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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Marv Anderson, Tom Martens, town clerk, Marion Janssen, town treasurer. John Vojta was absent. There were also 9 other people in attendance.
- 3. Approval of agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion Bates seconded Anderson that the minutes of the August 13, 2012 regular town board meeting be approved as presented. Approved.
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 8-31-2012: \$50,598.24; room tax account \$26,038.94; lakes CD account \$15,512.67; lakes account \$12,789.65; skateboard park fund \$4,154.51; bike & hike trail account \$11,009.58; money market account \$140,686.60; playground equipment account \$4,388.65; debt reserve account \$377,200.18; fire department \$9,335.39; fireworks donation account \$2,042.30; community development account \$15,230.20; golf course general account \$32,588.42; golf course payroll account \$1,000.00; golf course money market \$114,017.34..
- 6. Payment of Vouchers: Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Radtke seconded Bates that vouchers 837-931 and 20492-20564 be approved along with the following extra bills: Meyer Insurance - \$5,379.00 partial workmens comp; Ellen Finch - \$90.00 lakes committee labels; Dept. of Corrections - \$480 inmate services. Approved.
- 7. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp noted that he had received a usage report from the Plum Lake Library. On October 11, 2012 the DOT will be conducting an informational meeting at the community center concerning the proposed reconstruction of Hwy. 70 from Hwy. 155 to Cty. O. The DOT also wants to purchase a 10' strip of land from the town to extend the ROW beyond the ditch line. The work would begin in middle to late August rather than early summer. Mr. Camp also stated that he had received a letter of reprimand from the DOT concerning the publication of roadwork bid requirements. In 2009, the town applied for a TRIP grant, but had only published the bid notice for one week. Checks will be coming for all but about \$5,000 of the DNR bike & hike trail grants. The request for remainder of the payment has to be completed.
- 8. Supervisors Report:** Mr. Anderson noted that he has received three calls concerning blight. He also has received a complaint about a sign for a business in a district that is not zoned for the business. Mr. Bates that he and Mr. Radtke and Mr. Anderson will be attending a Rude Ware seminar in Wausau. The following week there is a WTA training session in Rhinelander..
- 9. Town Committee Reports/Comments:** Fire Chief, Tim Clark, stated that there were 27 calls last month. Three to Newbold, three to Cloverland, one to Plum Lake, one to Eagle River and 19 to St. Germain. The tank truck repair is almost complete. The department parked two trucks at the elementary school entrance on the first day of school to remind motorists to drive safely. Engine #1 is still having on-going starting problems. Mr. Anderson asked what was going to happen when the dealer finally said that he would not cover anything. Mr. Radtke will look into the possibility of purchasing an extended warranty.

Mr. Camp reported that the dishwasher needed to be repaired for about \$1700. The public works committee has begun work on its budget. Mr. Ebert presented his wish list. Mr. Radtke is going to check with Arbor Vitae and Lincoln to see what they charge to use their facilities. The town's rates have not been changed for several years. Mr. Camp also reported that the golf course is about \$35,000 below the projected earnings. With most of September and part of October remaining, the budget should be met. The concession stand needs to be reshingled and the bunkers need to be sifted. The town crew will do some of the work. The course pro has recommended that we rent six more carts for July and August next year so that, hopefully, it would take care of the cart shortage. Mr. Radtke asked about the hiring and firing of two employees. Both employees failed to come in

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for work on the weekend. Mr. Spears has had the power to hire and fire in his previous contracts. As of now, no employees plan on applying for unemployment this year.

Mr. Anderson stated that there were grants available for the washing of boats at the boat landings. The committee will be applying for new grants. Mr. Anderson suggested that the concrete housings for cameras be constructed at the boat landings. Citations can be issued for anyone caught leaving without cleaning their boat. Gravel was placed at the Alma Lake boat landing. The next meeting will be on September 25, 2012. Mr. Anderson also reported that the town board needs to set a date for the Jackson Lane public hearing. The P & Z committee has reviewed about three-quarters of the WTA blight ordinance draft. Ted Ritter is willing to give a report on noxious weeds. Mr. Anderson noted that the finance committee decided to continue getting a tax bond for the treasurer rather than drafting an ordinance. Mr. Camp noted that there is a \$50,000 theft policy for the golf course employees. The committee also is recommending to the town board that a capital expenditure fund be included in the budget for next year. Ms. Janssen suggested that there should be controls over money that is collected by private organizations in the name of the town. Starting in October, Fire Chief Tim Clark will report on the fire department's donation account. Mr. Anderson reported that the senior housing is full. Concrete work and painting need to be done.

Mr. Radtke stated the room tax commission would be meeting in November. The chamber will have its budget by that time. The commission will be working on the 2013 room tax budget. Mr. Radtke reported that the yard waste facility would be open on Saturdays from 9 am until 3 pm for five weekends beginning on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The yard waste facility license was filed with the clerk. Mr. Radtke also reported that the trim on the fire department had been painted. A security light was installed on the south side of the community center. The Lions Club is going to be building a 30' x 40' pole barn near the Prime Timers building. The east side of the pavilion needs to be stained. The restroom at the golf course needs to be moved. It was built over buried stumps. The north soccer field will be reseeded. There are dead trees that need to come down. The transfer station building needs to be reshingled. Mr. Radtke added that a sharp corner on the bike trail by the chamber building had been rounded off. A path will be put through the county's river rock near Plum Creek. Three benches have been placed on the bike trail. The committee is considering a bike trail on Hwy. 155. The committee would also like to work a route to Hwy. G and then to Eagle River. Anne Small would like an accounting of the bike & hike account. Tim Clark stated that there have been three accident calls at the steep hill by the Big St. Germain River.

**10. Citizens Concerns:** Phil Monday thought that maybe the meetings should be moved back to 5 pm if more people don't attend. Carol Radtke asked that the community center main door be opened again on Mondays.

**11. Board Concerns:** Mr. Camp stated that everybody needed to complete the post office survey to help prevent our post office from being closed..

**12. Set Time & Date of Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled town board meeting will be held on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center. The board of review will be held on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 5 pm in meeting room #4 of the community center. There will be a budget workshop on Friday, September 14, 2012 at 4:00 P.M., two-hour limit.

**13. Adjourn into Closed Session Sec. 19.85© Considering Employment, Promotion, Compensation or Performance Evaluation Data of Any Public Employee:** Motion Camp seconded Bates to adjourn into closed session 8:13 pm. By a roll call vote: Mr. Camp – yes; Mr. Anderson – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Radtke – yes. Motion carried.

Motion to reconvene into open session at . By a roll call vote: Mr. Camp – yes; Mr. Anderson – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Radtke – yes. Motion carried

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

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