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**MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MAY 12, 2014**

- 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 7:40 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call:** Walter Camp, John Vojta, Alan Albee, Tom Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Mr. Anderson was absent. There were also 12 other people present.
- 3. Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the town chairman. Approved.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion Albee seconded Christensen that the minutes of the March 3, 2014 zoning amendment public hearing, the March 3, 2014 special town board meeting, and the April 10, 2014 special town board meeting be approved as written. Approved
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 04-30-2014: \$81,386.05; room tax account \$35,364.26; lakes CD account \$15,570.72; lakes account \$28,948.75; skateboard park fund \$4,158.14; bike & hike trail account \$16,350.99; money market account \$295,303.01; playground equipment account \$4,392.30; debt reserve account \$401,474.55; fire department \$6,727.88; fireworks donation account \$2,550.61; community development account \$37,202.63; golf course general account \$30,531.25; golf course money market \$54,351.13; Loan Reserve Fund \$60,313.57; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equip. \$48,129.00.
- 6. Payment of Vouchers, Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that vouchers 412-511 and 21974 -22031 along with extra bills to: Jim Harold \$633--golf membership refund; Sartori Creative \$75.00--golf advertising; Menards \$550.91--golf course supplies; Trapp Electric \$180--fire dept. generator repair. Approved.
- 7. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp reported that he had received an open records request for the town's disposal contract with Eagle Waste. He had also received an open records request from Timber Ridge for the financial information for the golf course.
- 8. Town Committee Reports/Comments:**
  - Fire Department:** Mr. Vojta reported that the fire department fish fry was a success. The #1 truck is down for repairs. The generator is not working properly. The board and fire department will have to discuss the possibility of a grievance committee.
  - Public Works:** Mr. Camp said that bike and hike trail is open and swept. The bathrooms at the park will be opened this week. The crew is working on sweeping some of the intersections. A culvert on Found Lake Road has collapsed. The repair cost should be around \$2,000. The crew is brushing the town roads starting where the McNaughton crew stopped last year. Both trucks are up and running. Mr. Christensen told the board that Zach Rappa and Bill Coda have volunteered to work with the current skateboarders to make repairs at the skateboard park. The cost for materials will be around \$1,000. If the decking material needs to be replaced, the cost may be more. Mr. Christensen said that he would monitor the cost. Mr. Camp noted that a "No Skateboarding" sign has been put up at the pavilion.
  - Golf Course:** Mr. Camp stated that the golf course was now open. The course took in about \$2,400 last Saturday. The greens are in great shape. The equipment is all in working order. There are only a few projects to be finished. Inmates from McNaughton will be at the golf course on May 28, 2014 to get stones out of the bunkers and to do some brushing. The course is going to host the Channel 7 tournament this year
  - Lakes Committee:** Mr. Christensen reported that there will be a lakes committee coming up soon

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**Planning & Zoning Committee:** Mr. Martens read Mr. Anderson's Planning & Zoning Committee report. The committee met with REI engineers/Integrays to review some ordinance questions regarding roadways. The town's ordinance will only allow a dead end road to be 2,500 feet long. A public hearing will have to be scheduled. The committee is working a simplified nuisance ordinance and revisions to the animal control and home occupation ordinances to provide clarity and legal compliance.

Mr. Christensen added that Integrays would need to have about 3,400 ft. for a dead end road if they are going to develop the lots on their property. There is also a zoning question. Some of the lots will be in two different zoning districts. A road could be constructed all the way through to Half Mile Road, but then the DOT might not give a permit to connect with STH 70.

Mr. Martens also read from Mr. Anderson's report that he has met several times with the Independence Day Committee. The Chamber/Director will coordinate the event. Mr. Anderson also thought that the board needed to initiate better communications with the town's residents. He suggested expanding the website and also that two newsletters be sent out each year. One can go out with the tax bills and a second one could be sent in June or July.

**Cemetery Committee:** Mr. Christensen reported that the cemetery will be meeting soon

**9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table):**

**A. Review/Approve Bids for Chip Sealing & Crack Filling from PW Committee:** Motion Camp seconded Albee to accept the bid from Pitlik & Wick for Chip Sealing for \$28,080.42. Approved. The roads to be chip-sealed are Border Creek Road, Winona Lane, and

The public works committee recommended that the town accept the crack-sealing bid from Pitlik & Wick for Paton Road. They recommended accepting the bid from Fahrner for Moon Road, Jackson Lane and Juve Road. Mr. Albee said that he didn't like the idea of splitting bids. Mr. Christensen asked if the town was doing the right thing by doing anything to Paton Road at all since Fahrner said that more needed to be done to it than crack-sealing. Mr. Vojta questioned whether or not Fahrner knew the difference between Indian Trail and Indian Woods subdivision. Motion Albee seconded Vojta to accept the bid from Pitlik & Wick for \$6,002 for crack-sealing Winkle Road, Birch Tree Lane, Pine Tree Lane & Indian Woods subdivision. Approved.

Motion Albee seconded Christensen to accept the bid from Pitlik & Wick for \$4,892 for crack-sealing Paton Road, Jackson Lane, and Juve Road from STH 155 to Moon Road.

**B. Approval of Liquor License for Jeff Feyen (Formerly Angry Dave's):** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta to table the class B combination license application for Jeff Feyen. Approved. The personal property taxes were not paid by BMO Bank. Mr. Feyen would owe a portion of those taxes. Ms. Janssen will notify Mr. Feyen

**C. Approval of Shelia Pulec as new agent for Twilight Tavern:** Motion Camp seconded Christensen to appoint Sheila Pulec, agent for MSP Generations, at The New Twilight. Approved.

**D. Approval of Town Committee Assignments:** Mr. Camp presented his list of town board member committee appointments. He noted that he added Mr. Anderson as the town board liaison to the fire department.

Motion Albee seconded Christensen to accept Mr. Camp's appointments for the lakes committee chairman and vice-chairman, with the committee chairman to appoint the rest of the committee. Approved.

Motion Albee seconded Christensen to appoint Mr. Albee as chairman and Mr. Camp as vice-chairman for the Landfill Venture Group Committee. Approved.

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Motion Albee seconded Christensen to appoint Ed Johnston as town representative to the Walter Olson Memorial Library and Sue Fath as town representative to the Plum Lake Library.  
Approved.

Motion Christensen seconded Vojta to appoint Jerry Eliason chairman and Mr. Anderson vice-chairman of the Housing Authority committee. Approved.

Motion Christensen seconded Albee to appoint Mr. Christensen as town board representative to the cemetery committee. Approved.

Motion Christensen seconded Albee to discuss the need for a bike and hike committee for future expansion at the next town board meeting. Motion failed.

Motion Albee seconded Vojta to appoint Ann Small chairman and Mr. Albee vice-chairman for the bike and hike committee. Approved.

Motion Christensen seconded Vojta to appoint Mr. Anderson chairman and Mr. Christensen vice-chairman of the planning and zoning committee with the chairman to appoint the rest of the committee. Approved.

Motion Albee to appoint Mr. Christensen chairman and Mr. Vojta vice-chairman for the public works committee. Mr. Christensen said that he would not serve as chairman of the committee. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Christensen stated that when he first was elected to the town board, he thought that the committees were dysfunctional and should be eliminated. Since that time, he now sees that they can work.

Motion Christensen seconded Albee to appoint Mr. Vojta chairman and Mr. Christensen vice-chairman of the public works committee with the chairman to appoint the rest of the committee. Motion carried by a voice vote. Mr. Camp voted "no".

Mr. Camp stated that the town board spends the money. The committees merely recommend expenditures to the town board.

Motion Albee seconded Christensen to appoint Mr. Christensen chairman and Mr. Albee vice-chairman of the golf course committee with the committee chairman to appoint the rest of the committee. Motion carried by a voice vote. Mr. Camp voted "no".

Mr. Camp asked the rest of the board if they thought that he was doing a bad job on the golf course committee. Mr. Albee said that the committee needed someone with a fresh look. He also stated that the committee needed someone who was fiscally responsible and would watch the spending.

Motion Vojta seconded Christensen to appoint Mr. Camp chairman of the emergency preparedness committee. Mr. Martens and Ms. Janssen would also be on the committee.  
Approved.

Motion Christensen seconded Albee to accept the lake district representatives as presented,  
Approved.

Motion Christensen seconded Albee to appoint Mr. Anderson to the yard waste committee.  
Approved.

Motion Christensen to appoint Mr. Christensen, Marion Janssen and Deb Harvey to the room tax commission. Motion died due to lack of second.

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Motion Camp seconded Vojta to accept Mr. Camp's list for the room tax commission for one-year terms with the addition of Tom Best. Approved.

Mr. Vojta asked if there was a representative from the town board to the chamber of commerce. Mr. Vojta also asked why there wasn't a finance committee. Mr. Camp stated that he felt that the finances were important enough that the entire town board should be discussing them.

Motion Vojta seconded Christensen to discuss the addition of a finance committee at the next town board meeting. Approved.

**E. Approve Budget from Room Tax Revenues:** Motion Vojta seconded Camp to accept the room tax budget as presented. Approved. The board felt that there should be a line in the budget for bike and hike trail maintenance.

**F. Discussion of Town Audit:** Mr. Christensen stated that he had changed his mind about a town audit. He now felt that the money would be better spent by getting both the treasurer and clerk to use the same finance software. He had talked to Anderson/Metz from Minocqua about QuickBooks. The cost would be a couple of thousand dollars plus a charge of \$95/hour. Mr. Martens stated that if the town is going to change systems, he needs to use the codes that correspond with the state's Schedule C at the end of the year. Mr. Christensen will get more information.

**G. Review of 2014 budgets (Town, and Golf Course):** Motion Vojta seconded Albee to table the discussion of the town and golf course budgets and call a special meeting. Approved. There will be a special town board meeting held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 6:30 P.M.

Motion Vojta seconded Christensen to place on the agenda for the next meeting to discuss the possibility of sitting down with the fire chief and a rep from the town board to discuss the open meeting law as far as posting the fire department's training meetings, etc.,etc. to enlighten them on what has to be done each month. Approved.

Mr. Vojta asked if the fire department was being charged for its fuel. Mr. Martens stated that each month he received the usage from Mr. Ebert. It is included in the town budget.

**11. Citizen's Concern:** There were none.

**12. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting:** The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2014 at 6L30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center. There will be a special town board meeting held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center.

**13. Adjournment:** Motion Albee seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:02 P.M.

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