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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: JULY 14, 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 6:30 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call:** Walter Camp, Marv Anderson, John Vojta, Alan Albee, Tom Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 15 other people present...
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion Anderson seconded Camp to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2014 town board meeting and the July 7, 2014 special town board meeting. Approved.
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 06-30-2014: \$35,865.80; room tax account \$48,436.63; lakes CD account \$15,575.93; lakes account \$28,951.17; skateboard park fund \$4,158.66; bike & hike trail account \$17,052.36; money market account \$205,385.99; playground equipment account \$4,392.67; debt reserve account \$401,608.75; fire department \$6,728.44; fireworks donation account \$2,550.90; community development account \$37,207.26; golf course general account \$115,868.69; golf course money market \$54,360.22; Loan Reserve Fund \$60,321.09; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equip. \$48,135.00.
- 6. Payment of Vouchers, Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Anderson seconded Christensen that vouchers 646-694, 700-761 and 22115-22205 be approved along with several additional bills: Northway Communications \$98—fire dept. radios; American Homepatient \$66—fire dept. medical supplies; Pomasl \$82.72—fire dept. apparatus maintenance; Steel Design \$59.35—golf course steel; Meyer & Assoc. \$181.00—Ford F350 ins; Dominion Voting \$175.25—voting machine maintenance; Fastenal \$47.89—equipment repair; St. Germain Sport Marine \$407.30—reim card holders
- 7. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp recognized Ed Johnston who is retiring from the Walter Olson Memorial Library board after 25 years of service. Mr. Camp expressed the appreciation of the Town of St. Germain. Mr. Johnston stated that he was not opposed the library expansion. He was opposed to the process. Mr. Vojta asked why the project was not put out for bids. Mr. Camp explained that engineering services did not need to be bid. The rest of the expansion project would be put out for bids. Mr. Johnston stated that only St. Germain, Conover and Eagle River were in favor of having the engineering services be put out for bids. Mr. Camp stated that he would fill one of the positions on the Walter Olson Memorial Library board. He would appoint Mary Platner to the second position. Mr. Christensen said that he didn't think that Ms. Platner was a good choice for the position since she wanted to move the library expansion program forward and was in favor of not putting the project out for bids. Mr. Christensen felt that Ms. Platner would not represent St. Germain properly. Mr. Camp said that he would talk to Ms. Platner. Ms. Janssen noted that the golf course bill to Meyer Enterprises was for the rental of 6 golf carts @\$850/cart for the year. Mr. Camp also noted that one of the vendors from the flea market has been billed for damage that he had caused to one of the septic tank covers. Ms. Janssen also noted that she was holding the check for the golf course handicap fees until she checked into just how many members the golf club has.
- 8. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table):**
 - A. Building Inspector:** Mr. Camp noted that Mr. Anderson had asked for the UDC building inspector to be added to the agenda. However, Mr. Anderson has now found out that the UDC Inspector contract automatically renews each year unless one of the parties objects 30-days prior to the renewal. The UDC Inspector contract has automatically renewed for 2014. Mr. Vojta asked that the inspector contract be revisited for this fall.
 - B. Sub-division approval as recommended by P&Z:** Mr. Camp stated that the sub-division had already been approved by the Planning & Zoning Committee. Mr. Camp needed to sign the plat for Eagle Watch subdivision.

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C. Application to WI DOT for proposed new town road: Tom Radenz, engineer from REI, noted that the DOT needed to have the connection permit application signed by the town in order for Intergrys to proceed with the construction of the road into Eagle Watch subdivision. The road would be built to town specifications with the intention of dedicating it as a town road. Motion Anderson seconded Camp to sign the connection permit application for our proposed town road to STH70. Mr. Martens asked why the DOT was requiring the town to sign the permit application when the town was not the property owner. There is an ongoing lawsuit in Minocqua against the DOT for that reason. Mr. Radenz explained that the DOT was requiring the town to sign because the connection for a town road needs to be a class C connection. He already has the connection permit for a private driveway, but because the road will be built to town specifications, the DOT is requiring the town to sign. Mr. Albee asked whether or not Mr. Radenz could get a permit if the road was not going to be a town road. Mr. Vojta was concerned about any liability that the town might have by signing the permit application. Mr. Christensen said that nobody is against the road, but he wanted to do things the right way. He thought that the town board could approve of signing the application, but that Mr. Camp should contact the DOT before he signs it. Mr. Anderson withdrew his motion. Motion Anderson seconded Vojta that Mr. Camp contact the town's attorney to get his opinion prior to signing the application. Mr. Christensen said that he thought that at a recent Planning & Zoning committee meeting that there had been a discussion about needing to change the zoning district boundaries for Eagle Watch subdivision. Mr. Anderson stated that at the subsequent Planning & Zoning committee meeting it was decided that the Vilas County Shoreland Zoning would apply and that the districts of the town's ordinance would not need to be changed. Mr. Vojta suggested that Mr. Camp call Mark Ratty from the DOT. Mr. Anderson said that the town board should postpone signing the application until Mr. Camp gets clarification from the DOT and then move forward. Mr. Christensen asked that each town board member be given copies of the permit application and any other documents. Mr. Christensen also added that anyone with questions should contact Mr. Camp no later than Wednesday morning so that he can talk to Mark Ratty. Mr. Anderson withdrew his second motion. There was a discussion concerning having a special town board meeting prior to signing the permit application, but no decision was made.

D. Letter of appreciation to retiring Walter E. Olson Library Director: Motion Camp seconded Anderson that Mr. Camp write a letter of appreciation to Diane Anderson, retiring director of the Walter Olson Memorial Library. Approved.

E. Letter of support to Town of Lincoln to become deed holder of property of Walter E. Olson Library: Mr. Camp stated that the Town of Lincoln has volunteered to hold the deed to the Walter Olson Memorial Library. The City of Eagle River wants to give it up. It would make the library property and island owned by the Town of Lincoln within the City of Eagle River. Mr. Camp also stated that if no town volunteers to take over the library property, the City of Eagle River will dissolve the consortium and everything would have to be started all over again. Mr. Anderson questioned whether or not the City of Eagle River could just decide to give up the library. The library trustees have hired a legal firm from Milwaukee which deals in municipal law. Mr. Vojta didn't want to get into the middle of a "rat's nest". Mr. Albee thought that the City of Eagle River just wanted out. Ed Johnston added that the \$20,000 that had been paid to Visner was paid by the foundation and not by the trustees. Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the Town of St. Germain not send a letter of support. Approved unanimously by a voice vote. The consensus of the board was to let things play out to see what happens.

F. Paving contract at golf course near newly constructed rest room: Mr. Camp stated that he had received a bid from Musson Brothers for \$7,400. The bid from Pitlik & Wick had been for \$5,400. Mr. Camp added that he has asked Pitlik to add the project to their schedule, but that he hadn't signed the contract. The terms of Pitlik's contract are the same as in the original bid. Ms. Janssen and Mr. Vojta asked how the project was going to be financed. There are several sections of the golf course budget that are already over budget. It also appears that the golf course income is down about 10% from last year. Mr. Albee stated that there was money left in the irrigation section of the budget. He felt that it would deter from the course to not do the project. Motion Albee seconded Christensen to accept the bid from Pitlik & Wick for \$5,400 for the paving near the new restrooms. By a voice vote, motion carried. Mr. Vojta was opposed.

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9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 8:35 P.M.

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