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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 20, 2017

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 5:20 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 11 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on December 19, 2017 before 5:15 P.M.
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Swenson seconded Vojta 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.** Bob Schell thanked the board for replacing the culvert on Found Lake Road.
7. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Payment of Bills:** Motion Christensen seconded Swenson that the following bills be paid: MSA Engineering \$5,372.32—Big St. Germain culvert; Tim Ebert \$107.92—balance clothing allowance; Vilas County Treasurer \$.54—unclaimed tax refund. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
 - b. **Continuing Discussion and update of the Red Brick/Community Center Replacement Project:** Mr. Christensen explained that the next step from Funktion would cost less than \$16,000. Mr. Christensen also noted that since the town's population is under 3,000, WisStat. 60.10(2) states that the town board could call an elector meeting rather than have a binding referendum concerning the building project.
 - c. **Ambulance Contract with Town of Plum Lake:** Motion Christensen seconded Swenson to approve the Ambulance Contract with the Town of Plum Lake with the following changes: Item #1; the date to be changed from December 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018; and item #6 to include the details of each run and to change the invoicing time to quarterly for each town. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.
 - d. **Discussion of Boulder Junction Open Meeting Violation:** Mr. Christensen explained that the problem in Boulder Junction happened because discussion of an elected officials wages and benefits should not be done in closed session. The second problem is that Boulder Junction didn't follow its own ordinance. Ms. Janssen thought that the town should have a personnel committee. Brian Cooper asked if there were any sessions to learn about being on the town board. Mr. Christensen stated that the Wisconsin Towns Association held sessions throughout the year.
 - e. **Sanction the necessary areas for the upcoming Radar Run on Little St. Germain Lake, February 2 & 3, 2018:** At the last meeting Mr. Vojta had questioned sanctioning the radar run on Little St. Germain Lake. The response that he received wasn't clear. Mr. Christensen said that he had checked with the WTA and that the radar run could be approved by motion, resolution, or ordinance. The areas would have to be spelled out. Mr. Vojta stated that as long as the town was named as an additional insured he would be OK with sanctioning the event. Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the town sanction the radar run including: 1. The snowmobile trail from Hearthside to Thunderbird Pass including the lake access spur from said trail to Little Saint Germain Lake through Little Saint Express and Cathy's Ice Cream property. 2. The Snowmobile Trail from St. Germain Rentals to Arrowhead Groomers including the lake access spur from said trail through Elbert's Resort. 3. The West Half of West Bay on Little St. Germain Lake. 4. The marked trails crossing Little St Germain within 100' of the barrels/lake markers used to cross the lake.
 - f. **Public Works Report by John Vojta:** Brent & Greg from Truck Country were present. The #2 truck needs a new engine. There is a one-year warranty on the valve job that had been done by

Mid-State. Brian Cooper asked if swapping out the parts was included in the price. Brent & Greg from Truck Country gave a quote to the board. Mr. Vojta and Mr. Christensen will check to see what, if anything, is covered by the warranty. If it turns out to be warranty work, the work would have to be done by Mid-State. The truck would have to be hauled to Mid-State. Tim Ebert added that a wire harness had been replaced on his truck. Hopefully, that will take care of the problem with his truck.

8. Next Town Board Meeting Date – Regular Town Board Meeting, January 8, 2018

9. Adjourn: Motion Vojta seconded Olson that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes –5, No –0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:25 P.M.

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