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## MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 15, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish A Quorum:** Tom Christensen, John Vojta, Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Doug Olson Tom Martens, Town Clerk, Marion Janssen, town treasurer. There also 10 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on November 14, 2017 before 5:00 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:** There were none.
  - b. **Continuing Discussion of the Red Brick/Community Center, Remodel or Replace in Preparation of an April 2018 Binding Referendum – The Board will decide between Option #3 and Option #4:** Mr. Christensen asked if there were any comments from the floor: Don Bauman—thought that the new building in Boulder Junction was nice; Bob Schell—Also thought that the building in Boulder Junction was nice; Roger Weber—thought that option #3 was more efficient since the restrooms would serve both sections of the building. He also stated that option #4 cost \$500,000 more. Mr. Weber also noted that there had been studies showing that the Red Brick Schoolhouse was in good shape; Ken Dahnke—said that people have told him that the Indian and Red Brick Schoolhouse are what they remember most about St. Germain. He also added that in Europe old buildings are gutted and used for other things; Ellyn Dahnke—added that the Red Brick Group has \$10,000 to used towards the building; Brian Cooper—asked if the museum was in the plan from Funktion. One room was designated as a history room; Milt Klingporn—asked what was going to be found when the foundation was dug up. He also added that the building wouldn't be a school anyway anymore; Marv Anderson—would choose option #4 because the building could be arranged in any manner on the lot. He also thought that the board should explain to the voters why it picked whichever option is chosen; Wally Geist—wanted to know if the financing would be over five years. Mr. Christensen said that it would depend on what road work might be done; Ted Ritter—thought that the project could be kept on budget with option #4, but that there would be unknowns with option #3; John Vojta—asked the board should have a hard cost by the referendum; Tom Christensen—said that the board would have a presentation prior to the referendum; Tom Martens—said that prior to snowmobiling, just about everything centered around the Red Brick Schoolhouse and the church. The Red Brick Schoolhouse is the only building in town that has any historical significance.

Motion Ritter seconded Olson that the town board chooses option #4 from Funktion Design Studios to demolish the community center and entire Red Brick Schoolhouse and to build an entirely new facility. By a roll call vote: Ritter—yes; Vojta—yes; Swenson—yes; Olson—yes; Christensen—yes. Motion carried unanimously.
8. **Adjourn:** Motion Swenson seconded Olson that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes –5, No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:47 P.M.

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