

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: MARCH 28, 2011

1. **Call To Order:** Ms. Nimz noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. The meeting was called to order at 4:15 P.M.
2. **Roll Call:** Peggy Nimz, Fred Radtke, Lee Christensen, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Walt Camp was absent. There were 3 other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
4. **Town Budget Workshop:**
  - 4.1 **Discussion of General Obligation Bond From 1998:** Mr. Radtke explained that the finance committee was of the consensus that the town should refinance the general obligation bonding debt from 1998 in order to relieve some of the financial pressure on the golf course. The suggestion was to take out a new loan for five years. The town would pay its share of \$225,000 plus interest for this year. The new loan would be for \$1,200,000. Mr. Vojta and Ms. Nimz asked that the town share and the golf course share be kept separate. Ms. Janssen stated that the bank would keep the two separate. Ms. Nimz also stated that if the refinancing takes place, the golf course couldn't spend money on equipment or capital improvements for five years. Mr. Christensen said that the town needed to be careful, as there was a fine line where making cuts would start effecting the amount and quality of play at the course.
  - 4.2 **Approve Re-financing of General Obligation Bond from 1998:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that Resolution SG11-03-01 authorizing the redemption of \$4,000,000 general obligation refunding bonds dated July 15, 1998 be approved. Approved. The clerk stated that he was not going to do anything with the resolution until the new loan was in place. The redemption company needs the paperwork by April 15, 2011.
  - 4.3 **Approve Resolution Allowing Finance Committee to Proceed with Re-financing of General Obligation Bond from 1998:** Ms. Janssen had prepared a payment schedule for both the town and golf course based on a five-year loan at 3.85%. The town payment would be \$120,433.33 and the golf course payment would be \$148,503.63 per year. Mr. Vojta thought that it might not be necessary to borrow the whole amount. He thought that the golf course should be able to make at least partial payments. The clerk thought that a line of credit each year for the next three years might work if the golf course could make payments. Motion Vojta seconded Nimz that the borrowing resolution be tabled at this time. Approved.
  - 4.4 **Handicap Accessibility for Polling Place for April Election:** The board suggested that the doors to the community center be hooked open for the April 5, 2011 election. The clerk said that would work as long as it was not too cold outside.
  - 4.5 **Transfer Station Hours:** Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the transfer station hours be Wednesdays from 8:00 A.M. until noon and Saturdays 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. beginning on April 16, 2011. Approved. The hours will remain that way at least until the middle of May

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when the town board will be deciding whether or not the transfer station/recycling center will be handled by a private company.

## 5. Board Concerns:

**Peggy Nimz:** Ms. Nimz stated that she was not happy at all with the LVG commission or board. She felt that they all should be replaced.

**Marion Janssen:** Ms. Janssen noted that she had handed out information on a retirement program for the fire department and/or elected officials. She had also handed out information on the property assessment process. She stated that the board should look at the contract with the assessor. She felt that he should supply a certificate of insurance and also should be paying for the assessor labels and postage from his contract money.

**Lee Christensen:** Mr. Christensen reminded the board that a decision needed to be made concerning the concessions at the golf course.

**John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta stated that he was able to reduce the phone bills at the shop and fire department by about \$900 per year. He also said that eliminating the phone at the Red Brick Schoolhouse and also the answering service at Business Connections could save money. The clerk said that the phone and fax could be included with 715-542-2850. Mr. Vojta also said that the fire chief is working on saving money at the fire department.

**Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke thought that the town employees should be notified about how Governor Walker's budget will affect them. He also stated that only wages could be negotiated. The WRS for the town board will also be affected. He also thought that the in-lieu payment to current WRS retirees should be reconsidered.

## 6. Adjournment:

Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.  
Meeting adjourned 5:25 P.M.

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