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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, 2014

- 1. Call to Order:** Acting chairman Marv Anderson 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:** Marv Anderson, John Vojta, Alan Albee, Tom Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Mr. Camp was absent. Steve Lucareli, town attorney, was present. There were also 9 other people present...
- 3. Approval of the Agenda:** Although it wasn't on the agenda, Mr. Anderson asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Hearing no motion, Mr. Anderson asked if the rest of the board members were OK with going ahead with the meeting. Mr. Vojta said that he couldn't approve the agenda since the chairman kept dodging the topics that Mr. Vojta, Mr. Christensen and Mr. Albee asked to have on the agenda. Attorney Lucareli said that it would be OK to go on with the meeting without approval of the agenda.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion Albee seconded Vojta that the minutes of the July 14, 2014, August 11, 2014, August 14, 2014, August 18, 2014, and August 25, 2014 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 08-31-2014: \$241,510.49; room tax account \$3,948.21; lakes CD account \$15,581.14; lakes account \$27,573.38; skateboard park fund \$2,840.93; bike & hike trail account \$21,096.45; money market account \$97,423.74; playground equipment account \$4,393.04; debt reserve account \$379,386.30; fire department \$6,729.01; fireworks donation account \$1,050.90; community development account \$49,084.30; golf course general account \$132,598.17; golf course money market \$166,371.60; Loan Reserve Fund \$38,273.09; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equip. \$68,135.00.
- 6. Payment of Vouchers, Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Mr. Anderson asked for a motion to approve the vouchers. Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the payment of the vouchers be tabled until such a time as the chairman puts the items that Mr. Christensen, Mr. Vojta and Mr. Albee have requested are put on the agenda. Mr. Anderson asked if Mr. Christensen was trying to hold the board hostage by not approving the bills. Attorney Lucareli said that Mr. Christensen was putting the town at risk of the vendors suing for non-payment of valid bills. Mr. Vojta said that he was upset that the chairman has not put all of the things that have been requested on the agenda. Mr. Christensen said that the town might be charged service charges, but that he doubted that the town would be sued. He went on to say that he couldn't meet this week, but he could meet next week, though, that would delay the payment of the bills for a week. Mr. Albee said that the town can't operate doing only the business that the town chairman wants to do. Maybe the press will put a little pressure on the chairman. Mr. Anderson said that the town needed to pay the bills that were OK to pay. The chairman needed to be convinced to put the requested items on the agenda. Mr. Anderson called for the question on Mr. Christensen's motion. Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Vojta – yes; Mr. Albee – no; Mr. Anderson – no. Motion failed.

Motion Albee seconded Vojta to approve vouchers 843-939 and 22299-22374 as presented. Approved.

5. Resolution to refinance funding for Fire Engine with First National Bank:

- 7. Resolution to refinance funding for Fire Engine with First National Bank:** Ms. Janssen noted that she had originally contacted First National Bank about renewing the loan for the fire truck. She had been quoted a rate of 3%. However, since that time, she had received a quote from People's Bank for a five-year note at a rate of 2.22% with a prepayment penalty or 2.45% with no prepay penalty. Mr. Vojta was concerned that the agenda said refinance with First National Bank. Attorney Lucareli said that if the motion was worded in such a way as to say that the town was not going to refinance with First National Bank, it would be all right to approve a loan with People's Bank. The current balance on the loan is \$319,259.43. The loan had been a 10-year note with a 5-year balloon. Motion Anderson seconded Albee not to refinance the fire

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engine with First National Bank but to take the low bidder, People's Bank, with a five-year note at 2.22% with the prepayment penalty. Approved.

8. Repair of John Deere Loader: Mr. Anderson stated that Tim Ebert had reported to the public works committee that the hydraulic cylinders on the John Deere Loader were pitted. He was afraid that they would leak and blow. The projected cost to have the cylinders re-chromed was approximately \$3,000. The cost to purchase new cylinders would be approximately \$4,000. None of the costs were in the budget. The committee recommended purchasing new cylinders and that the budget is re-balanced. Mr. Albee stated that if the cylinders were not leaking, that the town didn't need to purchase new ones. Mr. Christensen questioned why the town would need to purchase two cylinders. He questioned whether or not they both would go at the same time. Mr. Vojta asked to look at the bill for Powerplan from Nortrax. It appeared that the town had already purchased the seals for the cylinders for around \$2,200. Motion Albee seconded Christensen not to incur any additional expense. By a voice vote, motion carried. Mr. Anderson was against the motion. After the last service call, there is a squeak in the fan belt that needs to be fixed. Mr. Ebert has asked the company to come back to fix it at no cost to the town.

9. Golf course budget review and adjustments: Mr. Martens stated that he and Mr. Christensen had worked out a revised budget after the last meeting. Mr. Christensen said that he had gone over it with Ms. Rogers-Anderson. Mr. Albee stated that problems with the golf course budget had been identified in May but with the problems with the committee assignments, the committee didn't meet with the golf course pro and superintendent. Mr. Christensen stated that a meeting had been planned for May 27th, but the chairman didn't put the budget on the meeting agenda. Ms. Janssen said that she thought that there needed to be a personnel committee again so that hours and rates could be set, so that there would be some guidelines. Mr. Christensen said that he thought that Mr. Renk needed to be told how many people he could hire, how many hours they could work and at what rates. Mr. Vojta said that Ms. Rogers-Anderson had been given the authority to oversee the operation of the course, but that it seems that that authority has been taken away. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen to approve the adjusted golf course budget as presented. Approved.

10. Resolution to finance Integrys Land purchase (2 Bids Received): Ms. Janssen noted that she had received two quotes. The quote from First National Bank was a 10-year rate of 3.50% and a 15-year rate of 4.240%. The quote from People's Bank was a 10-year rate of 2.75% with a prepayment penalty or a 2.98% rate with no prepayment penalty or a 15-year rate of 3.00% with a prepayment penalty or a 3.29% rate with no prepayment penalty. Mr. Christensen thought that the money to pay for the 5.9 acre strip of land could come from the community development fund. Ms. Janssen thought that some money could come from the room tax account each year to be put towards the loan. Motion Christensen seconded Vojta to use People's 10-year loan term without a prepayment penalty at a rate of 2.98% and use \$49,000 from the community development fund to lower the amount borrowed to approximately \$440,190 plus the interest that will be due to the Conservation Fund. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

Mr. Vojta noted that if it was necessary to have Mr. Lucareli come in and to have a special town board meeting to address the additional items on the agenda and the committees. Mr. Vojta went on to say that those things needed to be addressed; we can't just go on putting them off. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen to have a special town board meeting with the additional items that have been requested and the committee appointment procedure on the agenda. Approved by a voice vote.

Mary Platner stated that she would like to make some comments concerning letters that had been received from District Attorney, Albert Moustakis. Mr. Anderson said that this was not the time and adjourned the meeting.

9. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 8:05 P.M.

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