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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 12, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish A Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Alan Albee, Jim Swenson, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Marv Anderson & John Vojta were absent. There were also 11 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on October 10, 2015 by 5:30 P.M.
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Albee seconded Swenson that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. By a voice vote Yes – 3, No – 0. Motion carried.
6. **Read and Approve Minutes of Past Meetings:** Motion Albee seconded Swenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that the minutes of the September 14, 2015, & September 23, 2015 town board meetings are approved as written. By a voice vote: Yes – 3, No – 0. Motion carried.
7. **Citizen's Comments:** Phil Monday asked about an ordinance banning pets from the town parks. He didn't think that it was a good idea to have pets, whether on a leash or not roaming around during the flea market and other events. Don Bauman noted that he has stopped people for having pets in the town parks. Wally Geist asked that the town ordinances be enforced. Mr. Christensen said that the board is working the possibility of a municipal judge. Mr. Monday also thought that the purchase of the new fire department tanker truck should have gone before the electorate. Mr. Christensen noted that the electors had approved, on an annual basis, \$60,000 for three years, for the truck. Tim Clark noted that the previous town board had approved of the purchase of a new truck rather trying to repair the old truck.
8. **Town Chairman Report and Concerns:** Mr. Christensen reported that the Lions Club is willing to help with the Veterans' Memorial landscaping, but that they didn't offer to put any money towards it. Mr. Christensen also reported that Mr. Albee would be resigning from the town board as of October 19, 2015 since he and his family are moving to Minocqua. Mr. Albee has offered to help with the budget process as an interested person. Mr. Christensen asked that the clerk publish and post a notice seeking a replacement for Mr. Albee. Wisconsin Public Service needs two easements from the town to bury power lines on town property. Trick or Treat will be on Saturday, October 31, 2015 in St. Germain. Mr. Christensen is going to ask Mr. Anderson to have the yard waste facility stay open at least until the end of October.
9. **Town Supervisors' Reports and Concerns:** There were none.
10. **Town Clerk's Report and Concerns:** Mr. Martens reported that the assessor, Paul Carlson, has set the board of review for Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. at the community center. The open book session will be on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 from 9 am until 11 am at the community center.
11. **Town Treasurer's Report and Concerns:** Balance General Account as of 9-30-2015 \$51,843.45; Room Tax Account \$ Account 29,689.92; Lakes Committee Account \$25,546.68; Lakes Committee CD \$15,609.05; Skateboard Park Fund \$2,842.76; Loan Reserve Fund \$0.00; Bike & Hike Trail \$30,236.90; First National Money Market \$125,422.31; Play Ground Equipment Fund \$4,395.42; Debt Reserve Account \$0.00; Fire Department Restricted Acct \$11,934.76; Fireworks Donation Account \$2,012.77; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equipment \$158,194.71; Community Development Acct \$36,805.71; Golf Course Gen Acct \$307,799.61; Golf Course Money Market \$54,444.02
12. **Fire Chief's Report and Concerns:** Fire Chief Tim Clark reported that there had been 21 calls last month. The association has approved purchasing a new tank for the old tanker truck. The Christmas tree lighting is going to be at the fire department this year. Mr. Clark stated that there had been an alarm at the housing authority. He advised the board that nobody should be resetting the alarms. The clothes dryer at the fire department either needs to be worked on or replaced. Mr. Christensen suggested that Mr. Clark call a repairman to see if it is worth repairing. If not, the department will have to seek bids to replace it.
13. **Report of the Standing Committees:**

- a. **Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen reported that, weather permitting, the course will be open until the end of the month. Mr. Becker and Ms. Rogers are winding down the facility. Ms. Rogers is checking to make sure that the course rates are comparable to surrounding courses and working on the 2016 budget. The greens and fairways are all aeriated and sanded. Mr. Becker has been trying out a new rough mower. The committee is hoping that the irrigation system will hold up for another few years.
- b. **Public Works:** Mr. Swenson noted that the culvert under Forest Primeval Road has been replaced and that there still issues with the patrol truck.
- c. **Finance:** There was no report.

14 Report of the Special Town Committees:

- a. **Lakes Committee:** The lakes committee will meet next month.
- b. **Non-Motorized Trail Committee:** Ann Small reported that Mary Platner had donated had donated 10 benches for the trails. Ms. Platner's son-in-law built them. The Northland Pines Elementary School will allow some parking for the trails in their parking lot. A sign will be placed at the school driveway entrance. The trails will signed and marked with color coded markings. The committee would like approval for a Fat Bike Trail on the 50' strip of land that the town had purchased. The trail is only about 4 feet wide. No large trees will have to be cut, only small trees and brush. The trail is a temporary trail.

15 Discussion /Action Items:

- a. **Payment of Bills:** Motion Albee seconded Swenson that vouchers 936 - 1009 & 23298 - 23348 be approved. By a voice vote: Yes – 3; No – 0. Motion carried.
- b. **Awassa Ski Trail Plan & Fat Tire Bike Route Plan – The Trail Committee has a proposal for new ski and fat bike trails on the fifty foot strip of land the Town recently purchased:** Motion Swenson seconded Christensen to have volunteers go out to clear a temporary fat bike trail on the 50' strip from the Pavilion to Half Mile Road and back to the Pavilion. By a voice vote: Yes – 3; No – 0. Motion carried. Mr. Christensen asked if the trail could go onto the 20 acres of land that the town had purchased several years ago. Ms. Small said that it probably could go on that land in the future.
- c. **Culvert Replacement Bids:** Mr. Swenson opened four sealed bids: Musson Brothers, Big St. Germain Drive \$49,685; Old Hwy. C \$37,660. Merrill Gravel and Construction, total for both Big St. Germain Drive and Old Hwy .C \$78,500. Legacy Construction, total for both Big St. Germain Drive and Old Hwy. C \$73,400 plus the cost of the permits and culvert gates per Tim Ebert. Pitlik and Wick Big St. Germain Drive \$69,825 and Old Hwy. C \$35,055. Mr. Christensen called Tim Ebert to see if he knew the cost of the permits. Mr. Ebert said that there was no cost for the permit for the culvert on Forest Primeval Road. Since there was no cost, the board thought that Legacy had followed the bid request. Motion Albee seconded Swenson to accept the bid from Legacy Construction to replace the culverts on Big St. Germain Drive and Old Hwy C for \$73,400 as long as the cost of the permits doesn't exceed \$5,100. By a voice vote: Yes – 3; No – 0. Motion carried.
- d. **Bike Trail Connection Bids by Parking Lot Entrance:** Ms. Small noted that she had not received the bids. Mr. Christensen said that if the bids come in before the special meeting on Friday, it could be placed on the agenda for that meeting.

16 Next Regular Town Board Meeting Date – November 9, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. There will be a special town board meeting on Friday, October 16, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the community. The meeting will be adjourned for a Public Hearing on proposed ATV/UTV usage of town roads and property, and reconvened. The Board of Review will be held on November 12, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. in the community center. The assessor's open book session will be held on November 10, 2015 from 9 A.M. until 11 A.M. in the community center.

17 Adjourn: Motion Albee seconded Swenson that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes -3, No -0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:40 P.M.

Chairman

Supervisor

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