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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 18, 2013

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 3:00 P.M.
2. **Board Members Present:** Walt Camp, Fred Radtke, Marv Anderson, John Vojta, William Bates, , Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also six other people in attendance.
3. **Agenda Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)**
 - A. **Approval of Selective Logging Contract for St. Germain Golf Club:** Motion Bates seconded Anderson to approve the timber sale contract with Chris Klessig Logging with all proceeds going to golf course operations. Mr. Camp read a proposed timber sale contract from Chris Klessig Logging from Eagle River. Mr. Vojta asked if the other board members had received a copy of the contract prior to the meeting. They said that they had not. Mr. Camp stated that he had just read the contract, and copies were made and handed out. Mr. Klessig would give the town a deposit of \$1,000 as evidence of his intention to carry out faithfully the provisions of the contract. The work would be completed by May 1, 2013. Both Mr. Camp and Steve Spears agreed that the logging would not come within 75 yards of the golf course itself. Mr. Spears stated that he had not worked with Mr. Klessig before. Mr. Klessig had been recommended by the hauler from last summer. Mr. Spears stated that the cutting would be select with no more than 30% of the trees being cut. About 58 acres would be affected.

Mr. Radtke stated that he thought that the money from the trees should go towards paying off the debt on the golf course. Equipment should be paid for by income from the course. Mr. Vojta agreed. Mr. Vojta said that in 2007 he had Mr. Huppert, a forester, do a survey of the property. Mr. Huppert found that about 27 acres could be thinned, but that the rest of the property could wait. Mr. Camp stated that he had talked to town attorney, Steve Lucareli, concerning putting the logging out for bids. Mr. Lucareli said that as long as Mr. Klessig was going to make less than \$5,000, a contract was not necessary. Mr. Camp stated that when he asked Mr. Klessig, he was told that Mr. Klessig would not be making over \$5,000. Mr. Anderson stated that he felt that the logging operation was an investment in the golf course operations.

Motion Radtke seconded Vojta to amend Mr. Bates motion to put the proceeds from the logging into the golf course debt reserve account. The amendment failed three to one. The question was called. Mr. Bates original motion was carried by a voice vote four to one.

- B. **Purchase of 2 Toro Model 330 Triflex Greensmowers:** Motion Bates seconded Anderson that the town purchases two Toro Model 330 Triflex Greensmowers from Reinders, Inc. for \$54, 607 from the proceeds from the golf course selective logging project. Mr. Vojta asked how the balance was going to be paid for. The outstanding balance is going to be about \$15,000, depending on the amount of the proceeds from the logging. Mr. Bates stated that there was \$10,000 in the 2013 golf course budget for new equipment.

Mr. Radtke thought that removing the trees from the property would reduce the value of the golf course. He thought that because of that, the town should be paying the golf course \$10,000 for

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the next five years to cover the loss. Mr. Camp stated that the town had no intention of selling the course. The value of the asset would not be a factor. The town shouldn't have to pay anything back to the course. Mr. Camp thought that the board should put their trust in the superintendent's opinion. Mr. Camp also said that he had checked at First National Bank and found that the town could get a loan for \$54,000 at 2.95%. Mr. Anderson asked how the golf course committee had arrived at a unanimous decision to purchase the mowers. They had looked at Mr. Spears's proposal. Mr. Camp suggested that the matter be sent back to the finance committee. Mr. Martens said that the finance committee had recently met and the consensus of the committee was not to purchase the mowers at this time. Mr. Vojta said that the committee had voted. Mr. Camp stated that the committee had been charged with coming up with a way to finance the mowers, not decide whether or not to purchase them.

Motion Radtke seconded Vojta to amend Mr. Bates motion by striking "from the proceeds from the golf course selective logging project". Mr. Anderson, Mr. Bates and Mr. Camp voted against the amendment. Amendment failed. The question was called. By a roll call vote: Mr. Radtke – No; Mr. Bates – Yes; Mr. Vojta – No; Mr. Camp – Yes; Mr. Anderson – Yes. Mr. Bates original passed 3 to 2.

- 4. Adjournment:** Motion Radtke that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 3:57 P.M.

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