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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 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 8:50 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call:** Walter Camp, Marv Anderson, John Vojta, Alan Albee, Tom Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Attorney Lindsey Erickson was also present. There were 15 other people present.
- 3. Discussion/action on Integrys land contract proposal:** Attorney Erickson noted that a land contract was not being discussed, as listed on the agenda. The discussion would be concerning the contract for purchasing land. Patty Van Den Elzen from Integrys said that the town's attorney, Steve Lucareli, along with the attorney from Integrys had gone over and approved the contract. The contract is between the Town of St. Germain and Integrys for the purchase of 5.93 acres of land, subject to approval by the town's electors. The question came up as to whether or not the town board needs to share the contract with the electors. Attorney Erickson thought that the contract should be made available to the public. The clerk will have a copy added to the town's website. Mr. Albee asked why the town needed to sign the contract prior to receiving approval from the electors to purchase the land. By signing a contract, it would give the public the impression that the town board is recommending a course of action. Attorney Erickson was also concerned about signing a contract. Ms. Van Den Elzen stated that this contract is no different than an offer to purchase by any other prospective buyer for any other piece of property. It needed to be signed tonight. There needed to be a written offer to purchase on the table. Attorney said that this was an intent to purchase, not a contract to purchase. By signing, the town is not legally bound to purchase the property. Motion Anderson seconded Camp, based upon the information that was shared at our regular town board meeting four days ago, and the changes made to the contract for the sale of real estate that we asked for, and have been approved by both parties' attorneys, I move that we accept this contract. By a roll call vote: Mr. Christensen-yes; Mr. Vojta-yes; Mr. Albee-no; Mr. Anderson-yes; Mr. Camp-yes. Motion carried.
- 4. Discussion/action on Lost Colony Rd repair:** Mr. Camp stated that at the last town board meeting other members of the town board stated that they wanted to view the problem of the standing water on Lost Colony Road in front of the Morris property. Mr. Christensen stated that he had gone over to look at the road and agreed that it needed to be repaired, but that he didn't see that it was so urgent that it couldn't wait. Mr. Christensen said that he talked to Ken O'Gorman. Mr. O'Gorman seemed surprised that the town was considering working on the road since the water problem has been there for a long time. Mr. Albee wanted to know what the liability was. Someone had put a type of drain tile in as a culvert. The tile was now sticking above the blacktop. Mr. Christensen suggested taking out the tile and filling the space with cold patch for this year. Mr. Vojta asked if there was any time frame for fixing the road. Attorney Erickson said that there was no set time frame, but now that the town knew of the problem, it should be fixed in a reasonable time period. Mr. Anderson asked where the money comes from to do other projects that are not in the budget. Mr. Camp stated that another solution could be to just put down a gravel riser for now. Next summer, Pitlik could come in, pulverize the whole thing and blacktop over it. Ms. Janssen thought that the work could be done now. The town could use the balance of the money left from the chip sealing that wasn't done with the balance that is owed to Pitlik to be paid in January. Mr. Christensen asked if the problem was bad enough that the town should have an engineer look at the problem to see if there was a better solution. A class I notice would have to be published, but it was not necessary to go out for bids. Motion Anderson seconded Camp to accept the proposal from Pitlik & Wick to repair Lost Colony Road. By a voice vote, motion failed. Mr. Christensen, Mr. Vojta, and Mr. Albee voted against.

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5. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 9:34 P.M.

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