grant for \$5,000 from the DNR to be used for miscellaneous items. Mr. Clark should be receiving some information from the state concerning the ISO rating. The open house will be this Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 9 am to 1 pm. There will be a pancake breakfast. The firemen have been visiting the elementary school for fire prevention week.
- 10. Town Committee Reports (written reports from each committee submitted to supervisors, questions to be asked, etc., additional report from committee chair):** The public works, golf course, yard waste, room tax and personnel committee chairmen had sent reports to the town board. There were no additional questions. Mr. Vojta asked where the additional money was going to come from for the new bike trail. He also asked how much we had received from the grants. Mr. Martens explained that those amounts were published in the financial statement and budget that are posted on the town website. Mark Hiller handed out a spreadsheet showing that there would be a balance of \$23,132.97 that would have to be paid by the town's bike & hike trail account. Ms. Janssen stated that there is money in the money market account that can be used. The \$17,000 that will be needed to complete the trail from South Bay Road to Old Hwy. 70 will be "in kind" work that will be done by the town crew.

There are three issues that need to be addressed before Mr. Camp will release the performance bond to Janke. There are two signs that need to be raised. A 3' diameter portion of blacktop is too thin. The boardwalk has settled and is not level. The clerk also needs to submit a bill to Janke for \$315 for renting the town sweeper and hauling brush to the dump.

11. Items to be considered by the Board:

11.1 Approval/Discussion of 2012 golf fees: Mr. Christensen noted that the golf course committee decided that the seasonal pass rates for both residents and non-residents should be the same. A season pass for twilight will be new for 2012. The course will also offer an afternoon 9-hole rate. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen to approve the new rates. Approved.

11.2 Approval/Discussion of town roads for snowmobile use: Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the town roads to be used for snowmobile routes for 2011-2012 be approved as presented. Approved. The list is the same as last year with the exception of Maplewood Drive being removed. Approved.

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11.3 Resolution to increase town's share of room tax to 30%: Mr. Camp explained that he had talked to the director of the Chamber of Commerce concerning the rate change. There didn't seem to be a problem. Mr. Vojta asked about the term of the contract with the chamber. The resolution states that the new rates would take effect on January 1, 2012, but the contract with the chamber runs from October 1 to September 30. Mr. Camp also noted that the chamber director would have to take the request to the chamber board to make the change in the contract that expires in October of 2011. Motion Radtke seconded Camp that Resolution SG11-10-1, a resolution changing the percentage of room tax that is to be paid to the Chamber of Commerce to 70% and the portion remaining with the town to 30% be approved. Approved. The rate change is to take effect on January 1, 2012. The chamber is to provide regular budgets, annual reports and quarterly reports to the town board.

11.4 Resolution to support old school building: Mr. Christensen had prepared a resolution which stated that the town board had an obligation to maintain the schoolhouse. It has historical value and provides much needed space for the town. Mr. Radtke noted that there had been a Resolution SG04-10-1, which addressed the 1941 portion of the building. Mr. Camp added that the public works committee had toured the building at its last meeting. They decided that it would be a good idea to have an engineer come in to look at the 1965 portion of the building to make sure that it is still sound. The cost would be from \$450 to \$500. Since the rules changed this past summer, any old plans that had been drawn up would no longer apply. If new plans were to be drawn up, it would cost an additional \$5,000 to \$5,500. Mr. Vojta asked where the money was to come from. He asked if the groups in town would pay for the engineering report. Luella Sherren thought that was a reasonable request. Mr. Martens stated that is what has happened to most of the money that has been collected by the local groups. The town board has asked them to spend their money on things that should have been paid for by the town. Ms. Janssen stated that there is money in the community development portion of the room tax budget. Motion Christensen seconded Radtke to hire Hunter Engineering from Eagle River for an amount not to exceed \$500 to get an engineers opinion of the 1965 portion of the building. Approved.

11.5 Resolution for Landfill Venture Group to add new members from outside of Vilas County: Mr. Camp stated that there had been a vote at the last LVG meeting to allow Watersmeet, MI to join the LVG. Mr. Camp had voted against the proposal. Mr. Camp added that each LVG member was now to go to his or her town boards to get final approval or disapproval. All of the towns in Vilas County belong the LVG except for Land O Lakes. The cost to the individual towns over the years has been well over \$200,000. The LVG doesn't have a plan in place to charging Watersmeet. Mr. Vojta stated that he could not vote in favor of the proposal without knowing the numbers. Mr. Christensen stated that by allowing other towns to join, it would shorten the life on the landfill. Motion Radtke seconded Bates that Mr. Camp is instructed to vote against the proposal to allow Watersmeet MI to join the Landfill Venture Group. Approved.

11. Board Concerns: Bill Bates stated that he had talked to the WTA attorneys and was told that the town would need post signs stating the no handguns are allowed in the building. Signs can only be posted in limited access areas. The town could not post the park for the flea market.

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12. Set Time & Date for Next Meeting: The next town board meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center. The Annual Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. Immediately following will be a Special Elector Meeting to approve the town budget for 2012. 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.

13. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Camp that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:36 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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