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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 17, 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 came in late. Also present was Tim Clark.

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

4. Budget Workshop, continue with 2014 Budget: The board reviewed the expense side of the 2014 budget. The budget presented by the fire chief increased from \$76,211 in 2013 to \$76,278 for 2014. The public works budget increased from \$287,857 in 2013 to \$306,340 for 2014. The reasons for the increase were increased costs of expected repairs and the possibility of leasing a 1-Ton Truck. At this point, the proposed levy would be \$788,289 compared to \$775,041 for last year.

5. Security Lights on community center and fire department: Mr. Camp read a proposal from VanHoozen Electric for replacing the security lights on both the community center and the fire department. Option #1 is to convert the present fixtures to LED. The 10 lights on the fire station would cost \$3,300 and the 5 lights on the community center would cost \$1,650. Option #2 is to replace the existing fixtures with new LED fixtures. The fire station would cost \$2,700 and the community center would cost \$1,350. Mr. VanHoozen estimated that the new lights would pay for themselves in about five years. After that, the town would save over \$800 per year in electricity.

Mr. Christensen was concerned that the new fixtures would be pointed down. They would not illuminate the parking lots. He also thought that other contractors should be given a chance to bid. Mr. Camp stated that for this amount of money the town did not have to get bids, but that Mr. Ebert had asked several contractors for bids and only received the one from VanHoozen Electric.

Motion Anderson seconded Camp that if funds are available to proceed with option #2 per the public works committee's recommendation. Motion withdrawn.

Mr. Albee suggested that the town check into Focus on Energy to see if there are any rebates. Mr. Christensen said that when Northland Pines used Focus on Energy that they gave an amount of the rebate prior to the work being done. The bill had to be paid,

however, before the rebate was issued.

Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the town proceed with the VanHoozen proposal, with multiple options depending on where the lights are going to be placed, with further review by the public works committee. By a voice vote, motion carried. Mr. Christensen and Mr. Albee voted against.

6. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting: The next budget workshop will be held on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.in meeting room #4 of the community center along with the board of review. If there are people at the board of review, the budget workshop will have to be postponed.

7. Adjourn into closed session per Wis. Statute 19.85(g): Motion Albee seconded Anderson that the meeting be adjourned into closed session pursuant to WisStat. 19.85(g) at 9:15 P.M. By a roll call vote: Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Albee – yes; Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Anderson – yes. Mr. Camp excused himself from the meeting.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor #1

Supervisor #2

Supervisor #3

Supervisor #4