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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: JUNE 20, 2018

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 7:48 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish A Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Doug Olson, Brian Cooper, Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 24 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on June 19, 2018 before 7:45 P.M.
5. **Approval of the Agenda:** Motion Olson seconded Cooper 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 for the New Community Center/Town Hall Including Remodeling the Present Community Center:** Ed Siergiej asked what the project would cost if the recreation facility were not there. Mr. Christensen said that it would cost approximately \$4.6 million. June Vogel asked if it was necessary to make the outside of the community center match the new building. Erv Stiemke asked if remodeling the inside of the community center could wait until a later time. Jack Bourgeois asked what figure the town board wanted. Mr. Christensen noted that the building project could be paid for using the debt service amount that is being levied now. However, there is still roadwork that would need to be done and equipment that would need to be purchased. A portion of the current levy could be used towards the new building. The town would be solving the problems with the community center. Mr. Christensen also noted that the Prime Timers and other groups would be using the expo center. During the summer the chamber of commerce would need to take down their bingo setup each week. Mr. Martens thought that the new plan was not very user friendly to the various groups in town. Mr. Christensen added that in the future, the recreation center could include volleyball, indoor driving range facility, and indoor batting cage. Ms. Janssen stated that the town board was going to have to figure out what the operating expenses would be. Mr. Christensen said that the board would have to tell the taxpayers about the additional expenses.

Heather Davidson asked if there could be a vote on two plans, a more expensive one and a cheaper one. Mr. Ritter asked is if the vote on the option failed, could there be a vote on a second option. Mr. Christensen thought that there probably could be a second vote, but that it also probably would be recommended not to have a second vote. Jack Bourgeois asked how many times that board would come back to the voters if the first option failed. Bob Schell asked if there could be one yes or no question to both demolish the red brick schoolhouse and to build either the six million dollar building or the 4 million dollar building. Someone asked if it would be cheaper to just tear down the community center and build a new one. Mr. Christensen stated that Funktion had told him that it would cost around \$3,000,000 to do that. Jack Bourgeois asked if all of the building codes would have to be followed for a remodeling project as with new construction.

Erv Stiemke thought that the selling point would be the tax levy projections that Mr. Christensen had presented at the last meeting. Wally Geist thought that the board should pick a plan and not go off in different directions. He asked if the board was comfortable with the \$6.7 million price tag. Roger Weber asked what the cost of demolishing the red brick schoolhouse and the clean-up would be. Bob Schell stated that about four years ago, Boulder Junction built an entirely new building similar in size to this one for around \$2.1 million. He thought that there seemed to be a conflict and why was there such a big difference in the cost in Boulder Junction compared to this new proposal. Jack Bourgeois added that each time that there is a new bill from Funktion, that it is not coming from the town board, but from the people who are making the requests. Roger Weber said that this town board can be known as the town board that destroyed the one historical site in town. Mr. Ritter added that a lot of people would thank the board for doing it. Mr. Ritter also

added that the voters are going to need to know about the additional costs in needing to move the baseball field to make room for the new parking lot. Mr. Christensen said that the town board needs to believe in the project and that it is the best choice for the community going forward.

Motion Christensen seconded Olson that the town board advance the June 14, 2018 Town of St. Germain town hall and community center proposal with minor modifications to be done in the very near future and provide an architectural rendering of the exterior of the building By roll call vote: Mr. Christensen – yes; Mr. Olson – yes; Mr. Cooper – no; Mr. Swenson – yes; Mr. Ritter – no. Motion carried 3 to 2. This proposal will be the final one, with some minor changes, that is presented to the people at the special elector meeting.

- c. **mBank Resolution Concerning Town Credit Cards:** Motion Swenson seconded Cooper to authorize Resolution SG18-06-01, an mBank resolution concerning town credit cards. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried
- d. **Consider Approving Request by the Lakes Committee to place their message trailer on Town property in front of the Hearthside Inn following the July 1st parade for the balance of the summer and fall:** Motion Cooper seconded Ritter to allow the lakes committee to place their message trailer on town property in front of the Hearthside Inn following the July 1st parade for the balance of the summer and fall until October 10, 2018. . By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried
- e. **Approval of bartender, liquor and beer licenses after reviewing background checks:** Motion Cooper seconded Olson that the bartender, liquor and beer licenses be approved after review of the background checks by the town board. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried
- f. **Consider extending the days of operation for the Yard Waste Collection Center:** Motion Ritter seconded Swenson that the yard waste facility be opened indefinitely until further action by the town board. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried
- g. **Amend the Joint Powers Agreement with the Town of Cloverland to include the City of Eagle River in the River Trail Commission:** Motion Swenson seconded Ritter to approve the amended joint powers agreement with the Town of Cloverland to include the City of Eager River in the River Trail Commission as presented. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried
- h. **Ambulance Update – When is the projected start date:** Mr. Christensen reported that Fire Chief Tim Gebhardt had told him that there would be five EMT’s and 8 responders assigned to on-call times. One form still needs to be approved by the State. The State is supposed to be reviewing it this week. If that form gets approved in time, the ambulance should be begin running by July 1, 2018.

8. Next Town Board Meeting Date – Regular Town Board Meeting, Monday, July 9, 2018.

- 9. **Adjourn:** Motion Olson seconded Cooper that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote Yes –5, No – 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 9:41 P.M

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