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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 11, 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 16 other people in attendance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion Bates seconded Camp that the minutes of the September 24, 2013(#2), October 14, 2013, October 17, 2013 and October 31, 2013 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 10-31-2013: \$67,422.27; room tax account \$97,955.08; lakes CD account \$15,555.30; lakes account \$29055.06; skateboard park fund \$4,157.10; bike & hike trail account \$15,555.53; money market account \$5,713.21; playground equipment account \$4,391.21; debt reserve account \$401,076.61; fire department \$5,838.91; fireworks donation account \$50.37; community development account \$36,652.44; golf course general account \$71,194.44; golf course money market \$93,918.37; Road Improvement Fund \$0; Loan Reserve Fund \$62,798.23; Spears Memorial Fund \$0; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equip. \$8,125.01.
- 6. Payment of Vouchers, Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Bates seconded Albee that vouchers 1030-1113 and 21590-21644 be paid along with a bill to MSA for \$4,170.21—well monitoring. Approved. .
- 7. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp reported that he had received the annual report from Walter Olson Library. He also receives reports from Plum Lake Library showing that a large portion of the usage is from St. Germain. Mr. Camp also noted that the town policy is that upkeep of town facilities needs to be approved by either the town chairman or a member of the town board.
- 8. Town Committee Reports/Comments:**

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A. Fire Department: Tim Clark reported that there had been 10 calls last month. Fire inspections are underway. Phil Kohout gave the report for the Red Brick Schoolhouse to Mr. Camp. Mr. Kohout stated that the building should not be opened to the public until the safety concerns are addressed. Mr. Camp also asked Mr. Clark to look into the town charging for fire calls. Mr. Camp noted that most homeowner insurance policies provide for a charge. The money would go into a fund for fire department equipment.

B. Public Works: Mr. Camp stated that Mr. Anderson had volunteered to help Todd Renk to get a trencher to cut the roots along the bike trail where they are cracking the blacktop. If there is time, they will also do sections of the cart path at the golf course. Truck #2 is still not working properly. There will be a meeting next week with the dealership. The committee did not receive the bids for cutting the trees at the town park or the quotes for the community center refrigerator in time to approve them. The Christmas lights will be put up next week. Logging trucks have been causing damage on Ross Lake Road. The town crew tried to repair the damage, but the trucks ruined it again. The town crew put up "No Thru Trucks" signs. Mr. Camp will be discussing the problem with the DNR. The new LED lights have been installed on the community center and the fire department. They illuminate about 26 feet out from the buildings. The committee will look into Focus on Energy rebates. The sand shed is full. The town purchased salt from the county to mix with the sand.

C. Golf Course: Mr. Bates reported that there are issues with the small tractor. The mechanic is not able to fix it. The dealer will be contacted. The greens have been aerated and sprayed. Mr. Christensen asked if several towns could go together to purchase an aerator rather than renting one.

D. Lakes: Mr. Christensen noted that a question has come up as to whether the milfoil in Lost Lake might have come from Stella Lake. Stella Lake has a Lake Rehab & Protection District, but it is not active. Mr. Anderson stated that if the Stella Lake doesn't do it, the Lost Lake District might facilitate a survey of Stella Lake and Stella Creek. The Lost Lake District has contracted with Onterra to do two surveys next year. One will be done in the spring and one in the fall. There will be some harvesting by hand. Mr. Christensen also noted that there will be a pamphlet on the use of our lakes. It will discuss common courtesy, etc. Found Lake has received a grant to once again have college students monitor the boat landing next summer.

E. Planning & Zoning: Mr. Anderson reported that the committee will be meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:00 P.M. The committee will be discussing the final draft of the nuisance ordinance and also the second petition concerning the dogs near Colonna Estates.

F. Cemetery Committee: There was no report.

G. Housing Authority: Mr. Anderson reported that he had attended the conference on Rural Housing in Wisconsin Dells with Francine Byrns.

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H. Room Tax: Fred Radtke reported that the commission will be meeting on Wednesday at 5 P.M. Ms. Janssen had handed out the 3rd quarter report.

9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

A. Consider Bids for Cutting of Infected Trees at Park: Mr. Camp read three bids. Woodland Tree Service \$3,500 less credit for the timber; Lumberjack Tree Service \$2,950 less credit for the timber; Klessig Tree Service \$3,250 with the credit for the timber. Klessig and Lumberjack would haul the branches, Woodland would burn them on site. There would be a hauling charge with Woodland, the hauling was included with Lumberjack. All bids included 29 trees at the park and one tree on Old Hwy. 70. There was no time line with any of the bids, but Mr. Camp noted that the town would like the work to be done by the end of the year. Mr. Camp noted that Woodland Tree Service had donated it's time for the clearing of the new soccer field. Mr. Anderson estimated that they must have donated quite a large amount of time. Mr. Christensen thought that the town would never get anyone to bid on a project again. Why should someone bid on something when someone else may have donated time in the past and be given the bid. Mr. Christensen thought that a donation was a donation and should not be taken into account when awarding bids. Motion Albee seconded Christensen to accept the low bid for \$2,950 less the timber, for 30 trees, with the brush to be hauled, from Lumberjack Tree Service. Mr. Camp and Mr. Anderson voted against. Motion carried 3 to 2.

B. Constable Opening, Review, Consider Applicants: Mr. Camp noted that the clerk had received two letters of intent for the animal control officer position. One from Edward Evert from Conover and one from Don Baumann of St. Germain. Motion Camp seconded Anderson that Don Baumann be appointed as town constable to complete John Eron's term. Approved. Mr. Martens gave Mr. Baumann the oath of office.

C. Radar Run 1/31 thru 2/2/2014 special sanctions for event: Motion Christensen seconded Albee that the town board sanction the following trails for the St. Germain Radar Racers Radar Run on January 31, 2014, February 1, 2014 and February 2, 2014: (1) Hearthside to Thunderbird Pass; (2) St. Germain Rentals along highline to Elberts Condominiums; (3) Trail from West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake to Hwy. 70 next to Corner Store Gas Station; (4) All marked trails on Little St. Germain Lake; (5) West one half of West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake. The times will be from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. on all three days. Approved.

D. Prime Timers Usage of Town Fuel Pumps: Mr. Camp noted that the Prime Timer bus was owned by the Vilas County Commission on Aging. Fred Radtke had given a cost savings report to the town board at a previous meeting. Mr. Radtke noted that everyone had to get off of the bus when it was being fueled. The Prime Timers board decided not to look into other options until the town board made a decision. Mr. Albee thought that the town board could not tell one group yes and another no. He also thought that the pumps would have to be certified. Mr. Christensen added that the pumps would probably have to be inspected throughout out the year. Motion Christensen seconded Albee that the town doesn't sell gasoline or diesel fuel to anyone. Approved. Tim Clark asked if the fire department would need a debit card to

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purchase gasoline or diesel fuel elsewhere. It was also discussed that possibly it might be more cost effective if the town purchased its gasoline elsewhere and no longer maintained the pump.

E. Liquor License Request for open license currently held by bank on Hwy 155 property: Motion Albee seconded Anderson that a class B combination intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverage license be issued to Lisa Busha for 2530 Hwy. 155, T40N, R8E. Approved. The application had been properly published and there are no outstanding taxes or liquor bills.

F. Refrigerator at Community Center Replacement: Fred Radtke had gotten estimates for a refrigerator for the community center kitchen on-line. The prices ranged from around \$1,900 to \$2,800. Tim Clark stated that the town board should be careful that there were warranties on refrigerators that are purchased on-line. He also noted that it was difficult to work on the brands of refrigerators that Mr. Radtke had found. Mr. Clark stated that he could get quotes from Manitowoc and Turbo Air. He thought that the cost should be around \$3,500. There will be a special town board meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 6:45 P.M. in meeting room #5 of the community center to review the quotes.

10. Citizen's Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 minutes): Carol Radtke asked the town board to only consider refrigerators whose doors were hinged and not sliding.

11. Board Concerns: Mr. Martens asked the board to make a decision about the iPad computer that had been purchased by Steve Spears. It was decided to allow Marci Spears to purchase the computer for \$599 and to return the printer to the town. Mr. Martens also asked about Steve Spears' life insurance. Mr. Camp stated that Don Schiesl had contacted Ms. Spears and that she was completing the paperwork. Mr. Christensen asked that Mr. Martens send a final version of the 2014 budget worksheet to the board.

12. The board may adjourn into closed session for the purpose of discussion of negotiations of purchase of WPS property per Wis. Statutes 19.85(e):

Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the meeting be adjourned into closed session at 8:37 P.M. pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (e) for the purpose of discussion of negotiations of purchase of WPS property. By a roll call vote: Mr. Anderson –yes; Mr. Camp-yes; Mr. Albee-yes; Mr. Bates-yes; Mr. Christensen-yes. Motion carried.

13. Reconvene into open session and take action that may come from closed session: Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the meeting be reconvened into open session at 9:18 P.M. By a roll call vote: Mr. Anderson –yes; Mr. Camp-yes; Mr. Albee-yes; Mr. Bates-yes; Mr. Christensen-yes. Motion carried.

Motion Bates seconded Christensen to enter into contract with Conservation Fund to negotiate on behalf of the town with Integrys, with no fees unless there is a successful closing. Approved.

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14. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting: The next regular monthly town board meeting will be held on Monday, December 9, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a special town board meeting held on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 6:45 P.M. in meeting room #5 of the community center.

15. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 9:25 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor #1

Supervisor #2

Supervisor #3

Supervisor #4