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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 25, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish A Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Doug Olson Tom Martens, Town Clerk, Marion Janssen, town treasurer. John Vojta was absent. There also 4 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on October 24, 2017 before 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 - Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Board. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less.** Mr. Swenson noted that the yard waste facility was supposed to be closing on Monday, October 30th. He asked that it be left open for at least a week longer. The consensus of the board was that it should be left open until 8:00 A.M. on Monday, November 6, 2017.
7. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Budget Meeting – The Board will be working on and approving the 2018 Town & Golf Course Budgets:** Mr. Christensen stated that he and Mr. Swenson and Mr. Becker and Ms. Rogers had prepared a golf course budget. The proposed budget is tentatively \$974,740.22. The main changes to the pro budget are an addition of \$10,345 for cart barn projects and \$27,840 for six golf carts. The main changes to the superintendent's budget are \$120,000 for pump station replacement, \$8,500 for benches, and \$4,500 for a flagstone patio and split rail fencing. The plan is to not allow golf carts to be driven onto the parking lot next season. There were no objections from any of the board members. Mr. Christensen noted that he would have to look into the course insurance and workmen's compensation. The new figures might cause the budget to change a little. He would ask for board approval at the next town board meeting.

Mr. Christensen read through the proposed town budget. A major change is the addition of \$109,500 for expenses for a proposed ambulance. There would be a proposed \$76,000 in ambulance fees to offset most of the expenses. Mr. Martens asked if Cloverland and Newbold would be paying towards the ambulance service. The department will not be charging the two towns. Patients would be charged for transportation. Mr. Ritter thought that there needed to be a monthly review of the ambulance service. He also asked where the figures were coming from and why the board had not received a spreadsheet ahead of time. The public works salaries and benefits will need to be worked out at a later meeting. The X-mas lights/flags will be moved to the room tax budget rather than the public works budget. The board will continue working on the town budget at the next meeting. Mr. Martens reported that the levy limit amount is \$895,930, if the debt service remains equal to 2016 at \$536,349. With a carry balance of \$110,780, the proposed town budget would be \$1,415,060, down 1.73% from 2016.

There will be a special town board meeting on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community. The annual budget hearing will be held at 7:00 P.M. in the community center on Wednesday, November 15, 2017.

8. **Adjourn:** Motion Olson seconded Ritter that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes –4, No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:32 P.M.

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