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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

- 1. Call to Order:** Acting chairman, Bill Bates, 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:** Marv Anderson, William Bates, Alan Albee, Tom Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Walt Camp was absent. There were also 17 other people in attendance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Anderson seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion Albee seconded Anderson that the minutes of the August 5, 2013, August 12, 2013 and August 29, 2013 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 08-31-2013: (-\$14,673.68): room tax account \$17,049.52; lakes CD account \$15,550.10; lakes account \$25,933.12; skateboard park fund \$4,156.58; bike & hike trail account \$15,554.23; money market account \$271,590.50; playground equipment account \$4,390.85; debt reserve account \$335,046.47; fire department \$5,838.42; fireworks donation account \$5,049.73; community development account \$36,648.69; golf course general account \$141,474.27; golf course money market \$206,114.52; Road Improvement Fund \$27,700.95; Loan Reserve Fund \$62,790.31; Spears Memorial Fund \$380.01.
- 6. Payment of Vouchers, Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Anderson seconded Christensen that vouchers 838-933, and 21438-21512 be approved. Approved.
- 7. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Anderson stated that the public works committee had discusses removing approximately 15 trees from the park area. Also, the commercial refrigerator in the community center kitchen probably needs to be replaced. Ms. Janssen thought that the money could come from the room tax account and the community development account. The committee will bring recommendations to the town board. Mr. Anderson also stated that he had received a petition from the home owners and adjacent property owners of Colonna Estates. The renter of one of the homes has eight to twelve dogs that he uses for bear hunting. He is also running a business. The town ordinance allows at most four dogs. For more than that a kennel license would be necessary. The county has issued a multi-dog license. When the county issues a multi-dog license, the applicant is warned that local ordinances may apply. The dogs are kept outside and bark through the night at any movement. One of the neighbors has potentially lost two home sales because of the barking dogs. Mr. Anderson will contact the town constable and ask him to talk to the renter. Mr. Anderson volunteered to go along with Mr. Eron. Mr.

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Anderson also noted that Gary Peske has moved. The county is looking for someone from ward 2 to take Mr. Peske's place until the next election.

8. Supervisor's Report: There were no reports.

9. Town Committee Reports/Comments:

A. Fire Department: Tim Clark reported that there were 28 calls last month. On the first day of school, the department placed two fire trucks at the elementary school entrance with banners welcoming the students back to school. The department received several bids for the brush truck. The highest is \$8,125.00. The generator is still leaking water into the oil. Mr. Camp had said that Bob Stippich, mechanic at the golf course, would take care of it. Mr. Clark also noted that now three of the lights on the outside of the department were now burned out. Mr. Anderson said that Tim Ebert would call Mr. Clark about the lights. Mr. Christensen asked why so many department were present wearing their blue shirts. Judy Kohout said that they wanted to show support for the fire chief and the fire department by-laws. The town board asked for copies of the by-laws.

B. Public Works: Mr. Christensen reported that the property owner at 1709 Cty. Hwy. C had called stating that the bicycle trail in front of his home has caused his driveway to washout. Mr. Christensen inspected the driveway and agreed that something needed to be done. Mr. Anderson will contact Tim Ebert .

C. Golf Course: Mr. Bates reported that he had sent the minutes of the last meeting. The course had been hit by lightning again. There was now a problem with the phone lines. The course is about \$50,000 ahead of last year. Ninety-one young ladies participated in the junior golf today. Twenty-three seniors will be participating in the Ryder Cup Tournament with Eagle River on Thursday and Friday. The electric service to the new bathrooms needs to be replaced. The landscaping and blacktop still need to be done. There is also a new fountain.

D. Lakes: Mr. Anderson reported that Little St. Germain is part of a 30-lake study by the DNR. Steve Gilbert told the committee that the lake will receive 15 walleyes per acre with three stockings over the next six years. The DNR will do shockings on a more regular basis to monitor the lake. One half of the fish will have been raised on natural food. The other half will have been raised on fish food. The fish will be marked. Big St. Germain will be its own stocking of 2000 fish. Money from Robert Manthei's fishing tournament will add another 250 fish.

F. Cemetery Committee: There was no report.

G. Planning & Zoning: Mr. Anderson reported that David Mollen has resigned from the committee. Anyone who might know of someone who would like to be on the committee should send the names to Mr. Camp. Ms. Janssen volunteered to return to the committee.

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H. Prime Timers: Mr. Anderson stated that the Prime Timers would like to add to their Christmas decorations. He added that the group should work with the town board. Judy Berard stated that the decorations have all been old decorations that had been donated. The Prime Timers have purchased approximately \$3,000 of LED decorations. Everything is non-secular. She added that they wanted to make it tasteful. Fred Radtke stated that they hoped that eventually the decorations would extend around the ball field and park and that they would be something that people would want to come to town to see.

10. Citizen's Comments on Items to be Considered by Town Board: The only comment was by Ms. Wirkus from Hiawatha Lake. She wanted to know what was being done about the noisy rooster problem with her neighbor. Mr. Anderson will check with Mr. Camp.

11. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

A. Fire Department Brush Truck Sale Bids: Motion Christensen seconded Anderson that the town board accept the bid from the Town of Hiles Fire Department for \$8,125.00. Approved. Motion Albee seconded Anderson that the money from the sale go into a separate account called the St. Germain Fire Department Future Equipment Account. Approved. The clerk is to give the title for the truck to Mr. Clark.

B. Parking on Town Roads: Mr. Martens stated that he had received a complaint from a property owner who lives next to a rental property. The renters have so many vehicles and boats that there isn't room to park in the driveway, so they are parking their vehicles on the side of the town road. Motion Anderson seconded Christensen to refer the matter to the planning and zoning committee for appropriate action. Approved.

C. Changes to St. Germain Zoning Ordinance, Setbacks, Dimensional and Special Requirements: Mr. Anderson presented revision C to the proposed changes to section 1.15 of the St. Germain Zoning that had been recommended by the planning & zoning committee. The proposed changes are:

**Changes to Town of St. Germain Zoning Ordinances
September 2013 - Revision C**

SETBACKS, ~~AND~~ DIMENSIONAL AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

1.15 SETBACKS

- (1) Waterfront Setbacks: Except as permitted by §59.692(1v), Wis. Stats., no structure or any portion thereof shall be constructed or placed within 75' of the Ordinary High Water Mark of a navigable lake, river or flowage.
- (2) Setbacks from PublicTown Roads: Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, setbacks from all publicTown roads shall be a minimum of 75'-50' from the center

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~~line of such roadsurveyed lot line. The center line point of measurement shall be from the existing road.~~

- (3) Side and Rear Lot Line Setbacks: Requirements for setbacks from the side and rear lot line are set forth in §§1.25 through §1.39 of this chapter for lots in each district classification except as noted below.
- a. Setbacks for Lots Less Than 1.5 Acres: The setbacks from a detached garage or detached accessory building, on a lot less than 1.5 acres in size, with a conforming dwelling or a legal non-conforming dwelling, shall be a minimum of 5' for both side and rear yard setbacks.
- b. Setbacks for Garage and/or Accessory Buildings on Vacant Lots Less Than 1.5 Acres: The setbacks from a garage or accessory building, on a vacant lot less than 1.5 acres in size, shall be a minimum of 15' for the side yard and a minimum of 40' for the rear yard.
- (4) Corner Lot Setbacks in Residential Districts: The side lot line setback from the ~~public~~Town road on corner lots in low density and multi-family residential districts shall be a minimum of 27' from the surveyed lot line.~~60' from the center line of the existing road.~~
- (5) Setbacks in Commercial Districts:
- a. Downtown Business District: Setbacks from State Highways 70 and 155 shall be the lesser of a minimum of 100' or the footprint of the present principal building from the center line of the existing road. Setbacks from a Town road shall be a minimum of zero feet from the surveyed lot line~~33' from the center line~~ for a distance of 250' from the center line of the State highway along the center line of the existing Town road.
- b. Community and Highway Business District: Setbacks from State Highways 70 and 155 shall be the lesser of a minimum of 75' or the footprint of the present principal building from the center line of the existing road. Setbacks from a Town road shall be a minimum of 17' from the surveyed lot line.~~50' from the center line.~~

1.17 MAXIMUM AREA LIMITATION FOR ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.

~~No Structure used as an accessory building shall be more than 1500 sq. ft. in area.~~

- (1) On lots equal to or greater than 1.5 acres, accessory buildings shall have a maximum size of 1500 square feet in area.
- (2) On lots less than 1.5 acres, accessory buildings shall have a maximum size of 660 square feet in area.

1.18 BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITATIONS.

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- (1) Principal Building: 35 feet mean height.
- (2) Accessory Building: 15 feet mean height.
- (3) Garage: ~~25 feet mean height.~~
 - a. On lots equal to or greater than 1.5 acres, the mean height for a garage is 25 feet.
 - b. On lots less than 1.5 acres, the mean height for a garage is 15 feet.

1.19 VACANT LOT SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

On lots less than 1.5 acres, only one garage allowed with a maximum size of 660 square feet in area.

Mr. Albee asked why 1.15 (2) was set at 50' from the surveyed lot line when all of the other changes had been equal to the original measurements. The consensus was that the 50' should be changed to 42'. Ms. Janssen questioned what the setback would be on an easement road. The consensus was that the town didn't control a setback on an easement road, but that should probably be checked out. Section 1.15(4) should be changed to all residential districts. Motion Christensen seconded Albee that the changes be sent back to the planning & zoning committee before a public hearing is scheduled.

12. Board Concerns: Mr. Christensen thought that Ms. Janssen should be appointed to the planning & zoning committee. Mr. Anderson stated that the four town supervisors would be attending a WTA workshop in Minocqua on Wednesday. That would be a good place to bring up setbacks on easement roads.

14. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting: The next regular monthly town board meeting will be held on Monday, October 14, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a budget workshop held on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 from 6:30P.M. until 8:30 P.M.

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 8:47 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor #1

Supervisor #2

Supervisor #3

Supervisor #4

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