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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 13, 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, John Vojta, Marv Anderson, Tom Martens, town clerk, Marion Janssen, town treasurer. There were also 20 other people in attendance.
- 3. Approval of agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Anderson seconded Radtke that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Bates that the minutes of the July 9, 2012 regular town board meeting be approved as presented. Approved.
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 7-31-2012: \$-2,421.97; room tax account \$12,261.99; lakes CD account \$15,506.19; lakes account \$14,569.26; skateboard park fund \$3,778.51; bike & hike trail account \$7,619.34; money market account \$75,671.55; playground equipment account \$4,388.28; debt reserve account \$204,849.29; fire department \$7,319.62; fireworks donation account \$6,425.65; community development account \$15,230.20; golf course general account \$121,353.37; golf course payroll account \$1,000.00; golf course money market \$29,000.39..
- 6. Payment of Vouchers: Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Vojta seconded Anderson that vouchers 704-836 and 20405-20491 be approved. Approved.
- 7. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp noted that Jim Ulett had donated the new chairs. The wireless internet is now working at the community center. Anyone is welcome to use it. A new business is using the kitchen. The owner is paying a fee for each use. The neighborhood watch signs are up in the subdivisions. Signs are for sale for private roads. They are \$14 plus a post. The Found Lake Association is paying for the signs on the roads around the lake.
- 8. Supervisors Report:** Mr. Vojta stated that he had received a letter from Jim Mulleady stating that he felt that the neighborhood watch signs were inferring that there was a problem and that they would have a negative effect on property values.

Mr. Anderson reported that he had a copier and fax machine that had been donated by his employer in Wausau, E.O. Johnson Co. All that is necessary is that the town pays an annual maintenance fee. He thought that he could also get copiers for the golf course. The fire department would only need the annual maintenance part of it.

Mr. Bates and Mr. Anderson attended the county economic planning committee meeting in Phelps.

- 9. Town Committee Reports/Comments:** Fire Chief, Tim Clark, stated that there were 34 calls last month. Three to Newbold, three to Cloverland and 28 to St. Germain. The heavy rescue truck was sold to another fire department for \$3500. Mr. Camp will need to write a letter to ISO in October. Mr. Anderson asked if the fire department still did practice burns. Mr. Clark said that they did, but that there would be a charge of around \$500. Ms. Janssen reminded Mr. Anderson that if someone asks for a practice burn that they should also get a county demolition permit so that the structure can be removed from the tax roll.

Mr. Anderson reported that the housing authority would be meeting tomorrow. The planning & zoning committee has been reviewing a proposal for the abandonment of a portion of the end of Jackson Lane. The town board will have to schedule a public hearing. The Vilas County Development Corp. is looking for entities to invest in a countywide program for broadband. They are looking for a 3-year commitment.

Mr. Camp reported that the stripping of the parking lots had been done. The chamber of commerce has offered to pay for the extra paint needed to finish the parking lot by the pavilion. The north soccer field is all weeds. The soil is contaminated. The golf course crew will work on the field and seed and fertilize it this fall. All of the town road shoulders have been mowed. The roof on the

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pavilion at Vandervort Park is being repaired. The crew is also working on the floor. Mr. Camp presented a quote from Eliason Lumber for \$24,000 for the material to repair the community center roof. The quote included \$7000 worth of roof boards that might not be necessary. Mr. Camp also noted that several of the inmates at McNaughton are roofers and could possibly be used to help with the cost.

Mr. Camp also reported that the golf course was running very close to the 2010 figures. He thought that we would meet the proposed budget in August, September & October. Ms. Janssen noted that the committee still needed to watch the expenses. She has put some money away, but at this point, it won't be enough to get through the winter. Mr. Vojta was afraid that the course was going to be short. The course is in very good shape. The course is purchasing a flatbed body for the truck. The crew will work on it during the winter. It will no longer be dump box. The crew will be sifting the bunkers. A nursery has been started near the maintenance building. The course will be able to supply its own grass the next time that some has to be replaced. In this way, the sprinkler system can also be tested.

There were no reports from the lakes committee, emergency preparedness, or the cemetery committee.

Mr. Radtke reported that the room tax commission will be meeting this week. The last quarter was the highest total since 2004, however, there has also been a 1% rate increase since then. Jim Anderson needs to be notified that he is no longer on the room tax commission.

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

10a. Voting Machine Equipment/Repair: Mr. Martens reported that the memory card for the AccuVote machine has had to be reprogrammed three out of the last four elections. It seems to be failing. If a new card can be found that works in the machine, the cost would be between \$300 & \$400. Otherwise, the company will try to find a backup card. If none of the above work, the town will have to purchase a new machine. Motion Camp seconded Vojta that any cost be transferred from the administrative account to the election account. Approved.

10b. Flood Plain Issues In Town: This will probably be an issue for planning & zoning and for emergency preparedness. Mr. Vojta stated that the town didn't have any equipment to handle a flood. Mr. Vojta also felt that since this was the headwaters, that flooding was quite unlikely. Mr. Camp stated that LOMA, letter of map amendment, was a way that a property owner could hire a surveyor to show that a property was not in a flood plain. Another program LIDAR allowed the county to help purchase flood insurance. Vilas County has opted out of the program making it impossible for property owners to get flood insurance. Right now, mortgage companies are purchasing flood insurance and charging the homeowners who show up in a flood plain. FEMA just prepared a new map in June. However, nothing can be done to change the map for a year. There was no public notice about any of this. It was suggested that the board have someone attend a meeting to explain the facts and options. Motion Vojta seconded Bates to table the matter until someone can attend a meeting to explain the facts and options. Approved. Mr. Camp will find someone to attend the meeting.

10c. Update on Lions Club Storage Building: The building would be about the same length as the prime timers garage. The Lions Club will pay to have the area leveled. It would be a pole barn with a concrete floor. Mr. Vojta stated that the board still needed to approve the plans.

10d. Update on Fire Department Tanker Inspection: The inspection will be done on August 21, 2012. It was decided that the truck would be brought back. The town board would then meet to decide on what to do.

10e. Portion of Jackson Road Abandonment: Mr. Anderson explained that approximately the last 100' of Jackson Lane would be abandoned. The property owner would give the town an easement that is 40' wide and 75' long as a turn around for the plow. The owner will fill and compact the easement with 6 to 8 inches of gravel. The owner will also reimburse the town approximately \$4400 for the new blacktop that was just put down. The committee thought that the increase in taxes for the garage would more than offset the loss of highway aids for the abandoned portion of the road. Motion Anderson seconded Camp to approve the committee's proposal for the

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abandonment of a portion of Jackson Lane and to schedule a public hearing to complete the process. Approved. Mr. Vojta asked that the town's attorney check the proposal.

10f. Sale of Heavy Rescue Fire Truck: Mr. Clark discussed the sale in his fire department report.

10g. Review Sixteen Road as Snowmobile Trail Crossing: Mr. Camp stated that Dale Mayo said that he could not attend the meeting. Mr. Camp also stated that he had received an email stating that a permit application had been sent to the DOT for the crossing at Sixteen Road. The Vilas County Snowmobile Safety Committee will be looking at the trail and crossing on Thursday. No permit has been sent for the north crossing as was discussed at the May 22nd meeting. Mr. Anderson stated that we are looking for the safest crossing and that the MSA report showed crossing #2, the north crossing as the preferred crossing. Tom Christensen said that he was not aware of a permit application being sent to the DOT. He asked to see it. The club could use the northern crossing, but didn't want to use Lost Lake Drive South. There are no other alternatives. Motion Vojta seconded Bates that the Sixteen Road crossing and trail be tabled until after the Vilas County Snowmobile Safety Committee meeting. Approved.

11. Citizens Concerns: Phil Monday asked if anyone had looked into making Star Lane a town road. Mr. Anderson will place Star Lane on the agenda for the August 23, 2012 planning & zoning meeting

12. Board Concerns: Mr. Camp stated that the budget workshops would be starting soon. He also stated that when he met with the DOT to discuss the proposed highway work in town, that they said that they need to plan for a 10" rain when they lay out the culverts.

13. Set Time & Date of Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled town board meeting will be held on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center. There will be a special town board meeting on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. to discuss the tanker truck. There will be a budget workshop on Friday, September 14, 2012 at 4:00 P.M., two-hour limit.

14. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Bates that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:32 P.M.

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