## **TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN**

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MINUTES SPECIAL ELECTOR MEETING: JULY 19, 2017

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Call To Order: Chairman Tom Christensen called the special elector meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**Roll Call:** Tom Christensen, John Vojta, Doug Olson, Jim Swenson, Ted Ritter, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 14 qualified electors in attendance.

Mr. Christensen explained that the purpose of the meeting was to grant the town board permission to either sell or demolish the present town building that is being used by the Chamber of Commerce for the information bureau, and to approve a long term lease with the Chamber of Commerce so that the Chamber of Commerce can get the financing for a new building.

Mr. Christensen opened the floor for comments.

**Carolyn Ritter:** Ms. Ritter asked who would be paying for either the moving of the present building or the demolition of the present building. Mr. Christensen stated that the cost of moving would to the buyer. The cost of demolition would be to the Chamber of Commerce. Greg Baas had done an inspection in 2014 and determined that there is no asbestos.

**Dennis** ?: Dennis asked how the loan was going to be paid. The cost of the new building is estimated to be between \$300,000 and \$350,000. The Chamber of Commerce intends to put down \$150,000. The mortgage would be between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

**Marv Anderson:** Mr. Anderson noted that there had been a discussion about the Chamber of Commerce moving across the highway to the Red Brick Schoolhouse side of the road. Mr. Christensen said that the Chamber of Commerce didn't want to be on that side of the highway. They like the spot where they are now.

**Marion Janssen:** Ms. Janssen wanted to know if the town had to co-sign on the loan. She also asked if the loan was going to go out for bids. Mr. Christensen stated that the town would be co-signing on the loan. He also said that the Chamber of Commerce would be choosing what bank they wanted to use.

Motion Christensen seconded Ted Gregg to grant the authority to the town board to either sell or demolish the present town building that is being used by the Chamber of Commerce for the information bureau. By a voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

**Jim Anderson:** Mr. Anderson asked what the removal time would be if someone wanted to buy the present building. Mr. Christensen said that the Chamber of Commerce would decide.

**Marv Anderson:** Mr. Anderson asked where the new building was going to be. Mr. Christensen said that it was going to be on the same spot as the old one. It would have a garage, three offices, basement, kitchenette, a 24 hour open lobby. There are to be no public restrooms. There will be a 30-year lease.

Motion Christensen seconded Marv Anderson to enter into a 30-year lease with the Chamber of Commerce for the land on which the new building will be constructed. By a voice vote, motion carried unanimously.

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**Marv Anderson:** Mr. Anderson asked where he could find copies of the plans for the new building. Penny Wiesmann stated that they are open for view at the information bureau.

There were no other questions or comments from the floor. Motion Vojta seconded Olson that the meeting be adjourned. By a voice vote, motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 6:14 P.M.

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