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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 31, 2019

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, Doug Olson, Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson, Brian Cooper, Tom Martens, town clerk, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer. There was also 3 other people in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on January 30, 2019 before 5:30 P.M.
5. **Citizen's Comments – Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Board. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less:** Marion Janssen thought that the town crew needed to sand the town road intersections. Tim Clark said that the intersection of Moon Road and Juve Road had been sanded, but that the rest of Moon Road had not been sanded. Wally Geist asked why the storage units at Old Hwy. 70 and Hwy. 70 had been allowed to be built facing parallel to Old Hwy. 70 rather than parallel to Hwy. 70 as they were shown in the plan.
6. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Payment of Bills:** There were no new bills.
 - b. **Board of Appeals Minutes – When to approve and where to list on website:** Mr. Ritter will make a new section on the town website for Board of Appeal minutes. He will also contact Attorney Steve Garbowicz to determine whether or not the minutes need to be approved and signed.
 - c. **Issue a picnic beer license for the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club:** Motion Cooper seconded Olson that a Special Class B Picnic Beer License be issued to the St. Germain Bo-Boen Tribe, Inc., Steve Soltwedel, agent, for February 1, 2019 and February 2, 2019 for their food tent on West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried unanimously.
 - d. **Finalize the Town Budget for 2019:** Mr. Christensen noted that since the carryover balance was not as large as the board had thought that it would be he made some changes to the proposed 2019 budget: added \$10,000 from donations; added \$45,000 for the Vilas County Culvert refund; removed \$1,000 in payments to the Plum Lake Ambulance; reduced road maintenance to \$59,651.97; removed \$60,000 public works equipment fund; corrected the carryover balance to \$21,626.97. Motion Swenson seconded Olson that the town budget for 2019 be approved with the adjustments as presented. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried unanimously
 - e. **Second review of the draft, Remote Meeting Attendance Policy:** Motion Ritter seconded Swenson that item 6(e) be tabled to a future meeting. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried unanimously
 - f. **Adopt Resolution to rescind “Safety & Trespassing” and “Discharging and Carrying Firearms” Town Ordinances:** Motion Ritter seconded Cooper that Resolution SG19-01-1 a resolution rescinding ordinances ST-1 and H-1 be adopted. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried unanimously.
 - g. **Second review, Code of Ordinances Chapter 9, Snowmobiling on Town Roads:** Mr. Ritter noted that the definition of a snowmobile had been taken from the statutes and that the speed limit for snowmobiles had been changed to the same as the posted speed limit on the town road. Otherwise nothing had been changed from the first review. Motion Cooper seconded Olson to

approve Code of Ordinances Chapter 9, Snowmobiling on Town Roads for adoption as presented. By a voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Olson left the meeting at 7:18 P.M.

h. First review of the re-drafted Vehicular Traffic on Town Roads Ordinance: Mr. Ritter stated that he could not find anything in the statutes that referred to town roads. He changed the name of the ordinance to Vehicular Traffic on Town Highways. The board questioned whether or not this type of ordinance was necessary, but then questioned whether or not the town board could post speed limits without it. Under traffic control Mr. Martens asked about the liability to the town if someone from the fire department or public works department directed traffic during events and there was an accident. Mr. Christensen said that he would like to have the cost of a deputy sheriff built into both the town and county budget so that a deputy could be present at events. Possibly other towns in the county would want to do the same thing. Motion Christensen seconded Ritter to refer the 1st draft of Chapter 16, Vehicular Traffic on Town Highways to the Vilas County Law Enforcement Committee. By a voice vote: Yes – 4, No – 0. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Next Town Board Meeting Date – Regular Town Board Meeting, Monday, February 11, 2019.

8. Adjourn: Mr. Christensen adjourned the meeting at 7:41 P.M.

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