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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 17, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish a Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Marv Anderson, John Vojta, Jim Swenson, Doug Olson, Tom Martens, Town Clerk, Marion Janssen town treasurer. There 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 February 16, 2016 by 5:00 P.M.
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Swenson seconded Vojta 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:** There were none.
7. **Town Board Member Concerns:** There were none.
8. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Set Time and Date for a public hearing concerning a zoning change to the northeast corner lot at the intersection of County O, Highway 70 and Old Highway 70:** Motion Vojta seconded Swenson that the public hearing concerning the zoning change be held on Monday, March 14, 2016 at 5:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried.
 - b. **Discussion to determine the Building needs of the Town:** The board discussed the problems and needs of the town. There have been complaints concerning the heat in the gym. The consensus of the board was that the heat just needed to be turned up sooner. The wireless connection is poor in the gym. The bathrooms are undersized and not ADA compliant. The acoustics in the gym are poor. The windows, doors and security system in the community center need to be replaced. There needs to be a meeting space for groups of 50 to 100 people as well as for groups of more than 100 people. Mr. Anderson thought that an engineering firm could help decide where those meeting spaces could be. The Prime Timers have been asking for a bigger room. Ted Ritter questioned whether the Prime Timers meeting room was a board concern. Mr. Christensen said that the Prime Timers are a large portion of the town's population. He thought that the group contributed to senior health and that the town should look at a meeting space for them. The town offices need to be expanded. There needs to be meeting space and a secure space for town records. In the future, there may need to be a courtroom space for the municipal justice. Ted Ritter added that the office and meeting spaces need to be accessible to the public. There needs to be ample parking. The board needs to manage how people access the town buildings. Mr. Christensen stated that he has not received any complaints about the kitchen, but that the knobs need to be put back onto the steamer. Mr. Anderson thought that there are three options: remodel; tear down; add on. Ted Ritter said that the board should look for the most cost effective way to meet the town's needs. Mr. Christensen added that the most cost effective way is not always the most desirable way. Mr. Anderson said that the board should include landscaping in the proposal. He also thought the parking for summer events needed to be reorganized. Ted Ritter brought up the fact that the chamber plans on building a new building. Mr. Christensen and Mr. Vojta noted that the chamber is adamant that their building is going to be behind where it is now. The chamber will not consider moving across STH70. Since the chamber building will be on town property, and the town will have to take out the loan, the consensus of the board was that there was a potential to combine buildings with the chamber.
 - c. **Continuing Discussion on the Red Brick Schoolhouse and the Community Center:** Mr. Anderson suggested that the town board expand the proposal from Becher/Hoppe to include the concerns and needs that the board talked tonight. At the last meeting, Mr. Anderson had given the board a cost comparison from three other companies. It seems that Becher/Hoppe is the only one of those companies that have all of the components that will be needed to give the board what it is looking for. Motion Anderson seconded Vojta to revisit the initial proposal from Becher/Hoppe and ask for a cost estimate for a new proposal which would include the concerns and needs that the board has discussed at this meeting. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried.

