

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 24, 2013

1. Call To Order: The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call: Walter Camp, Marv Anderson, Alan Albee, William Bates, Tom Christensen, Marion Janssen, town treasurer, Tom Martens, town clerk. Also present was Gerald Hensen.

3. Approval of Agenda: Motion Anderson seconded Albee that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.

4. Approval of Appraiser for WPS Property: Mr. Camp noted that he and Ms. Janssen had attended a meeting with a representative from both WPS and the DNR. The state, the town and the DNR all need to get appraisals for the WPS property. The State will look at all of the appraisals to determine a value. There are only certain appraisers that can be used. Steigerwaldt Land Services is one of the companies that were recommended. The deadline for making an offer is between November 15, 2013 and December 1, 2013. There are two options. The town could purchase the entire 350 acres along with the lake lots, or the town could purchase enough land for the snowmobile trail and the hiking trail and possibly a lake lot. If the town were to purchase the entire parcel, the DNR would purchase 10 acres and lake frontage for a boat landing. The town will need to have an appraisal done for each option. Ms. Janssen estimated that the two appraisals would cost between \$8,000 and \$9,000. There would be contingencies in an offer stating that the town board would need to get elector approval and also that a 50%-50% Stewardship Grant would be available. A conservancy would act as agent and could possibly also add some money. Mr. Christensen noted that the Big St. Germain Lake District would like to be involved. The district would like to expand the present boat landing rather than have a new landing on Lake Content. Mr. Christensen thought that the board should go to the electorate prior to making an offer. Mr. Camp and Mr. Anderson thought that the board needed to make an offer prior to going to the electorate so that the board would know more about how much money would be needed. Ms. Janssen stated that the money for the appraisals could be taken from the community development fund. Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the town hire Steigerwaldt Land Services at a cost not to exceed \$9,000 to do the two appraisals for the WPS property with the money to be taken from the community development fund. By a roll call vote: Mr. Anderson – yes; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Albee – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried.

5. Budget Workshop for 2014 Budget: Mr. Camp handed out an insurance proposal

from Meyer & Associates. The premium mod. is 1.25% which is very high after all of the claims that the town has had this past year. The fire department insurance and workmen's comp would be \$11,402 and the town and golf course insurance and workmen's comp would be \$35,607

The clerk read through the line items for the receipts. It was noted that other towns have gotten together to hire an animal control officer. The cost would be about \$140 per dog. Ms. Janssen noted that there would be a section concerning dog licenses in the December newsletter. Mr. Albee thought that the recycling grant income should be lowered to \$1,500. Mr. Martens suggested that the board stop at the end of the receipt section of the budget and continue with the expenses at the next meeting.

6. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting: The next budget workshop will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center.

7. Adjournment: Motion Anderson seconded Albee that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:20 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor #1

Supervisor #2

Supervisor #3

Supervisor #4