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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 14, 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 6:30 P.M.

2. Roll Call: Walter Camp, Marv Anderson, William Bates, Alan Albee, Tom Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 23 other people in attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion: Motion Anderson seconded Albee 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 September 9, 2013 and September 24, 2013 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.

5. Financial Report: Balance town general account as of 09-30-2013: \$34,184.00; room tax account \$32,977.43; lakes CD account \$15,552.74; lakes account \$25,934.18; skateboard park fund \$4,157.10; bike & hike trail account \$15,554.87; money market account \$95,709.75; playground equipment account \$4,391.03; debt reserve account \$401,008.49; fire department \$5,838.66; fireworks donation account \$5,050.37; community development account \$36,652.44; golf course general account \$133,409.09; golf course money market \$206,148.40; Road Improvement Fund \$27,704.44; Loan Reserve Fund \$62,798.23; Spears Memorial Fund \$390.06; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equip. \$8,125.01. Ms. Janssen suggested that we use the money from the Road Improvement account to pay the gravel bill. She also suggested that the town pay Marci Spears the balance in the Steve Spears Memorial account. Both accounts would then be closed.

6. Payment of Vouchers, Town, Fire Department, Golf Course: Motion Bates seconded Anderson that vouchers 935-1029 and 21513-21589 be paid. Approved. Mr. Christensen asked about the Arbor Vitae Septic bill for \$3577 for the washroom at the golf course. Mr. Camp explained that Steve Spears had worked out a deal where the work was to be swapped for golf. However, the man changed his mind and wanted to be paid. There was nothing in writing, so the bill was approved.

7. Chairman's Report: Mr. Camp reported that on October 17, 2013 there was a meeting to discuss the LRIP program. Mr. Anderson agreed to go in place of Mr. Camp. Mr. Camp has also received the requests from the two libraries. The request from Walter Olson Library is slightly less than last year.

8. Town Committee Reports/Comments:

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A. Fire Department: Tim Clark reported that there had been 16 calls last month. The hydraulic line for engine #1 needed to be fixed. Mr. Clark asked who was going to pay for the hydrant replacement at Lost Creek when the culvert is replaced next summer. Mr. Clark handed out a sketch of the town park. The fire association would like to see some benches and picnic tables placed around the park, especially for the flea market days. The association would pay for them. Hopefully there will be news on the ISO rating by the end of the year. There was a discussion concerning the acid neutralizer at the fire department. It has been disconnected. Mr. Clark stated that the pipes had frozen and broke. They have never been fixed. Mr. Clark has taken care of the freezing problem. The man who services the neutralizer needs to be called, or a new dealer needs to be found. Mr. Camp asked that Mr. Clark make sure that the town board members have all been certified in the NIMS program.

B. Public Works: Mr. Camp stated that the western end of Sixteen Road has been widened and graveled. Tim Ebert is getting prices to have the gravel rolled. The beavers were back near Hermanson Road. The town parks have been shut down for the season. The well at the northwest corner of the town park has been inspected. It is 64' deep with 26' of water. Someone had dropped a 12' 2x4 down into the well. The well would work for a new washroom and irrigation of the soccer fields. The #2 truck is back. Culverts on Lost Colony Road and Inlet Road need to be replaced. The DNR needs to inspect a culvert on Hemlock Road. The culvert on Forest Primeval Road will be worked on next spring. About 30 trees are dying and need to be cut at the town park. The committee is getting quotes. The committee has looked into LED lights for the town buildings. The town will be using a grader as a demo on the town roads. The committee is also looking into having the county grade and crown the gravel town roads.

C. Golf Course: Mr. Bates reported that when the inmate left the course, the Department of Corrections would not let the other employees come back to the golf course. With some of the other employees going back to college, the superintendent didn't have enough employees to keep the course open. At the same time, the #1 irrigation pump stopped working. It has been repaired several times. It can't be repaired again. The #2 pump isn't in very good shape either. So, regrettably, the course had to close early this year. Mr. Bates thanked the pass holders for their understanding. Turf specialists from UW-Madison have suggested a deep-tine aeration of the greens. Mr. Renk is also seeding with a new improved grass seed for this area. Hopefully the greens will be in great shape next spring. A golf course irrigation specialist has estimated that it would cost around \$8,000 to replace the 50 hp pump and another \$4,700 to replace the 20 hp. Pump. The pumps need to be replaced due to an electrical problem with the original installation.

D. Lakes: Mr. Anderson stated that Eurasian milfoil has been found in Lost Lake near the Stonehouse. The district is contracting with Onterra. Since the town has already done a lake study, we are ahead of the game. There may be money available from state grants, the town lake account, the Lake District and the Lost Lake Association.

E. Planning & Zoning: Mr. Anderson reported that David Mollen had resigned from the committee. Jaime Ricart would accept an appointment. UDC Inspector, Greg Baas, had to hire a

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new person to do the inspections for any Waldmann Construction homes. Mr. Baas works for Waldmann Construction. Mr. Anderson also reported that the permit value is up around \$1,000,000 over last year. The committee denied the petition from the residents of Colonna Estates concerning the barking hunting dogs. The town ordinance has an exception for sporting dogs. There is no number limit. The residents of Colonna Estates filed a second petition concerning the dogs. The second petition questions whether or not the owner of the dogs is operating a home occupation in the residential low density district. Mr. Anderson would like to get advice from the town's attorney. Mr. Anderson also added that he thought that it would be a good idea to have a town committee with the fire department.

F. Cemetery Committee: There was no report.

G. Housing Authority: Mr. Anderson reported that the housing units were full. He will be attending a one-day conference in Baraboo, WI with Francine Burns.

H. Room Tax: Fred Radtke reported that Ms. Janssen was collecting the room tax for the third quarter. The next meeting will be on November 13, 2013. .

9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

A. Restorative Justice Program: Lindsey Adams apologized to the town board and to the citizens of St. Germain for the bad choices that she had made over the past several years. She has served a jail sentence and has gone through rehabilitation. Ms. Adams is now employed and is starting to make restitution. Ms. Adams added that she had grown up in St. Germain and hoped that people would know that she is not the same person, now, who was causing all of the trouble.

B. Committee Appointments: Motion Anderson seconded Bates that Jaime Ricart be appointed to the planning & zoning committee to replace David Mollen; Tom Stecker be appointed to the golf course committee to replace Louis Mirek; and that Jerry Eliason be reappointed to the housing authority. Approved.

C. Constable Resignation: Mr. Camp noted that John Eron had resigned his constable position effective October 10, 2013. According to the WTA, the town can eliminate the constable position at an elector meeting; the town board can appoint a constable to fill the position; or the town board can hire an animal control officer. Mr. Camp handed out a contract from Edward Evert for the animal control officer. The charges would be \$50 per call plus mileage. If the owner of the animal couldn't be found, the town would have to pay the bill. Mr. Albee stated that Mr. Evert is very qualified. There was no consensus of the board as to what should be done. Motion Bates seconded Anderson that the town place an ad in the local papers for an animal control officer. Each interested person should send a letter of interest. Approved. Mr. Martens asked what he was supposed to tell people if they called, since the board had not made a decision concerning the position.

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D. Prime Time Usage of Town Fuel: Motion Christensen seconded Bates that the matter be tabled until a future meeting. Approved. Mr. Radtke asked that the town board make a decision rather than tabling the fuel issue.

E. Town Group Health Insurance Provider: Mr. Camp stated that he had known in advance that Meyer & Associates Insurance Agency was going to be sold. He also knew that Don Schiesl, the town's health insurance agent, would be moving to another company. Mr. Camp signed an agent of record keeping Don Schiesl as the town's agent and WPS as the town's health insurance carrier. The insurance company would now be based in Madison. By doing this, the town's health insurance rates are locked in for all of 2014. Mr. Christensen asked why Mr. Camp had not brought the matter to the full town board. He thought that it should have been placed on an agenda and discussed. Mr. Christensen said that he had talked to Grant Meyer. Mr. Meyer stated that the company would still be handling health insurance. Mr. Christensen thought that the insurance should be purchased through a local company rather than one in Madison. Mr. Christensen also asked about a non-compete clause in Mr. Schiesl's agreement with Meyer Insurance. Mr. Schiesl said that since Meyer Insurance, Inc. is now Meyer Insurance LLC that the non-compete clause didn't apply. Motion Christensen that the town's health insurance be moved back to Meyer Insurance and WPS. The motion died for lack of a second.

F. Resolution to accept Forest Lane and Star Lane as town roads: Motion Camp seconded Anderson that Star Lane in the SW1/4 SW1/4 Sec. 36, T40N, R8E be accepted as a town road and be placed on the DOT gas tax map. By a voice vote, motion carried.

Motion Camp seconded Albee that Forest Lane in the SE1/4 & NE1/4 of the SW1/4 Sec. 15, T40N, R8E be put back on the DOT gas tax map. By a voice vote, motion carried.

G. Snowmobile Reroute onto Town Property near Golf Course: Motion Bates seconded Anderson to approve the snowmobile trail reroute through a portion of the golf course property as presented by the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club. Approved.

10. Citizen's Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 minutes): Judy Kohout thought that a town fire department committee would be a good idea. She said that with a committee the board and fire department could sit down and talk without having to hire attorneys.

Carolyn Ritter introduced herself. She had been appointed to the Vilas County Board of Supervisors to replace Gary Peske.

Phil Monday asked if the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club had reported that damage that had been done to the Bo-Boen building when Jim Wendt ran into it with the groomer boom.

Ms. Wirkus asked if roosters were going to be added to the list of nuisances in the new Nuisance Ordinance.

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Fred Radtke asked what the problem was with them purchasing fuel from the town. He had handed out two sheets showing the cost savings that there is to the Vilas County Commission on Aging by using the town fuel. Mr. Radtke also noted that the PrimeTimers had taken the train trip at Laona. Dart ball would be starting soon. They will be having a travelogue on Pakistan and Afghanistan. Ninety-nine members went on the trip to Branson. The group will be starting the Christmas decorations next week.

13. *The board may adjourn into closed session Sec. 19.85 (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee:*

Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the meeting be adjourned into closed session at 9:18 P.M. pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee. By a roll call vote: Mr. Anderson –yes; Mr. Camp-yes; Mr. Albee-yes; Mr. Bates-yes; Mr. Christensen-yes. Motion carried.

Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the meeting be reconvened into open session at 10:44 P.M. By a roll call vote: Mr. Anderson –yes; Mr. Camp-yes; Mr. Albee-yes; Mr. Bates-yes; Mr. Christensen-yes. Motion carried.

There was no action as a result of the closed session.

14. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting: The next regular monthly town board meeting will be held on Monday, November 11, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 10:44 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor #1

Supervisor #2

Supervisor #3

Supervisor #4