

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

P.O. BOX 7

ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558

[www.townofstgermain.org](http://www.townofstgermain.org)

## MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 3, 2012

- 1. Call to Order:** The chairman called the meeting to order at 3:00 P.M. Mr. Camp noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.
- 2. Board Members Present:** Walter Camp, Lee Christensen, Fred Radtke, John Vojta, William Bates, Tom Martens Town Clerk, Marion Janssen Town Treasurer. Tom Christensen, Dale Mayo, Tim Muench, Tim Clark, Wally Geist, and Jason Hegewald were also present.
- 3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
- 4. Snowmobile Routes Near Lost Lake Dr. South and Sixteen Road and Hwy. 155:** Mr. Camp noted that two property owners had closed their property to snowmobiles along Maplewood Drive. Maplewood Drive has been removed from the list of town roads approved for snowmobiles, but Lost Lake Drive South from Found Lake Road to Hwy. 155 and Sixteen Road from the Maplewood access to where the trail turns towards Sayner have not. Right now, those two portions of road are not part of any trail. Mr. Camp asked Tom Christensen for comments. Mr. Christensen stated that the snowmobile club had chosen a route over the state highway right of way of Hwy. 155 from the south end of Lost Lake Drive South to Sixteen Road. None of the adjacent property owners had been notified. Mr. Christensen added that he had expected problems from Tom Martens, but that he didn't in any way expect everything to get blown out of proportion as it has. He also stated that since Mr. Martens had become aware of the proposed trail in front of his home, he had offered the club an easement through his lot closer to Big St. Germain Drive. The club would prefer that location, but there are two other property owners behind Mr. Martens' property. One of them has given verbal permission to the club, but neither Mr. Christensen nor Mr. Martens have been able to contact the second owner.

Tim Clark, fire chief, noted that there have been several accidents on the curve by Sixteen Road. Mr. Radtke thought that by allowing snowmobiles to cross at that location would just compound a bad situation. Mr. Vojta was concerned that the adjacent property owners had not been notified at all. He thought that the club should look for other options.

Mr. Christensen informed the board that they really didn't have any jurisdiction over the trail. The D.O.T. had approved of the crossing. The only jurisdiction that the town board would have is over the use of town roads as trails.

Tim Muench stated that Mr. Martens had asked him and the other property owner to reopen the trail through their property on Maplewood Drive just for this year until other options could be studied. Both Mr. Muench and the other property owner had agreed to reopen the trail until they found out that the club intended to cut the new trail through to Sixteen Road anyway. Mr. Muench also added that moving the trail to the Hwy. 155 site would just be moving the problem from his home to someone else's.

Jason Hegewald stated that Lost Lake Drive South was a very busy road. He also said that a lot of people walked the road. He didn't want the trail to cross Hwy. 155 near his home.

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

P.O. BOX 7

ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558

[www.townofstgermain.org](http://www.townofstgermain.org)

Town assessor, Paul Carlson, has stated that he would be looking at a 15% to 25% reduction in property values for the residential properties adjacent to the proposed trail. Mr. Camp noted that Sixteen Road is listed as open from Big St. Germain Drive for 1.2 miles. It doesn't say that the road is open all the way to Hwy. 155. Mr. Christensen stated that he had measured the road and thought that the 1.2 miles included the entire road all the way to Hwy. 155.

Mr. Christensen stated that the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club would be meeting tonight to discuss the trail. They would be voting on whether or not to pursue the trail through Mr. Martens' property near Big St. Germain Drive. Before he left the meeting, Mr. Christensen asked the board whether or not they were going to take any action later in the meeting.

Motion Vojta seconded Radtke to table any action regarding item #7 (item #4 in the minutes) on the agenda until a future date. Approved.

5. **Review and Discussion of Open Golf Course (Pro) Position:** Mr. Camp noted that 25 applications had been received. The board decided to discuss the applications in closed session.
6. **Closed Session Pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(c). Regarding Employee Compensation and Working Conditions:** Motion Camp seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned into closed session at 3:56 P.M. By a roll vote: Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried.
7. **Reconvene Into Open Session and May Take Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session:** Motion Vojta seconded Bates that the meeting be reconvened into open session at 6:00 P.M. By a roll vote: Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried
8. **Board Concerns:** Mr. Vojta asked how much the board would be contributing to the LOSA program. Mr. Camp stated that it would be \$15,000. Mr. Vojta also noted that last year's budget did show that the town would contribute \$40,500 towards the bike and hike trail. Ms. Janssen added that the money in the budget for the bike trail was pretty much an in and out entry for Bonestroo.

Tim Clark stated that the town crew needed to plow the parking lot by the pavilion so that the helicopter could land, if necessary.

Ms. Janssen stated that the liquor license for Ski's seemed to be just floating around somewhere. If Ski's wasn't going to reopen, then Sonya Kubi should reapply for the license. Otherwise, the license should become available. Mr. Martens stated that the town board, at least for the past 40 years, has not taken a license from a premises if the owners intended the property to remain a bar.

9. **Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting 6:30 P.M.

---

Town Clerk

---

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

P.O. BOX 7

ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558

[www.townofstgermain.org](http://www.townofstgermain.org)

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

---

Supervisor

Supervisor