

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 12, 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 (Mr. Olson came in at 6:51 P.M.), Tom Martens, Town Clerk, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer. There 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 December 10, 2016 before 6:00 P.M..
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Ritter seconded Vojta 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. **Read and Approve Minutes of Past Meetings:** Motion Swenson seconded Ritter to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that the minutes of the November 14, 2016 and November 15, 2016 town board meetings. By a voice vote: Yes – 4, No – 0. Motion carried.
7. **Citizen's Comments:** Phil Monday noted that he knew that the town had a policy of not allowing snow to be plowed across town roads. Mr. Monday has seen several people plowing their snow across the town roads. Mr. Monday thought that the rules should apply to everyone. Ms. Janssen thought that anyone plowing snow across the town roads should be ticketed. Mr. Christensen said that his understanding of the State Statute was that it didn't say that snow couldn't be plowed across a highway. It just could not be left on the highway. The consensus of the board was that incidents of plowing across the town roads should be reported to Tim Ebert. Mr. Vojta suggested that Mr. Ebert be given copies of the Statute.
8. **Town Chairman Report and Concerns:** Mr. Christensen noted that the bonding company was working towards an agreement concerning the culvert on Big St. Germain Drive. The town would pay the original cost. The consulting firm that is working a proposal for the Red Brick Schoolhouse and the Community Center would next be in contact with the town board after the first of the year. The town will have to provide a list of stakeholders..
9. **Town Supervisors' Reports and Concerns:** Mr. Ritter asked is any board members were planning on attending the WTA district meeting in March.
10. **Town Clerk's Report and Concerns:** Mr. Martens noted that, in his opinion, the liquor license for Danny's Roadhouse should remain with the property until June 30, 2017 when the current license expires. The land has been listed for sale. The current owner has no intention of rebuilding the bar. Mr. Martens thought that after June 30<sup>th</sup>, the license would become available unless someone has made an offer on the property with plans to rebuild the bar. Mr. Vojta thought that the license should be turned over to the town now. Mr. Christensen will put the issue on the agenda for the next meeting.
11. **Town Treasurer's Report and Concerns:** Balance General Account as of 11-30-2016: \$60,689 95 ; Room Tax Account \$56,686 84; Lakes Committee Account \$27,296.50; Lakes Committee CD \$15,636 27; Skateboard Park Fund \$2,844 43; Bike & Hike Trail \$25,025 81; First National Money Market \$154,092.84; Play Ground Equipment Fund \$3,048.27; Fire Department Restricted Acct \$6,466.88; Fireworks Donation Account \$6,195.30; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equipment \$0.00; Community Development \$54,181.44; Golf Course Gen Acct \$182,562.48; Golf Course Money Market \$54,498.23; Awassa Trail Funds Savings \$11,313.29.
12. **Report of the Standing Committees:**
  - a. **Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen reported that the committee had met last week. Mr. Becker gave an analysis of each hole. Ms. Rogers Anderson was out of town.
  - b. **Public Works:** There was no report.
  - c. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Ritter reported that the committee was waiting for the town board to make a decision as to whether or not the town was going to keep its zoning ordinance. The planning and

zoning committee is forming a position statement to be put on the agenda for the January meeting as to whether or not the town zoning ordinance is going to be rescinded or not.

**d. Finance:** Mr. Vojta stated that the committee not met.

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

**a. Lakes Committee:** Mr. Ritter noted that the Lakes Committee's concerns were on the agenda.

**b. Non-Motorized Trail Committee:** Mr. Swenson noted that Jim Vogel has groomed the fat bike trail and the Awassa Trail. The committee has met with the ATV Club. The ATV Club wants to expand its trail to Half Mile Road. They would be using the fat bike trail during the summer.

**14. Report from Lake Districts and Other Organizations:** Cheryl Kelsey noted that the Little St. Germain Lake District was going over bids for the non-invasive weed problem.

**15. Discussion /Action Items:**

**a. Payment of Bills:** Motion Ritter seconded Swenson that golf course account checks 15345-15356, general account checks 24559-24601, and direct deposit checks DD1100-DD1127 be approved along with the following additional bills: Steve Vogel \$3,650.00—Big St. Lake Content work; 1stAYD \$1,128.94—LED lamps; Hicks Fuel \$976.57—diesel fuel; Ted Ritter \$48.99—reim. Binders; mBank \$26,008.67—prepay loan; Aramark \$126.00—shop rugs & rags, etc.; Truck Country up to \$302.05; Poms Tires up to \$75; Great American Door up to \$1850.00; Monroe up to \$1,152.99. By a voice vote Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.

**b. Update on Chamber of Commerce Building Plans:**

**c. Fireworks Contract for July 2, 2017:** Motion Vojta seconded Swenson that the contract with Krueger Pyrotechnics and Fire Display for 2017 be approved. The contract is for \$15,000. A deposit of \$2,000 needs to be paid in April. The display will be on July 2, 2017 with a rain date of July 3, 2017. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.

**d. Code of Ordinances:**

**1. Resolution to Adopt a “Code of Ordinances”:** Mr. Ritter noted that without a Code of Ordinances, every ordinance that has a penalty must be published. Once the Code of Ordinances is adopted, all that has to be published is a notice stating that an ordinance has been adopted. Motion Ritter seconded Vojta that resolution SG16-12-1, a resolution to adopt a Code of Ordinances, be adopted. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried.

**2. Publish a Notice Regarding the “Code of Ordinances”:** The clerk will publish Resolution SG16-12-1 for two weeks in the Vilas County News Review. After December 26, 2016, the Code of Ordinances will be available for inspection in the clerk's office by appointment.

**e. Petition on behalf of the Lakes Committee for “Local Control of Shoreland Zoning & Restoration of Lakes Classification System”:** Mr. Ritter noted that in 2015, Act 55 took away lake classification and local control of shoreland zoning. The town lakes committee unanimously agreed to sign the petition and also wanted the town board to sign it. Motion Ritter seconded Swenson that the St. Germain town board signs the Petition for Local Control of Shoreland Zoning & Restoration of Lake Classification System Dated August 1, 2016. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried.

**f. Constant Contact for the Town and other Town Committees and Organizations:** The lakes committee and the Little St. Germain Lake District are now interested in being part of Constant Contact. The Chamber of Commerce doesn't want to manage so many organizations. Mr. Ritter noted that the town could start its own Constant Contact for up to 2,500 emails for \$336 per year. There can be multiple partners with password protection. Motion Ritter seconded Olson that the town board commits to a Constant Contact account for up to \$336 per year and to allow multiple users with town board approval and that Mr. Ritter will be the administrator. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion carried. A notice will be posted on Constant Contact that Nathan Gebhardt has been hired to replace Mike VanMeter in the public works department.

**g. Preliminary Proposal for a Shooting Range:** Bruce Weber and John Vojta from the St. Germain Sportsman's Club asked that the town board consider a shooting range on the Fern Ridge property adjacent to the yard waste facility. The club is a private club with 60 members. The only way a new member can get in from a waiting list is for a current member to leave. The club has an annual, high cost dinner to raise funds. The club is a 5041C non-tax exempt club.

State Senator Tiffany thought that there might be DNR funds available for the shooting range. Mr. Ritter would like to know more about the club before making any decisions. He would also like to see plans of other things that might be planned for the land. John Strom said that insurance companies tend to not like shooting ranges. Mr. Weber asked what the town board wanted from the club in order for them to proceed with looking into funding. Mr. Christensen said that the club should just go ahead and look into funding. They really didn't need town board approval to do that.

**16. Closed Session – Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to conduct employment interviews to fill the vacancy at the Town Shop.**

**(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:**

Mr. Christensen stated that he had made a mistake when he was writing the agenda. The closed session should have been to discuss employee sick time. There was no closed session.

**17. What Items From This Meeting Need To Be On The Website?** Mr. Ritter will put Resolution SG16-12-1 on the website.

**18. Next Regular Town Board Meeting Date – Monday, January 9, 2017, 6:30pm**

**19. Adjourn:** Motion Olson seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:25 P.M.

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