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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: APRIL 17, 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, Fred Radtke, Lee Christensen, Marv Anderson, Tom Martens, town clerk. Marion Janssen, town treasurer. John Vojta was absent. There were also 21 other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Bates seconded Radtke that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Swearing in of the New Town Supervisors:** The town clerk swore in incumbent supervisor #2, William Bates and newly elected supervisor #1, Marv Anderson. They both signed the oath of office and were given their certificate of election. Mr. Camp also presented Lee Christensen with a plaque honoring him for his years of service to the town. Mr. Radtke added the both Lee and Hazel Christensen were on the original committee for the organization of the golf course.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Bates that the minutes of the March 12, 2012 regular town board meeting be approved as presented. Approved.
6. **Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 3-31-2012: \$30,873.78; room tax account \$7,912.40; lakes CD account \$15,496.53; lakes account \$14,567.45; skateboard park fund \$3,713.98; bike & hike trail account \$7,118.44; money market account \$252,653.41; playground equipment account \$4,387.73; debt reserve account \$156,901.84; fire department \$6,818.72; fireworks donation account \$6,324.85; community development account \$22,626.92; golf course general account \$30,898.93; golf course payroll account \$1,000.00.
7. **Payment of Vouchers: Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Bates seconded Radtke that vouchers 314-432 and 20120-20178 be approved. Approved.
8. **Communications:** Mr. Camp gave a payroll report to the clerk that needed to be completed. He also added that he had a letter from Becker-Hoppe concerning roadwork to be done on Hwy. 70 from Hwy. 155 to Hwy. O. The Lions Club letter concerning a 1000 sq. ft. shed at the town park was tabled.
9. **Citizen Comments on Items to be Considered by Town Board:** There was none.
10. **Town Committee Reports/Comments:** Tim Clark stated that there had been 24 calls this month. 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. Various clubs donated \$1000 for a defibulator. Motion Camp seconded Bates that the town pay the balance of \$400 for the defibulator from the community development fund. Approved. The school reading program is a success. There was one 3rd place finisher and two 2nd place finishers in the fire poster contest from St. Germain. The fire department

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awards banquet was held last Saturday. Jack Radue received an award for being one of the last remaining firemen from the original department. There are currently 28 or 29 members.

Mr. Camp stated that the pavilion would be open the first or second week in May. The hand dryers have been installed. Tom Christensen has volunteered to look into the cost of replacing the ramps at the skateboard park. Mr. Radtke thought that people from out of town had been causing the problems. The contract with Fahrner expires in 2013. The work for 2012 will cost \$48,604. Birchwood Drive will be \$6001; Muskellunge Creek Road, Christmas Tree Lane and Indian Trail \$17,650; Paton Road, Muskellunge Creek Road and Kleppe Road \$24,953. Motion Camp seconded Bates to approve the work for 2012. Approved. Mr. Anderson asked if the rising fuel prices had been figured in. Mr. Camp stated that since he had gotten the paperwork in prior to April 1, 2012, there wouldn't be an increase because of the fuel. Fahrner also does an annual analysis of the town roads and files the necessary reports. The committee also discussed the fees at the transfer station and fireworks contract.

Margo Rogers Anderson handed out her pro shop report. She listed ten events that have been planned for this summer. The driving range has been lengthened and widened. The new FORE reservation system is working well. The snack shop will open on April 27th. There will be a raffle and Mulligans will be sold to help pay for umbrellas, tables and chairs for the snack shop. There will be advertising on the radio stations and channel 12 TV. There will be ads in various directories and by word of mouth. The staffing is complete and plans are underway for several tournaments. The course has taken in \$18,757.93 from March 21, 2012 to the present. Motion Camp seconded Bates that the town pay for the responsibility servers classes and the background checks for Ms. Rogers and the ten employees who will be working at the snack shop and on the beverage cart this year. Approved. Motion Camp seconded Radtke that the town proceed with the purchase of a new 5' x 14' sign for the St. Germain Golf Club from Lakeland Sign & Graphic at a cost of \$1,282.40. Approved. Lee & Hazel Christensen have offered to contribute towards the sign.

Mr. Bates said that the next committee meeting will be held on May 8, 2012. Marv Anderson reported that the Lost Lake Rehabilitation and Protection District had been approved by Vilas County today. The county needs to appoint a representative at its next meeting in June. The town board needs to appoint a representative within the next 30 days. Mr. Anderson is currently on the committee of three Lost Lake property owners. There will not be a meeting until after the county makes its appointment. Over 60% of the property owners on Lost Lake had approved of the Lake District in writing.

Mr. Radtke said that the next meeting of the room tax committee would be in May.

Mr. Radtke also said the new golf course employees need to get their applications turned into the personnel committee to be filed.

Mr. Radtke stated that the finance committee had not plans to meet. Mr. Camp asked that the finance committee look into ways to finance the new tank for the fire department tanker truck. The tank will cost around \$80,000.

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Phil Kohout added that when Mr. Vojta returns, the emergency preparedness committee will begin to get bids. Mr. Camp also asked Mr. Kohout to look into the cost of a Tornado Warning Siren. Mr. Anderson asked if the county might not get involved if other towns joined in with us.

Mr. Radtke stated that the yard facility would be opening on Saturday, April 20, 2012. It will only be open on Saturdays from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. through June 9, 2012. The cost would be \$2/load. The pile will be moved so that the old pile can finish composting.

Mr. Bates reported that zoning permits were down for 2012. They are also down throughout the county. The P & Z committee looked at a proposal to change a town road. The change would have to be brought up to town specifications. Mr. Bates said that the committee would like to have the proposed Vilas County Circuit date documented. Mr. Camp said that the town attorney would represent the town. There would be the attorney fees as well as the court costs.

Mr. Radtke reported that the public works crew would be completing the seeding and shoulders on the new bike and hike trail. A volunteer had done the sweeping on the warm days in March. Motion Camp seconded Bates that the town purchase a blower for \$6000 with the Chamber of Commerce paying \$3001 of the cost. Approved. The remainder will come from the bike and hike trail account. Ms. Janssen noted that the account would replenish itself with donations during the summer. Mr. Radtke asked why some of the cost wasn't coming from the public works account since they would also be using the blower.

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

A. Fireworks Contract for 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. Radtke was asked by the public works committee to go back to the companies and ask for an \$18,000 show. The show from Bartolotta would have an addition \$1,000 donation. It appears that the show from Krueger would offer more shells. Motion Anderson seconded Radtke that the town go with the proposal from Krueger for an \$18,000 show since all other components of the agreements are similar. Approved. It was suggested that the town could step down the cost of the show over the next few years, but to cut it by 50% would be very noticeable.

B. Items that May Come from Various Town Committee Reports: There were none.

Citizens Concerns: Todd Wiese was concerned about how section 4.2 in the agenda was written. He thought that it was too vague to inform the people of what might be acted upon. Mr. Camp stated that he had checked with the WTA and was told that the agenda was good the way the he had written it. Mr. Wiese also asked about the neighborhood watch. Mr. Camp had just received the information that he has been waiting for. A meeting was scheduled for May 3, 2012. Mr. Camp also stated that someone had said that they would donate radios and that there would be signs to go up. Block leaders would have to be appointed. Mr. Anderson said that Dick Greeley from Lost Lake might be interested. Possibly the lake associations and residents of the private roads might be interested in donating to the cost of the signs in their areas. The town might be able to get grants if a second township were to get involved.

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Phil Monday asked about the digital speed sign that Vilas County had given to the town. He asked that it be placed on South Bay Road. People go too fast on the road.

Ed Siergiej was also disgusted with how the action items were listed on the agenda.

Ellen Allen said that the Friends of the Old School thought that since the 2.5 acres of land and the Red Brick Schoolhouse were paid for that it would be very difficult to build a facility of that size for less money than it would take to renovate the building. The town needs the space. The town board needs to give the go ahead so that people would donate towards the building. The group is going to send out a request.

Karen Anderson asked that the next neighborhood watch meeting be more organized so that when people leave the meeting they know what they are supposed to be doing.

Carol Radtke suggested that room tax funds could be used. Ms. Janssen stated that a room tax budget needed to be approved first.

Rosalie Sherwin returned the blank tape for the April 2009 town board meeting to the town clerk. She also asked if the Prime Timers had paid for the Christmas lighting they had put up. She said that the Red Brick group had collected \$2000 in the last two years. Ms. Sherwin also said that the group claimed back in 2006 that they would have a financial report soon. As of last year Red Brick, Inc. is no longer tax-exempt. They have not paid the fee. What have they been doing with money that they have collected on town property?

Pat Falkenstern said that what is going on with the Red Brick group is very serious.

12. Closed Session:

12.1 Motion Anderson seconded Radtke that the meeting be adjourned into closed session at 8:40 P.M. pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(a)(e) for the purpose of discussion of employee contracts. By a roll call vote Mr. Anderson – yes; Mr. Bates- yes; Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried.

12.2. Motion Anderson seconded Radtke that the meeting be reconvened into open session at 10:00 P.M. By a roll call vote: Mr. Anderson – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Radtke – yes; Mr. Camp – yes. Motion Carried.

12.3 Action on Closed Session (If needed): Motion Bates seconded Anderson to support the development of multi-use/senior facility in the Town of St. Germain. Approved. Mr. Radtke abstained.

12. Board Concerns: Mr. Martens stated that he had a Class B Combination license application for the WIMI LLC, Renea Hoff, agent at The Bears Den. Everything was in order. The board would have to approve another license next month when the premises was leased. Mr. Martens also asked what the town board wanted to do concerning WRS deductions for the newly elected officials. Mr. Anderson

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would have to pay one-half of the contribution and Mr. Bates would be losing one-half of his payment. The board agreed that is what should be done.

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

13. Adjournment: Motion Radtke seconded Bates that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 10:12 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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