

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: APRIL 28, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish A Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Marv Anderson, Alan Albee, John Vojta, Jim Swenson, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 3 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on April 16, 2015 prior to 5:00 P.M. on April 27, 2015.
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Anderson seconded Albee that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. By a voice vote Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
6. **Citizen's Comments:** Ann Small said that there is a problem with some of her neighbors burning garbage. She has called the town constable in the past. She thought that a solution to the problem would be for the town to provide residential garbage pickup. Ms. Small also asked that the town board get going with the new trails on the Integrys property and that the signs be updated. Mike Price asked if the Red Brick Schoolhouse was on the agenda. He stated that there is no other historical building in town.
7. **Discussion /Action Items:**
  - a. **Golf Cart Batteries Purchase and Repair:** Mr. Christensen stated that there had been three bids: Jim's Golf Cars; Yogi's; and Premier. Yogi is an independent distributor near Tomahawk. He handles US batteries. The agreement with him is verbal. Sealed batteries would cost over \$200 apiece. The town has received an insurance check for \$22,736.56 which includes inspections and the deductible. Mr. Vojta asked if there was a plan so that this problem didn't occur again. Ms. Rogers-Anderson and Mr. Becker thought that the town should hire someone to winterize the carts and also get them ready for spring. Mr. Becker didn't think that Bob Stippich would have the time to work on them. Mr. Albee wanted to know if the town had used Yogi before and if we were satisfied with his work. Mr. Anderson didn't think that the bids were apples for apples. Mr. Christensen said that he had included the cables rehab in his quote. Ms. Rogers-Anderson said that Premier was difficult to get hold off. Premier also didn't have anybody local to do their work. Motion Albee seconded Vojta to accept the bid from Yogi for \$16,334. By a voice vote: Yes -5, No -0. Motion carried.
  - b. **Fire Department MABAS resolution (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System):** Mr. Vojta explained that the mutual aid box alarm system would have predetermined codes so that in the case of a major emergency, it would only take one call to the county sheriff instead of calls to each of the various fire departments. Mr. Anderson wanted to know what the town would be responsible for. Mr. Christensen called Tim Clark. Mr. Clark was on a speaker phone. The department would not have to respond to a call, if it did not have the resources. It is just making things simpler. Mr. Clark said that he would have no qualms with signing the agreement. No additional insurance coverage would be needed. Motion Anderson seconded Swenson to approve the mutual aid box alarm system

agreement and Resolution SG15-04-01, addendum B to the mutual aid box alarm system agreement. By a voice vote: Yes -5, No -0. Motion carried. Resolution SG15-04-01 is attached:

**ADDENDUM B TO MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM AGREEMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. SG15-04-01**

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Statute 66.0301(2) authorizes any municipality to contract with other municipalities and with federally recognized Indian tribes and bands in this state for the receipt or furnishing of services, such as fire protection and emergency medical services. Such a contract may be with municipalities of another state, as provided in Wisconsin Statute 66.0303(3) (b); and

**WHEREAS**, the Wisconsin Statute, 166.03(2)(a)3, provides that the standards for fire, rescue and emergency medical services shall include the adoption of the intergovernmental cooperation Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) as a mechanism that may be used for deploying personnel and equipment in a multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency emergency response throughout Wisconsin and neighboring states; and

**WHEREAS**, the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin must approve any agreement between a Wisconsin municipality and a municipality of another state and said agreement was approved by the Attorney General of the State of Wisconsin on December 22, 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, said agreement was submitted to the governor of the State of Wisconsin for his concurrence, which was obtained and later adopted under Wisconsin Statute 66.0303(3)(a) and (b); and

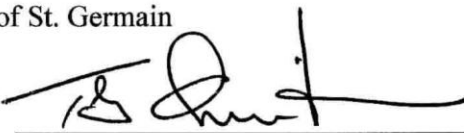
**WHEREAS**, the Town of St. Germain Board believes that intergovernmental cooperation for purposes of public safety and protection should be encouraged and that the Mutual Aid Box Alarm (MABAS) Agreement would afford these benefits to county residents by coordinating fire protection and emergency medical services, as recommended in Resolution SG15-04-01; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the Town of St. Germain to enter into the proposed Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement to provide for the coordination of fire protection and emergency medical services in the event of a large scale emergency, natural disaster or man-made catastrophe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS) Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby approved and the Town Chairman and Town Clerk, be authorized to execute the same on behalf of the Town of St. Germain.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day April, 2015

Town of St. Germain

By:   
Tom Christensen  
Chairman

Attest:   
Tom Martens  
Clerk

8. **Adjourn:** Motion Vojta seconded Albee that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes -5, No -0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:12 P.M.

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