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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MARCH 12, 2012

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 6:30 P.M.
2. **Roll Call:** Walter Camp, William Bates, John Vojta, Fred Radtke, Lee Christensen, Tom Martens, town clerk. Marion Janssen, town treasurer, was absent. There were also 29 other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the minutes of the February 13, 2012 regular town board meeting be approved as presented. Approved.
5. **Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 2-29-2012: (-\$5,212.96); room tax account \$7,241.52; lakes CD account \$15,493.45; lakes account \$14,566.83; skateboard park fund \$3,713.52; bike & hike trail account \$7,118.14; money market account \$345,483.64; playground equipment account \$4,387.55; debt reserve account \$156,861.57; fire department \$6,318.43; fireworks donation account \$6,324.07; community development account \$22,624.10; golf course general account \$51,119.82; golf course payroll account \$1,000.00.
6. **Payment of Vouchers: Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Bates seconded Radtke that vouchers 212-313 and 20052-20103 be approved. Approved.
7. **Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp noted that he had received a notice from Vilas County that it would cost about \$350 if the town wanted to participate in the beaver control program. Tim Ebert, town foreman, didn't think that it was necessary. The grant application for work on Ross Lake Road was rejected. Mr. Camp will sign the contract with Integres for the Freedom 5K Run in July. The clerk noted that he had received a notice concerning a TRIP grant for a portion of Birchwood Drive.
8. **Supervisor's Report:** There was none.
9. **Town Committee Reports/Comments:** Tim Clark stated that there had been 14 calls in February. The Pierce Truck needs some work, but it is still under warrantee. The Annual Firemen's Fish Fry will be held on April 29, 2012. On March 9, 2012, Mr. Clark & Mr. Vojta took engine #2 to Colby for the funeral of a fireman who died in a fire in Abbotsford. Mr. Clark paid for the gas.

Mr. Camp stated that he had sent the minutes from the last public works committee meeting to the other board members. Also, a crew from McNaughton has finished brushing the town roads in Forest Hills and will brush Four Corner Lane from Hwy. G to Juve Road.

Mr. Christensen noted that the golf course will have a new logo. The minutes from the committee meeting will be out later this week.

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Mr. Bates said that the Lost Lake Association had met and the plans for a Lost Lake Rehab. and Protection District is progressing. Mr. Bates also added that he and Mr. Camp and Mr. Martens attended a meeting in Arbor Vitae on Friday and is now certified to conduct the Board of Review.

Mr. Radtke that the room tax collections for 2011 was down about 10% from 2010. He would like to see if the town can get Rustic Manor, which is in the Town of Newbold, covered under the town's room tax. Right now, Rustic Manor is benefiting from St. Germain, but not paying.

Mr. Vojta and Phil Kohout will contact local contractors to update the bids for the emergency preparedness plan.

10. Citizens' Comments on Items to be Considered by Town Board: Jim Anderson thought that the road limits should go on tomorrow. Mr. Camp stated that contractors had already been notified that they would go on Friday. However, Mr. Camp also added that they could go on sooner, if necessary.

11. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table):

- A. Fireworks 2012:** Mr. Radtke presented proposals from Krueger, in the southwest part of the state and Bartolotta, in the southeast part of the state. He had asked them for both a \$10,000 show and a \$12,000 show. They both came back quite similar, but Mr. Radtke favored the \$12,000 show from Krueger. He thought that it had more to offer than the show from Bartolotta. Mr. Vojta thought that the town shouldn't change the show. It has become the premier show in the northwoods. Mr. Camp suggested that if we use the money in the fireworks donation account along with \$12,000 from the room tax account, we could have a show for \$18,000. Motion Vojta seconded Bates that the fireworks proposals are tabled at this time and that the chamber members are asked their opinions. Approved. Mr. Radtke said that he had been asked to get the proposals and that he had put a lot of time into getting them. He turned the proposals over to Mr. Camp..
- B. Landfill Venture Group Resolution:** Mr. Camp read through amendment #2 from the LVG. Mr. Vojta said that he didn't see any changes and that it still was wide open. There were no dollar amounts for new towns wanting to get into the LVG. Motion Camp seconded Vojta that the town board of St. Germain goes on record as being against amendment #2 of the Landfill Venture Group. By a roll call vote: Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Camp – yes. Motion unanimously carried.
- C. High Speed Internet Contract with Sonic Net:** Mr. Camp stated that he had talked to people at Frontier and was told that Frontier would have high speed service to the northern part of St. Germain by June. He also talked to other people from Frontier who said that they were having trouble getting funds. Mr. Bates added that it was imperative that the golf course had high-speed internet service this spring. The course has a new system that requires high speed internet. Motion Bates seconded Vojta that the Town of St. Germain enters into an agreement with Sonic Net for high-speed internet service. Approved. The town will pay \$7399 to have a tower installed. The town will receive \$1 per month per subscriber from Sonic Net. Sonic Net will work around the snowmobile trail that runs through the old dumpsite. The guide wires run out 120' from the base of the 150' tower.
- D. Ordinance for Road Limits:** Mr. Camp handed out a proposed ordinance for road limits. Mr. Vojta asked that exemptions be added for school buses and emergency vehicles. Mr. Camp stated that fines based on section 328.1 of the Wisconsin Statutes would be graduated

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\$50-\$100, \$100-\$200, etc. The town constable will be able to use one of Vilas County's portable scales. Mr. Vojta also suggested that the town impose a fee for an exemption variance. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the Road Limit Ordinance be approved as presented. Approved. Motion Camp seconded Vojta that a section F be added to include a \$25 fee for an exemption variance. Approved. Motion Vojta seconded Bates that the ordinance be amended to add school buses and emergency vehicles as exemptions. Approved. The clerk will publish and post the ordinance.

E. Ordinance to Extend Town Officer Terms in Response to Election Law Changes:

Motion Camp seconded Radtke that the term of office for officials elected either in 2010 to expire in 2012 or in 2011 to expire in 2013 be extended by one week to comply with the changes in the Wisconsin Election Laws. Approved.

- 12. Citizens Concerns:** Ellen Allen stated that two new members had joined the Friends of the Old School House. Luella Sherren added that the group took in \$1055 at the Spaghetti Dinner last week. With the silent auction, after costs, there was a profit of \$880.

Robert Radue asked how much the gas had cost to take the fire truck to Colby. Mr. Clark said that it had been \$200.

Judy Kohout thought that it was very disrespectful to even be discussing the cost of the gas. He fireman had given his life trying to protect the people and property.

Tom Christensen said that it sounded as though the town patrol truck could be fined under the new road limit ordinance. He thought that the board had not followed the procedures for passing the ordinance. He also added that the snowmobile club had not received a response from the one property owner concerning a snowmobile trail near Big St, Germain Drive. Mr. Christensen sent a final request with a stamped envelope. The deadline for getting funding is April 1, 2012. If the club doesn't hear from the property owner prior to that, they will proceed with the paperwork for the proposed trail and crossing on the S-curves on Hwy. 155.

Verdelle Mauthe stated that over 50 people attended the Valentines Day dinner at Spangs. The group has heard talks from people from WRJO Radio and Channel 12 TV.

Tim Gebhardt thought that it wasn't right that the board passed the two ordinances without public input. He thought that they should have gone through the planning and zoning committee..

- 13. Board Concerns:** Mr. Camp noted that the Annual Elector Meeting had been set for Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the last elector meeting. It could not be changed. However, he is going to be out of town that night. He would like to see the Elector Meeting convened on April 10, 2012, but adjourned to April 17, 2012. However, if the people decide to conduct the meeting, they will have to choose a chairman and hold the meeting. The town board meeting will be held on April 17, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center.

Mr. Vojta stated that the chairman has full control over road limits. That is why he didn't think that it was necessary for the proposed road limit ordinance to go before the planning & zoning committee.

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Mr. Bates stated that the town needed a cemetery ordinance. Without one families can bury their dead on their property and the town would become responsible for the cemetery. The planning & zoning committee will meet to discuss a cemetery ordinance along with pay for the zoning administrator. It was also noted that Judge Neilsen would hear cases involving ordinance from St. Germain in Vilas County Court on the same day that he hears cases from Eagle River. The town would have to be represented by the town's attorney.

Mr. Radtke added that zoning ordinance needs to be approved by Vilas County also.

Mr. Camp also added that the interior of the community center will be painted. The current inmate working with the town crew is a professional painter.

14. Set Time & Date of Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting of the town board will be held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

15. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Bates that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:19 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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