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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 8, 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, Tom Christensen, Alan Albee, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk came in at 6:33 P.M.. Mr. Anderson was absent. There were 27 other people present. Town attorney, Steve Lucareli was also in attendance.

3. Financial Report: Balance General Account as of 11-30-2014: \$107,533.31; Room Tax Account \$43,151.96; Lake Committee Account \$27,576.81; Lake Committee CD \$15,589.00; Skateboard Park Fund \$2,841.34; Loan Reserve Fund \$38,279.58; Bike & Hike Trail \$24,810.18; First National Money Market \$7,435.68; Caring for Kids \$4,393.59; Debt Reserve Account \$379,528.19; Fire Department Restricted Account \$11,729.87; Fireworks Donation Account \$2,551.11; Fire Department Vehicle/Equipment \$68,142.08; Community Development Account \$89.60; Golf Course General Account \$67,050.14; Golf Course Money Market Account \$54,398.66

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Approval of the minutes was postponed since Mr. Martens came in late with the minute book.

5. Report of Town Committees (Public Safety, Planning & Zoning Commission, Chamber, Constable, Golf Course, Lakes, Public Works):

a. Chamber of Commerce: Penny Weismann reported that she was working on the 2015 budget and that she had talked to Mr. Anderson concerning the Independence Day parade for next summer.

b. Golf Course: Ms. Rogers had given the board members a list of prospective course superintendent candidates. At the last meeting, Ms. Rogers had been instructed to narrow down the list to four or five names. Mr. Camp stated that he thought that she had done that. Mr. Albee thought that it would be better to prepare the list based on qualifications rather a specific number of candidates.

c. Lakes Committee: Mr. Christensen noted that there was no report from the Lakes Committee.

d. Public Works: There was no report.

e. Planning & Zoning Commission: Mary Platner noted that since the town board has village powers, the State Statutes provide that the board may change the Planning & Zoning Committee to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mr. Christensen asked if a commission had more power than a committee. Mr. Lucareli said that he didn't know if a commission had more power than a committee. He would have to do some research. The term of the commission members can be set by the town. The terms of the commission members do not have to coincide with the term of the town chairman.

f. Fire Department: Tim Clark reported that there had been 20 calls last month. He also stated that there has been a problem with unemployment for the firemen. There should be a separate account for the fire department. Mr. Vojta also noted that the firemen should be offered the same benefits as the other town employees. He also thought that the firemen should be paid every thirty days rather than by the quarter. Mr. Martens is to check into the unemployment issue. Mr. Clark reported that the water system had been by-passed by the town crew. Last year when he did the same thing, he received a letter from Mr. Lucareli.

6. Items for Discussion:

a. Snowmobile routes/trails on Plowed Town Roads: Mr. Lucareli began by sketching a roadway and a highway on the blackboard. He described the differences in a roadway and a highway. The statutes state that snowmobile trails are excluded from highways that are plowed.

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Mr. Christensen had a letter from Timm Speerschneider said that it was irrelevant whether a route was called a trail or a corridor. The town board has the authority to approve town roads for snowmobile routes. Mr. Lucareli agreed. He also stated that there was nothing wrong with showing the trail numbers on the town roads on the snowmobile trail map. He did say that the towns association said that the orange diamonds indicating snowmobile trails should not be on the plowed town roads. The club will remove them. The motion at the October town board meeting was to approve town roads as snowmobile trails. The roads will be reapproved as snowmobile routes at the next meeting.

b. Town Insurance: Mr. Camp noted that at the annual budget hearing, Brian Sherren stated that the town insurance should be bid out each year. Mr. Camp said that the town was in the third year of a three-year program with Meyer Insurance. Mr. Camp also added that insurance companies do not like bidding every year. They feel that it is a waste of money and eventually won't do it. The town's insurance should be put out for bids next summer. Mr. Camp asked if the town board wanted the \$2,500 deductible for the employees' health insurance. Mr. Vojta said that the 80% and 100% were better than what he had for his insurance. Mr. Camp will check with Meyer Insurance and The Horton Group to see if we are getting double coverage for the Housing Authority Public Officials insurance.

7. Action Items:

a. Approve Vouchers and Checks: Motion Albee seconded Christensen that vouchers 1105-1206 and 22516-22562 be approved along with the golf course bills that were just given to Mr. Martens. Approved.

b. Building Inspector: Motion Albee seconded Vojta that the contract with the UDC inspector, Greg Baas Inspections, LLC be approved as presented from January 17, 2015 to January 16, 2016. Approved. Mr. Baas said that since he is an employee of Waldmann Construction, he had his assistant inspect four projects that were done by Waldmann. Mr. Baas also added that there are seven inspections that are done during the construction of a home.

c. Approval of Vacant Position on Planning Commission: At this time, there is a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Committee. The matter was tabled at this time.

8. Set Time/Date for Next Meeting: The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center. There will be a special town board meeting on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 5:15 P.M. to approve town roads as snowmobile routes and to enter into closed session to discuss the golf course superintendent position

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

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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