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**MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 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:** Walt Camp, John Vojta, Alan Albee, Tom Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Mr. Anderson was absent. There were 13 other people present.
- 3. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 09-30-2014: \$59,221.40; room tax account \$15,400.93; lakes CD account \$15,583.79; lakes account \$27,574.51; skateboard park fund \$2,841.34; bike & hike trail account \$21,097.32; money market account \$97,431.75; playground equipment account \$4,393.22; debt reserve account \$379,433.07; fire department \$6,729.29; fireworks donation account \$1,051.11; community development account \$49,089.60; golf course general account \$179,040.63; golf course money market \$166,385.27; Loan Reserve Fund \$38,279.58; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equip. \$68,142.08.
- 4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:** Motion Albee seconded Christensen that the minutes of the September 8, 2014 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
- 5. Announcement of Town Committees:** Mr. Camp announced that he had appointed Michael Price to the public works committee. Marv Anderson was also appointed to the Housing Authority for a three year term.
- 6. Report of Standing and Special Committees and Lake Commissioners (Accommodations, Bike/Hike, Chamber, EMS/Fire, Golf Course, Housing Authority, Lakes, Public Works):**
  - a. Chamber of Commerce:** Penny Weismann reported that she has been working with the fire department on the tree lighting and fire department open house.
  - b. Fire Department:** Tim Clark reported that there had been 89 calls since his last report. The association has spent around \$72,000 on a new rescue vehicle. The purchase was at no cost to the taxpayers. The department trained on two control burns this summer. Vilas County has told Mr. Clark that the fire department can do whatever needs to be done with the hydrant on STH155 by Lost Creek. The department roof is leaking by one of the vents.
  - c. Golf Course:** Mr. Camp stated that the course would stay open until it either snows or the weather becomes too cold. Golf is \$1 per hole. The rest of the board questioned whether or not it was cost effective to remain open.
  - d. Housing Authority:** Mr. Camp stated that he had added the town as an additional insured on the housing authority insurance policy.
  - e. Lakes Committee:** Mr. Christensen reported that the lakes committee had met last week. The grant proposals are all in. Mr. Camp stated that he had talked to the DNR about the parking lot at the Big St. Germain boat landing. Work on the additional parking along Section Sixteen Road should begin this fall. There should be room for around 12 vehicles.
  - f. Public Works:** Mr. Camp noted that truck #2 was still having problems. Tim Ebert has been reporting exhaust fumes in the cab of the truck. Mr. Vojta suggested that someone from Monroe higher than whoever has been here to look at the truck be called. The truck hasn't seemed to be working correctly since the radiator was fixed. Vandervort Park is closed. The town park will be closed this week. Mr. Ebert is working on his budget. The DNR inspected the old landfill site. There will be a report. The crew is working on shouldering the town roads. They are also trying to correct a washout problem in one of the subdivisions where the property owners have cleared everything at the entrance to the road.

**7. Items for Discussion And Or Action:**

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**a. Appoint Board of Appeals members:** Motion Camp seconded Christensen that the following people be appointed to the Board of Appeals: Mark Hiller (1 year term); Sherry Stecker (2 year term); Terry Holmes (2-year term); Tony Waisbrot (3-year term); Bill Bates (3-year term); Phil Monday (alternate #1); and Anne Small (alternate #2). Approved. Mr. Camp will appoint the chairman.

**b. Appoint Planning Commission:** Motion Camp seconded Christensen that Tom Christensen, Alan Albee, Mary Platner, Jerry Hensen, and Jamie Rickart be appointed to the Planning Commission. Ms. Janssen noted that the town needed to get the town ordinances back onto the town's website. Mr. Christensen explained that he was going to vote "no" on the motion. He stated that Mr. Camp is still refusing to put the committee issues on the agenda. The committee issues have still not been resolved. Mr. Camp stated that the zoning commission, board of appeals and the room tax commission members are appointed by the town chairman with town board approval. The remaining committees are appointed by the chairman with no board approval. Mary Platner asked Mr. Christensen if he was holding the planning commission hostage over other matters. Mr. Christensen stated that he supposed that he was. Mr. Camp stated that he would put a discussion of the committee structure, appointments and committee members on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Camp withdrew his previous motion. Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the Planning Commission appointments be tabled until the next town board meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote. Mr. Camp voted "no".

**8. Approve Vouchers and Checks:** There was a concern over the hourly rate that is being charged by Gary's Truck Repair. There is no rate listed on the bill. Motion Christensen seconded Camp that vouchers 940-1056 and 22375-22455 be approved.

**9. Approve sale of Fire Department Surplus 1997 Chevy Rescue Van:** Motion Christensen seconded Camp to authorize the fire chief to sell the 1997 Chevy rescue van for at least \$5,000 with the funds going into the fire department vehicle equipment fund. Approved.

**10. Approve sale of Golf Course surplus 1998 Chevy K3500 Dump truck:** Motion Vojta seconded Albee to park the 1998 Chevy K3500 dump truck with the plow on the corner of STH70 & 155, with a sign stating that the town is accepting sealed bids for the truck and plow; and that the town reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. For information, bidders should contact Tim Ebert, public works foreman, at 715-542-3155. Approved.

**11. Approve Town Roads Open to Snowmobile Traffic Winter of 2014/2015:** Motion Vojta seconded Albee that the list of town roads to be used as snowmobile trails be approved as presented by Mr. Christensen. Approved.

**12. Approve Radar Run 1/30/2015 to 2/1/15:** Motion Vojta seconded Albee that the town sanction the trail from Hearthside to Thunderbird Pass and to Little St. Germain Lake for the radar run to be held from January 30, 2015 to February 1, 2015. Approved.

**13. Set Time/Date for Budget Workshop:** There will be a budget workshop held in the community center on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Camp added that he would like each department to come in separately to present its proposed budget. Mr. Camp will assign the times.

**9. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned 7:48 P.M.

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