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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 23, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 6 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 22, 2017 before 6:00 P.M.
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Olson 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 - Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Board. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less.:** There were none.
7. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Payment of Bills:** Motion Olson seconded Swenson that the following bills be paid: Premier PowerSports \$83.32—fire department snowmobile summarizing; Ricky Arbaugh—pay check from last week. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
 - b. **Review draft of the “Public Nuisance Ordinance”:** Mr. Vojta noted that litter needed to be defined. It was the consensus of the board that sections: 13.04 B. Unburied Animal Carcass Area; C. Noxious or Polluted or Waster Area; D. Noxious Emission Odor Area; E. Rat or Vermin Area; G. Hazardous, toxic, or solid waste facility or site area; H. Dangerous wild animal area; J. Dangerous tree area; K. Fire hazard area; and L. Improper encroachment or discharge area, be removed from the proposed ordinance. It was also the consensus of the board that: A. Prohibitive invasive weeds area; F. Unauthorized human burial area; I. Dangerous or dilapidated building area; M. Junked vehicle and junked part area; and O. Unlicensed unregistered vehicle area be kept in the proposed ordinance with section A. changed to read ”private or town land” rather than private or public land”. It was the consensus of the board that sections 13.05 and 13.06 should be removed from the proposed ordinance. Mr. Vojta questioned whether the town could take pictures without the owners’ permission in section 13.10. Motion Christensen seconded Ritter that Mr. Ritter be authorized to make the changes to Chapter 13, the Public Nuisance Ordinance, as discussed tonight, and to forward the ordinance to Attorney Steve Garbowicz for review. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
 - c. **Review and approve bid for Awassa Trail Work:** Mr. Swenson stated that six local contractors had been asked to bid. Only one contractor sent a bid. Mr. Ritter thought that a list of the bidders should be included in the minutes of this meeting. Mr. Christensen said that the names would be included in the minutes of the Non-Motorized Trail Committee. The committee needs to check to see if a groundwater permit from the necessary from the DNR since the soil will be disturbed on the conservancy property. Motion Swenson seconded Olson to accept the bid from Steve Vogel Services, Inc. for \$4,750.00 for constructing a hiking trail per the bid description with \$475 to be paid now and the balance upon completion of the job. . By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
 - d. **Review and Approval of Sonic Net Contract:** Motion Christensen seconded Swenson that the contract with SonicNet, Inc. be approved with the following changes to the original agreement: 1. The date of the new contract is September 1, 2017; 2. The address is changed to P.O. Box 416, Eagle River, WI 54521 in the first paragraph; 3. The rent amount is changed to \$80.00 per month in paragraph number 2 on page 2; 4. The phrase “tower space for” is added to the 6th paragraph under paragraph number 10 between the words “of and frequency”. Additional frequencies are added to this same paragraph of “3650GHz – 3670GHz”; 5. On page 11, paragraph 25, the name of the town chair is change to the current chair’s name and the address for SonicNet is changed also. . By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.

e. **Continuing Discussion of the Red Brick/Community Center, Remodel or Replace in Preparation of an April 2018 Binding Referendum:** Mr. Christensen noted that in the Funktion Design Studio plan, it appeared that the square footage required per person was 25 square feet. That would mean that for a large room to hold up to 400 people, it would have to be 10,000 square feet in area. The proposed area is 6,500 square feet. The board questioned whether or not a gym was necessary. Only one or two other towns have a gym facility. The board was divided on whether or not a gym was necessary. The board also discussed having a large room with several dividers so that a room that could hold up to 400 people could be divided into rooms that could hold up to 200, 100 or 50 people. The board decided that there needed to be a dedicated space for a town office and meeting room that could be secured. A dedicated room for the Prime Timers was also discussed. Mr. Christensen is going to check with Melody from Funktion to see how she came up with 25 square feet per person. The present gym has a sign that states that the seating capacity is 900. Bob Schell added that it depends on how the room is going to be used. If there are tables or theater seating, the number of people would be different. The board decided to tour the Arbor Vitae and Boulder Junction town offices and community centers on September 6, 2017 beginning at 1:00 P.M. in Arbor Vitae.

8. **Next Town Board Meeting Date – Regular Town Board Meeting, September 11, 2017. There will be a special town board meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. The town board will meet to tour the Arbor Vitae and Boulder Junction town offices and community centers on Wednesday, September 6, 2017 beginning 1:00 P.M.**

9. **Adjourn:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:02 P.M.

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