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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 16, 2015

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish A Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Marv Anderson, Alan Albee, Jim Swenson, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There was a large crowd present. The meeting was held in the community center gym.

Mr. Christensen stated that everyone needed to be on the same page. An email had been sent accusing the town board of force the issue through by having a public hearing and town board meeting on a Friday night. Mr. Christensen said that the town board had tried to find a different night. But, the only time that all five board members could meet was either tonight or later in November. The board thought that the issue should be addressed sooner than later. Mr. Christensen added that he would allow full-time residents, property owners, and out of town guests to speak in that order. Depending on the number of people speaking, each person would be limited to under five minutes.

4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on October 14, 2015 before 9:00 A.M...
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. **Town Board Members' Concerns:** Mr. Martens reminded the board that he had sent an email concerning a new voting machine. The current machines are obsolete. They might or might not work, and they might or might now be able to be repaired. A new machine which combines both the touch screen machine and the optical scan machine. The cost of around \$9,000 would have to be worked into the budget somehow. The county needs to know if the town is going to purchase a machine by November 1, 2015. Mr. Christensen said that there would have to be a special meeting.
7. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **ATVs/UTVs using Town Roads – The Town Board has received a request to open Town roads for the purpose of riding ATVs/UTVs on them. This meeting will recess at 6:30 pm in order for the public hearing to commence on the same topic. After the public hearing, the Town Board meeting will reconvene to take any necessary action:** Mike ?, president of the ATV Club said that allowing ATV/UTV's to use town roads and property would help the economy and give residents and tourists an alternate mode of transportation. It would help the businesses in the off-seasons. There would be a trail patrol and the signage would be paid for by the ATV Club. The club wanted to work with the town board, the chamber and the community.

The special town board meeting was suspended at 6:14 P.M. Mr. Christensen invited the people present to come up to the table to view the proposal from the ATV/UTV Club. The special town board meeting reconvened at 7:48 P.M. following the public hearing on the ATV/UTV Club's proposal to use town roads and property for ATV/UTV use.

The members of the town board had no comments or questions.

- 8. Adjourn:** Motion Vojta seconded Albee that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:49 P.M.

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