

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: MAY 9, 2016

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, Ted Ritter, John Vojta, Jim Swenson, Doug Olson, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There also 8 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on May 7, 2016 by 4:30 P.M.
5. **Open the Board of Review:** Motion Vojta seconded Olson to open the Board of Review. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
6. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Swenson that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. By a voice vote Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
7. **Read and Approve Minutes of Past Meetings:** Motion Vojta seconded Swenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that the minutes of the April 11, 2016 and April 19, 2016 town board meetings are approved as written. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
8. **Citizen's Comments:** Phil Monday asked that the town board contact the Vilas County Sheriff and request that the county deputies patrol the town roads more often. Mr. Monday added that the speed limit on South Bay Road is 25 mph, but that vehicles travel between 35 mph & 50 mph, including loaded trucks. Mr. Monday also asked that signs be put up in the town park indicating that dogs are not allowed. Mr. Christensen will check the town ordinance.
9. **Town Chairman Report and Concerns:** Mr. Christensen was surprised that only 27 people used SonicNet in January, 25 in February, and 24 in March. The town receives \$1 per household per quarter. Mr. Christensen also reported that the problem with the culvert on Big St. Germain in continuing. The town has a performance bond with the company that installed the culvert. Hopefully, the culvert will be replaced soon, before the busy season starts.
10. **Town Supervisors' Reports and Concerns:** Mr. Vojta noted that the town crew has put up a post and sign on Sunrise Lane where the bike trail meets the town road. People have been backing their vehicles out on to STH70. Someone with a Dodge truck has done damage at the intersection of Found Lake Road and Four Corner Lane.
11. **Town Clerk's Report and Concerns:** Mr. Martens had forwarded an email from Shane Vant asking that the town vacate the remainder of Dollar Road between his property and Fibbers. Mr. Ritter thought that the issue should be dealt with by the Planning Commission, but that he would discuss it with the Planning & Zoning Committee.
12. **Town Treasurer's Report and Concerns:** Balance General Account as of 4-30-2016: \$68,925.80 ; Room Tax Account \$26,520.66; Lakes Committee Account \$29,053.76; Lakes Committee CD \$15,622.65; Skateboard Park Fund \$2,843.47; Bike & Hike Trail \$29,525.25; First National Money Market \$278,903.89; Play Ground Equipment Fund \$4,396.52; Fire Department Restricted Acct \$11,937.75; Fireworks Donation Account \$3,790.25; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equipment \$158,234.78; Community Development\$71,028.18;Golf Course Gen Acct \$78,187.40; Golf Course Money Market \$54,475.80; Awassa Trail Funds Savings \$7,372.50. 1020 .
13. **Fire Chief's Report and Concerns:** The fire chief's report will be a quarterly report in April, July, October & January.
14. **.Report of the Standing Committees:**
  - a. **Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen reported that there are problems with the internet at the pro shop. With the new system, if the internet goes out, Margo can't do anything. The concession stand uses the same system. Verizon has a way of making it work. The course would have to purchase a piece of equipment for about \$1,000. There was a staff meeting last week. There is a new water cooled ice machine at the concession stand. The new bathrooms need a new circuit breaker box. The

drainage problem causing the mud holes has been corrected. Stumps need to be removed at the end of the driving range. The bunkers have been graded.

**b. Public Works:** Mr. Vojta noted that the bids for the road work need to be in by May 20<sup>th</sup>. The yard waste facility is open on a 24-hour basis into June. The crack in the drive train of truck #2 has been welded. The cost is \$7,921.30.

**c. Finance:** The finance committee will meet at 8:00 A.M. on Wednesday.

**15. Report of the Special Town Committees:**

**a. Lakes Committee:** There was no report.

**b. Non-Motorized Trail Committee:** Mr. Swenson noted that the committee will be walking the trail at 5:45 P.M. tomorrow to do some clean up.

**c. Zoning:** Mr. Ritter noted that the Planning & Zoning Committee had met on May 4, 2016 to discuss a Conditional Use Permit for Northwoods Storage of St. Germain, LLC at the corner of Old Hwy. 70 & STH70. There will be a public hearing on May 12, 2016 at 5:00 P.M. The committee will meet immediately after the hearing to consider the CUP application. The committee had received a complaint of highway noise along Halberstadt Road. The owner of Premier Power Sports was present, but the person making the complaint was not. The required buffer area is in place. The business owner will plant more trees. The committee will meet the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 P.M. in meeting room #5 of the community center.

**d. Lake Districts:** Mr. Christensen stated that the Little St. Germain District had been denied its grant request. Along with money left from a previous grant and its own money, the district will be cutting weeds this summer. The district will be holding its annual meeting in meeting room #4 of the community center over Labor Day Weekend.

**16. Discussion /Action Items:**

**a. Payment of Bills:** Motion Vojta seconded Olson that general account checks 24235-24275, and golf course account checks 15078-15104 be approved along the following extra bills: Paul's Rent All \$60.00-- golf course tamper rental; Hicks Fuel & Oil \$416.98-- golf course gas & diesel fuel; WPS \$28.07—golf course electric; Island City Dray \$433.00—golf course topsoil; Trollan Refrigeration \$3,250.00—water cooled ice maker; Truck Country \$7,921.30—truck #2 repair. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried.

**b. Fat Bike Tire Snow Trail to be used as a Mountain Bike Summer Trail:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson to approve the use of the Fat Bike Tire Snow Trail as a Mountain Bike Summer Trail. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried. The trail is entirely on the 28 acres of town property behind the town shop and the Coda property. Mr. Vojta asked if there were mile markers just in case someone had an accident and needed help. He also asked if there were maps of the trail.

**c. New Wood Chips in the Children's Play Area and Repairs to some of the Equipment:** Motion Vojta seconded Olson that approximately 97 yards of wood chips @approximately \$35 per yard be purchased from the playground account to be used at the Caring for Kids Park. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried. The town crew has also repaired a few pieces of the equipment.

**d. Constant Contact – Should the Town start using this service provided by the Chamber:** Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that the town use the Chamber of Commerce for Constant Contact to get information out to the public with any costs to come out of the community development account. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried. The board thought that things such as the annual tax letter, dump opening, decisions from meetings, etc. could be gotten out the public sooner. The information is sent out via email through the Chamber of Commerce.

**e. Adjourn the Board of Review until such time as the Assessor has the assessment roll completed:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson that the Board of Review be adjourned until such time as the assessor has completed the assessment roll. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried.

- 17. What Items From This Meeting Need To Be On The Website?** Mr. Ritter asked that the committee chairman get the committee minutes and agendas to him for the website. He also would like to put all ordinances and resolutions on the site.
- 18. Next Regular Town Board Meeting Date:** The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.
- 19. Adjourn:** Motion Olson seconded Swenson that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes -5, No -0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:12 P.M.

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Town Clerk

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Chairman

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