

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

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## MINUTES SPECIAL BUDGET WORKSHOP: OCTOBER 26, 2011

1. **Call to Order:** The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.
2. **Board Members Present:** Walt Camp, Fred Radtke, Lee Christensen, William Bates, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. John Vojta was absent. There were also 6 other people in attendance.
3. **Agenda Action Items.**
  - A. **Approval of Budget for 2012 to Present to Electors:** The clerk explained that he had called the Wisconsin Department of Revenue concerning the Levy Limits. He was told that if the town didn't claim the \$3,500 in unused levy from 2010, we didn't have to deduct the decrease in the bonding payments due to the refinancing. Therefore, with the new loan payments, the allowable levy could be as much as \$909,000.

The board discussed a health insurance program for the town employees. Mr. Camp stated that the town currently is spending around \$42,000 for the flex plan for the public works employees and the golf course employees. It would cost about \$40,000 for a plan with a \$1,000 deductible. The plan could be a family plan or a single plan. The clerk noted that under the budget repair bill, the employees would have to pay 12% of their health insurance. Or, the town could look at other plans.

The board discussed the bike and hike trail. Ms. Janssen noted that she had looked up the minutes from the April 2010 meeting. The town board had agreed to match the money that would be coming in from Bonestroo. However, Ms. Janssen also noted that the money that came in from Bonestroo, except for about \$6,000, had to be paid right back to them.

Tim Clark noted that the tank on the tanker truck needed to be replaced. The tanks that he has found have been around \$100,000. He is looking into a plastic tank.

The board set the tax levy for 2011 to be collected in 2012 at \$757,415. The levy includes \$105,322 for a debt reserve account. It will allow the tax levy for debt to be kept level for the next five years including the balloon payment for the M & I loan and the increase in the Baird Loan payment in 2014.

4. **Citizens Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 Minute Maximum):** Brian Sherren once stated that the operation of the golf course still needed to come back to the board. The employees cannot have a free rein with the funds. He also stated that the wages are still too high for the course.
5. **Board Concerns:**

**Bill Bates:** Mr. Bates asked if the board wanted him to advertise for a UDC inspector. The clerk thought that the notice should just indicate that the town is seeking a UDC inspector and not try to list a job description.

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**Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke reminded the board that the town should be receiving 5% more from room tax if the Chamber of Commerce approves the new arrangement.

**6. Set Time and Date of Next Meeting:** The Annual Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 6:00 P.M. in the Community Center. A special elector meeting will be held immediately following the budget hearing to set the tax levy for 2012. The November town board meeting will follow the elector meeting at 7:00 P.M.

**7. Adjournment:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:18 P.M.

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