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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 15, 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 7:35 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 24 other people in attendance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Bates seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
- 4. Approval of Meeting Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Bates that the minutes of the September 30, 2011 special town board meeting, October 10, 2011 regular town board meeting, October 12, 2011 special town board meeting, October 26, 2011 special town board meeting and the October 26, 2011 budget workshop be approved as written. Approved.
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance General Account as of 10-31-2011: \$51,817.84; Lakes Account \$11,154.59; Lakes Committee CD \$15,479.24; Room Tax Account \$122,250.65; Debt Reserve \$141,072.36; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$6,527.29; First National Money Market \$116,151.48; Playground Equipment Fund \$4,386.82; Fire Department Restricted Acct. \$6,817.30; Fireworks Donation Acct. \$2,000.00; Golf Course Regular Account \$110,370.52 Payroll Acct. \$1,000.00. Mr. Vojta asked if the money in the Bike & Hike Account could be applied to Phase II. Ms. Janssen said that the money was not earmarked for anything. Ms. Janssen also said that there was about \$47,000 that she had transferred from the Bike & Hike Account at the end of last year. That money could be used to help pay the balance of Phase II. Motion Camp seconded Radtke that Ms. Janssen open a new account specifically for money that is left in the room tax account at the end of the year. Approved.
- 6. Payment of Invoices, Town, Fire Department, and Golf Course:** Motion Christensen seconded Bates that town vouchers 19625-19693 & the golf course bills be approved as presented. Approved. Fire Chief, Tim Clark, asked that check #19682 for Northstar be held until he tells the treasurer to pay the bill.
- 7. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp said that he had received a letter from a man who has 40 garbage bags left. Mr. Camp will write to the man to let him know that the deadline for using the bags had passed. The town is selling the extra bags for 25 cents each. Mr. Camp noted that he had a letter from Plum Lake Library. He also had a letter from Eagle Waste stating that the transfer station would be closed on Sundays next summer since there were fewer than 10 people per hour using the facility. The public works committee recommends that Eagle Waste keep the facility open on Sunday, but for fewer hours. Mr. Camp stated that the town is negotiating with Veolia trying to get back the two dumpsters that belong to the town. When we get them back, Eagle Waste would purchase them. The clerk is not pay the outstanding bill to Veolia until the dumpster issue is settled. Mr. Camp signed off on the security bond for Phase II of the bike trail. The clerk is to fax the form to the bonding company.

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- 8. Supervisor's Report:** There were none.
- 9. Fire Chief's Report:** Fire Chief, Tim Clark reported that there had been 13 calls last month. Mr. Clark also reported that a pressure cuff had been donated. Mr. Clark asked about the ice rink. Mr. Clark would like to build a small shelter for the ice rink. Most of the material will be donated. The Women's Service Club has made a donation towards the department's matching grant. Mr. Clark has purchased two new saws with money from the association. Mr. Clark needs to get caught up on the reports for the ISO.

Town Committee Reports (written reports from each committee submitted to supervisors, questions to be asked, etc., additional report from committee chair): Mr. Camp reported that the trucks were ready for winter. The park has been closed down. The crew will plow for 3" of snow during the week and 4" on weekends. The crew's hours will be staggered and they might be asked to plow during the night. Ted DeRuiter asked that the town plow sooner if the snow is wet. A lady asked that the bus routes be plowed first. Residents are reminded not to have snow plowed across the town roads. Tim Gebhardt asked if the golf course employees will be asked to plow rather than hiring someone else to do it. The inmate might be able to plow too.

Mr. Christensen reported that the golf course resident and non-resident rates for memberships will be the same next year. Singles will be \$500 and couples will be \$675 plus tax. Boyd Best reported that the course fell \$74,000 short this year. Last year there was a profit of \$20,000 to \$25,000. In the best years, the profit was from \$125,000 to \$200,000. Mr. Vojta asked if the course finances were still in line with the \$160,000 loan.

Mr. Bates reported that he had met with the Alma-Moon Lake District.

Mark Hiller reported that the bike trail extension to Old Hwy 70 has been completed. Mr. Radtke has a list of things that still need to be done. The clerk is to pay Janke Construction's draw #8 for \$13,699.31. There will be one final draw for around \$865. Dr. Mark McGill donated \$750 towards the 5k run. A bench will be placed on the trail in his name. The town has received the permit for the sign at the parking lot by South Bay Road. Mr. Vojta stated that he has met with a person who has volunteered to take care of the bike and hike trail between Thunderbird Pass and the Information Booth. He will be using a vacuum behind his ATV on the trail.

Mr. Bates reported that the signs have been removed for a business along Hwy 155 near Heart of the Woods. Mary Platner will be giving Mr. Bates the ordinance book and backup CD.

Mr. Radtke reported that the yard waste facility cost the town \$53 this fall. The \$2 fees per load helped offset the cost. The compost will probably be ready to either sell or give away next spring. The yard waste site might possibly be moved to the old garbage dumpsite.

Mr. Christensen stated that there is one vacancy at the Housing Authority, but that there are also several applications on file.

Mr. Radtke noted that the room tax commission will be meeting tomorrow at noon.

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Mr. Christensen had nothing to report for the cemetery committee.

Mr. Vojta stated that the local contractors will have to be reminded to get their bids in to be used in case of a town emergency.

10. Items to be considered by the Board:

10.1 Golf Course Pro Position: Mr. Camp stated that the pro's position was going to be discussed in closed session.

10.2 Landfill Venture Group Resolution: The board decided to table the resolution. The town board is against having new towns join the LVG until the LVG comes up with a plan. All of the original towns had to pay over \$200,000 to belong. The town board doesn't feel that it would be fair to the other towns if a new town didn't have to pay its fair share.

10.3. Employee Handbook: The employee handbook will be discussed in closed session.

11. Citizens Concerns: Jack Santerelli: Mr. Santerelli stated that a person had dumped needles and leaves along Sunrise Lane. Mr. Santerelli knows who did it. Mr. Camp will call the person.

Brian: Brian thought that the meetings should be moved to 7:00 P.M. so that more people who work could take part in the meetings.

Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen and seven members of the Friends of the Old School thanked the board for finally putting the Red Brick Schoolhouse to a vote.

12. Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Section 19.85 (c), (f): Motion Camp seconded Radtke that the meeting is adjourned into closed session. By a roll vote: Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Camp – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes. Meeting adjourned into closed session at 8:38 P.M.

Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the meeting be reconvened into open session. By a roll call vote: Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Camp – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes. Meeting reconvened into open session 11:40 P.M. No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.

13. Set Time & Date for Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled town board meeting will be held on Monday, December 12, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center.

13. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Camp that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 11:59 P.M.

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