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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 30, 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 7:00 P.M.
- 2. Board Members Present:** Walt Camp, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, Lee Christensen, William Bates, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Jim Swenson was also 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. Agenda Action Items.

4.1 Discussion Employee Handbook, Take Action as Required: Mr. Radtke opened the discussion by stating that he thought that the employees should be offered \$2,500 in lieu of taking the employee health insurance. Mr. Radtke also noted that insurance would be offered only to fulltime employees. Spouses and families could be covered at the employee's expense. The plan would be a HAS plan.

4.2 Bike & Hike Trail Final Phase Review/Discuss, Take Action as Required: Mr. Camp stated that Janke had completed the patching and that the signs will be put up. Janke claims that since he didn't design the bridge, he is not responsible for it. Mr. Camp stated that the town could go after the engineering company, if it became necessary. Mr. Camp also said that he would sign off on the bond so that the clerk could pay Janke the final payment. The clerk can then apply for the balance of the grants.

Mr. Vojta handed out a breakdown of the grants and payments so far. He stated that there didn't seem to be any record of the town board agreeing to match \$40,000 of a steward ship grant. There is money in the money market fund that can be used, but it appears that the bike and hike committee will be anywhere from \$25,000 to \$50,000 short. Mr. Vojta wanted to know where that money was going to come from. He also stated that the line of credit will be due in December. The clerk checked and found out that the outstanding balance is around \$128,000. If the grant money doesn't come in on time, the town will have to come with that money also.

Mr. Radtke noted that the Chamber and the town are discussing changing the room tax allocation from 75% to the chamber and 25% to the town to 70% for the chamber and 30% for the town.

- 5. Board Concerns: Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke said that the board needs to figure out how much it will cost to repair the 1941 Red Brick Schoolhouse.

John Vojta: Mr. Vojta asked if there is anything that could be sold in the 1965 addition. The organizations will have to also be notified that they will have to get stuff out. Mr. Vojta also asked if the town could seek pledges for the 1941 Red Brick Schoolhouse. He said that if pledges came in and if the town can get a block grant he would be in favor of keeping the building.

Tom Martens: Mr. Martens said that his son works in excavation. He said that not just anyone can remove the 1965 addition. Whoever does it will have to be careful. He recommended Jim Harman to

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do the work. Tom Martens Jr. said that if the town rented the equipment, he would demolish the 1965 addition.

Bill Bates: Mr. Bates stated that he had just found out that the town owns the Alma Lake boat landing. Mr. Bates also asked if the board was going to have a meeting to discuss a PGA pro. Mr. Camp said that it will be discussed in closed session tomorrow night.

Walt Camp: Mr. Camp said that he and Mr. Christensen were working on how to get renewals from golf club members. Next year, the rates for residents will be the same as for non-residents. Ads will be placed in newspapers. He also noted that sales tax will be charged.

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 Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 10:20 A.M.

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Chairman

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