

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 9, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Acting chairman Ted Ritter called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish A Quorum:** Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Doug Olson Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer. Tom Christensen & John Vojta were absent. There also 14 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Ritter noted that Mr. Christensen had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on October 7, 2017 before 5:30 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 – 3, No – 0. Motion carried.
6. **Read and Approve Minutes of Past Meetings:** Motion Olson seconded Swenson to dispense with the reading of the minutes and that the minutes of the September 11, 2017 town board meeting be approved. By a voice vote: Yes – 3, 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:** Doug Kaltenbach noted that the Lions Club is looking into adding addition bricks to the Veterans' Memorial. Mr. Ritter thought that the Memorial could be mentioned on the Constant Contact page.
8. **Report of the Standing Committees:**
  - a. **Zoning:** Mr. Ritter reported that he had contacted Vilas County concerning recreation vehicles. Vilas County is working on updating its ordinance. The new ordinance will be much more restrictive than the present ordinance. The committee has decided to wait until the county is finished. Mr. Ritter also noted that Mr. Ebert will be preparing his report and depositing the permit checks on at least a monthly basis, possibly weekly basis, rather than on a quarterly basis. .
  - b. **Finance:** Ms. Janssen noted that the committee had not met.
9. **Report of the Special Town Committees:**
  - a. **Lakes Committee:** Mr. Ritter reported that Bob Schell had told him that the Fish & Wildlife had spent \$7,000 to stock 3,900 walleye in Lost and Big St. Germain Lakes..
  - b. **Non-Motorized Trail Committee:** Mr. Swenson noted that there are approximately 12.5 miles of trail. The committee is starting an "Adopt a Mile" program whereby families or groups can adopt a mile of trail to check periodically and after storms. Anyone interested to sign up can contact either Mr. Swenson or Anne Small. .
10. **Report from Lake Districts and Other Organizations:** Mr. Ritter noted that Lost Lake had held its quarterly commissioners meeting, but that there was nothing to report..
11. **Discussion /Action Items:**
  - a. **Payment of Bills:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson that golf course account checks 15651-15675, general account checks 25051-25100 and direct deposit checks DD935-DD999 be approved along with five public works bills as presented by Tim Ebert. A check to John Vojta for \$146.96 – reim for a public works bill was to be held.. By a voice vote: Yes – 3, No – 0. Motion carried
  - b. **Animal Control Officer Report by Don Bauman:** Mr. Bauman was not present.
  - c. **Treasurer's Report:**
    1. **Town Bank Account Balances:** Balance General Account as of 9-30-2017: \$151,612.05; Room Tax Account \$34,518.70; Lakes Committee Account \$21,516.18; Lakes Committee CD \$15,673.54; Skateboard Park Fund \$2,854.61; mBank Money Market \$141,186.89; Play

Ground Equipment Fund \$3,049.55; Fire Department Restricted Account \$7,549.70; Fireworks Donation Account \$1,648.50; Community Development Account \$26,408.27; Golf Course General Account \$182,448.69; Awassa Trail Funds Savings \$11,999.29

**d. Town Chairman's Report**

- 1. Culvert on Big St. Germain Drive:** Mr. Olson noted that work had been started today, but that the water level is too high and that the culvert had floated out of position. The old culvert was put back into position. The road has been closed. The engineer should be here on Tuesday. The new culvert should be installed on Tuesday.
  - 2. New Plants at the Veterans Memorial:** Kathy Kaltenbach and Kathy Beck, master gardeners, along with the town crew and golf course maintenance crew, had prepared the area around the Veterans' Memorial for new plants. Shrubs, flowers, bulbs and grasses have been planted. Ms. Kaltenbach noted that the project is a project "over time" Mr. Ritter asked for pictures to add to the next Constant Contact message.
  - 3. Golf Course Update:** Mr. Swenson noted that the course will close on October 22, 2017 for the season. There will be a 2018 budget review meeting on October 16, 2017.
  - 4. Community Center / Red Brick Building Update:** Mr. Ritter noted that at the special town board meeting that had been held on October 4, 2017, the board had reduced the square footage of the proposed new building to 18,675 square feet. The new area had been forwarded to Funktion Design for them to review options #3 & #4. Mr. Ritter also noted that the board will be proposing a one question referendum question for the April election.
- e. Final Review and approval for December Adoption: Chapter 1 – Zoning, Chapter 13 – Public Nuisance, Chapter 14 – Alcohol Control:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson that the following be approved for adoption on December 11, 2017: 1. Revisions to St. Germain Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1 – Zoning; Chapter 14 – Alcohol Control: 2. New Ordinance: Chapter 13 – Public Nuisance. By a voice vote Yes – 3, No – 0. Motion carried
- f. Approval of the Joint Ambulance Agreement with the Town of Plum Lake:** Mr. Ritter stated that he was in favor of the agreement, but that he was against some of the content of the agreement. Motion Ritter seconded Olson that the Joint Ambulance Agreement with the Town of Plum Lake be tabled until the next town board meeting. By a voice vote Yes – 3, No – 0. Motion carried.
- g. Approve Class B Combination License Application for Amy K. Worthen, Worthen's Bar & Grill, 212 Hwy 70:** Motion Olson seconded Ritter to grant a Class B Combination license to Amy K. Worthen, Worthen's Bar & Grill, 212 Hwy. 70, St. Germain. By a voice vote Yes – 3, No – 0. Motion carried
- h. Problems with and the Repair of Fire Department Engine #2:** Mr. Olson noted that engine #2 had been taken in to be repaired. He also noted that the repairs had to be DOT approved.
- i. Adjustments to the Golf Course Budget:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson to adjust the golf course budget by moving \$1,500.00 from account 6116 to account 6121 and by moving \$300 from account 6126 to account 6130. By a voice vote Yes – 3, No – 0. Motion carried
- j. Approve Town Roads for Snowmobile Routes, 2017-2018 Season.:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson that the town roads for snowmobile routes for the 2017-2018 season be tabled until the next town board meeting. By a voice vote Yes – 3, No – 0. Motion carried.

**12. Town Board Budget Workshop – October 25, 2017:**

**13. Next Regular Town Board Meeting Date – November 13, 2017**

- 14. Adjourn:** Motion Olson seconded Swenson that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes – 3, No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:40 P.M.

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Town Clerk

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Chairman

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