

# PLANNING & ZONING COMMITTEE

## TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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### MINUTES ST. GERMAIN PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE MEETING: OCTOBER 17, 2011

**Meeting Type:** Regular Meeting of the P & Z Committee. The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman, William Bates, called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
2. **Roll Call -Members Present:** William Bates, John Vojta, Tim Gebhardt, Marion Janssen, Tom Martens, town clerk. Tim Nampel and Tim Ebert were absent. Richard Clem was also in attendance.
3. **Approve Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Janssen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Vojta seconded Bates that the minutes of the July 11, 2011 committee meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Discussion/Action Items:**
  - 5A. **Inspector Contract:** Mr. Bates noted that the contract with the present UDC Inspector, Darrin Pagel was coming up for review. If there were going to be changes made to the contract, they had to be made between November 1 each year and January 1 of the following. There are two other people interested in the position. Richard Clem from Winchester was in attendance. Mr. Camp, town chairman, had asked Mr. Clem to attend the meeting. Mr. Bates stated that he knew nothing of Mr. Clem being asked to the meeting. Motion Janssen seconded Vojta that the committee recommend to the town board that a notice be published in the paper stating that the Town of St. Germain is seeking applicants for a UDC inspector. Approved.
  - 5B. **Zoning Complaints:** Mr. Bates stated that Tim Ebert had received a complaint concerning a service garage at 1789 Hwy. 155. The property is zoned in the medium density residential district. Service garages and not listed as permitted or as conditional use. Mr. Bates questioned whether or not the business could be considered a home business. Motion Vojta seconded Janssen that Mr. Bates is instructed to talk to the property owner. Approved. The next step would be to have the town's attorney write a letter.
  - 5C. **Zoning Permits:** Mr. Bates handed out Tim Ebert's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report for the committee to review. Mr. Ebert has also asked Mr. Bates to see what the committee wanted done with the fire numbers that had been ordered for Lofty Pines. Mr. Sherren refuses to allow the signs to be put up. Mr. Vojta suggested packing them away. The numbers possibly could be used at a later date.
  - 5D. **Proposed Ordinances:** Mr. Bates noted that the Dog Ordinance needed to be modified. Ms. Janssen stated that the committee needed to get a copy of the disc that has the ordinances that have already been retyped. Mr. Bates will check with Mary Platner. Mr. Bates also noted that a Lighting Ordinance and a Blight Ordinance were on the list of proposed ordinances. Mr. Bates handed out the lighting ordinance from the Town of Cloverland. Mr. Vojta stated that the problem with writing new ordinances is that there is no way to enforce them. Mr. Bates will check to see if the Vilas County Circuit Court has a time set up where cases from St. Germain could be heard. It would also mean that the constable would have to issue citations. There was a concern about the cost to the town. It was the consensus of the committee that the question of the proposed ordinances and the enforcement of those ordinances be brought before the town board to see what the board would like the committee to do.
7. **Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Gebhardt that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 5:00 P.M.

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