

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 16, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish A Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Ted Ritter, John Vojta, Jim Swenson, Doug Olson Tom Martens, Town Clerk, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer. There also 15 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on August 15, 2017 before 6:00 P.M.
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Ritter seconded Swenson that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman and that item 11h. of the agenda be deleted. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
6. **Read and Approve Minutes of Past Meetings:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that the minutes of the July 10, 2017 and July 19, 2017 town board meetings are approved. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
7. **Citizen's Comments – Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Board. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less:** Mr. Martens noted that the town's estimated population for 2017 is 2,053, down from 2,085 in 2010. He also noted that he had received notification from the Vilas County Health Department that a property owner on No Fish Bay Trail was renting a cottage. The letter was given to Ms. Janssen for room tax collection.
8. **Report of the Standing Committees:**
 - a. **Zoning:** Mr. Ritter reported the approval of a revision to Chapter 1 of the code of ordinances would be on the agenda for the September meeting. Mr. Ritter also reported that there would be a Conditional Use Permit hearing for Premier PowerSports on Wednesday, August 23, 2017 at 5:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. The CUP is for a storage building greater than 10,000 square feet in area.
 - b. **Finance:** Mr. Vojta noted that there has not been a meeting. He asked that the committee members pick a meeting date and send the date to him. The committee will need to meet to look at the debt payment schedule for 2018.
9. **Report of the Special Town Committees:**
 - a. **Lakes Committee:** There was no report.
 - b. **Non-Motorized Trail Committee:** Mr. Swenson noted that there had been 351 entrants for the Fun Run. The committee is looking at bids for extending the hiking trail on the Awassa Property.
10. **Report from Lake Districts and Other Organizations:** Mr. Christensen noted that the Little St. Germain District had met last week, but it was only to discuss the agenda for the annual meeting in September. Mr. Ritter and Mr. Vojta noted that the Lost Lake District and Alma Moon District had had similar meetings.
11. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Payment of Bills:** Motion Olson seconded Swenson that golf course account checks 15575-15616, general account checks 24972-25015 and direct deposit checks DD7033-DD8833 be approved along with the following extra bills: St. Germain Post Office \$70.00—P.O. Box 117 rent; m.scott drafting & design \$510.00—park bathroom plans. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
 - b. **Town Chairman's Report**
 1. **Golf Course Report:** Mr. Christensen stated that the committee would have some budget adjustments for the next meeting. The water pump that supplies the pond and irrigation system

was replaced and is working. The final golf course loan payments will be made this Friday. The course will be debt free.

2. **DNR Meeting Discussing Master Plan for the State Forests in our area:** Mr. Christensen stated that the DNR had asked to meet with the local town chairpersons to discuss the Master Plan for the State Forests. The main change would be to allow ATV/UTV usage in the State Forests. There will be public hearings coming up in the near future.
- c. **Treasurer's Report**
1. **Town Bank Account Balances:** Balance General Account as of 7-31-2017: \$ 67,944.00; Room Tax Account \$47,983.99; Lakes Committee Account \$23,059.40; Lakes Committee CD \$15,660.24; Skateboard Park Fund \$2,845.38; Bike & Hike Trail \$12,650.50; mBank Money Market \$141,152.09; Playground Equipment Fund \$3,049.30; Fire Department Restricted Account \$7,549.08; Fireworks Donation Account \$1,648.36; Community Development Account \$49,948.72; Golf Course General Account \$195,698.31; Awassa Trail Fund Savings \$11,994.80.
 2. **Room Tax Quarterly Report:** Ms. Janssen handed out the accommodations tax report for the 3rd quarter. The total collections were \$86,253.51 with \$64,690.13 forwarded to the Chamber of Commerce and \$21,563.38 retained by the town. The town also retained \$1,413.52 in interest and penalties.
- d. **Approval of Sonic Net Contract:** Motion Ritter seconded Swenson that the Sonic Net Contract be tabled until next week's special meeting. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion Carried.
- e. **Second review of the "Alcohol Control Ordinance":** Mr. Ritter noted that he had added that an establishment's personal property tax had to be paid prior to a license being issued. Ms. Janssen thought that a fee schedule should be added to the ordinance. Mr. Vojta thought that instead of referring to hours "open for business", the ordinance should just state that the business needed to be open for 120 days. Motion Vojta seconded Olson that Mr. Ritter be authorized to forward Chapter 14 to Attorney Steve Garbowicz for review and that the ordinance be placed on the agenda again for the September town board meeting for approval. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion Carried
- f. **First review of the "Public Nuisance Ordinance":** Mr. Vojta thought that the board needed more time to review the draft. He also wasn't sure that the ordinance was necessary at all. Mr. Christensen agreed with Mr. Ritter that some type of ordinance was necessary to help clean up a neighbor's yard. Motion Vojta seconded Olson that the Public Nuisance Ordinance be tabled until the August 23, 2017 special town board meeting. By a voice vote: Yes – 5; No – 0. Motion Carried
- g. **First Review of the "Land Division" and "Condominiums" Ordinances, previously combined in SG-1997-9-2, Division of Land:** Mr. Ritter explained that the only change to the ordinance was that it has been separated into two ordinances, one for land division and one for condominiums. Mr. Vojta asked that if someone purchased a condominium under a condominium plat, that if town zoning changed, that condominium owner should be able to expand his unit based on the plat under which he had purchased the unit and not be subject to a zoning change that had been done at a later date.
- h. **Consider Subscribing to the Vilas County News Review to provide the Clerk access to non "legal" notices:** Item was deleted from the agenda. The News Review is supplying tear sheets or affidavits for all ads and notices that are placed in the paper.
- i. **Overnight camping in Town parks.:** Mr. Vojta noted that in most cases, overnight parking has been granted by the group sponsoring the event. The old ordinance states that permission would be granted by the town board. It was the consensus of the town board that the signs should just be taken down and that the sponsors of the events could grant permission for overnight parking. If problems arise, the situation would have to be looked at again.
- j. **Replacement of park area signs with the correct dog ordinance:** The sign referring to the dog ordinance is being taken down per item "i" above. If a sign is to be put back up, it would have to reflect the new animal control ordinance and its number.
- k. **Endorsement of the Greater Headwaters Trail(GHT) River Trail Project.:** A representative from the Greater Headwaters River Trail Project was present to talk about the project. The main concern is to connect St. Germain's bike trail from Old Hwy. 70 to Cloverland and Eagle River. There was a question of how the trail would be sustained. There will be a meeting held in October.

It was suggested that a town board member attend. A several of the town board member asked what was being asked of the Town of St. Germain, but an answer was never really given.

12. Next Regular Town Board Meeting Date – September 11, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

13. Next Special Town Board Meeting Date – August 23, 2017 – Red Brick/Community Center.

14. Adjourn: Motion Olson seconded Swenson that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:23 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

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