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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 15, 2016

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish a Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Doug Olson, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, town Clerk. John Vojta was absent. There were also 5 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on November 12, 2016 by 5:00 P.M.
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. By a voice vote Yes – 4, No – 0. Motion carried.
6. **Citizen's Comments:** Barry from Vilas County Development was present to ask for a donation from the town.
7. **Town Board Member Concerns:** There were none.
8. **Discussion Action Items:**
 - a. **Budget Meeting – The Board will be working on and approving the 2017 Town, Room Tax & Golf Course Budgets:** The board discussed the proposed golf course budget for 2017. A line item for workmen's compensation needed to be added. The beverage cart needs to be replaced. A line item for \$8,500 was added for the cart. The proposed golf course budget for 2017 is \$1,081,800 compared to \$1,018,421 for 2016. The committee has recommended that there be no early loan payments made from the golf course account for 2017. Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that the golf course budget for 2017 is approved as presented with a line item for workmen's compensation to be added pending the annual workmen's compensation audit and that no early loan payments be made from the golf course account in 2017. By a voice vote Yes – 4, No – 0. Motion carried.

The board discussed the proposed 2017 budget for the town. Tim Ebert asked for aluminum wheels, tires, zero turn mower, and clay for the infields, if there was money in the budget. Mr. Christensen will write to the Plum Lake town board notifying them that, at least for 2017, the town will not put \$20,000 into the budget to put towards a new ambulance. Mr. Ritter is against anything being paid to the Vilas County Development organization by any of the towns. He feels that the organization should be looking to the county. Mr. Christensen brought up the purchase of the 40 acres of land adjacent to the Fern Ridge Trail. Mr. Martens noted that the maximum allowable levy is \$960,825. Mr. Ritter brought up a Premier Resort Area Tax. It would be like a sales tax on all local sales by residents and tourists. Mr. Christensen asked Mr. Martens to include an item for purchasing the 40 acres from the DNR for \$48,000 on the agenda for the special elector meeting which follows the budget hearing. Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that the proposed budget is advanced to the public at the Annual Budget Hearing on November 29, 2016. By a voice vote Yes – 4, No – 0. Motion carried
9. **Adjournment:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes – 4, No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:00 P.M.

NOTE: Following the meeting, Mr. Martens found a mistake in the formula for line #167 of the proposed budget. Instead of \$161,860 as presented, the amount should have only been \$10,500. With correction, the public works equipment fund was increased to \$60,000, the property tax levy was reduced to \$894,860 and the total proposed budget for 2017 will be \$1,439,837.00 compared to \$1,671,427.00 for 2016.

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