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**MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 12, 2013**

- 1. Call to Order:** The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M.
- 2. Roll Call:** Walter Camp, Marv Anderson, William Bates, Alan Albee, Tom Christensen, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 13 other people in attendance.
- 3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion Bates seconded Anderson that the minutes of the July 8, 2013 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 07-31-2013: \$90,578.80 room tax account \$61,064.98; lakes CD account \$15,547.46; lakes account \$9,099.58; skateboard park fund \$4,156.58; bike & hike trail account \$11,903.64; money market account \$129,851.10; playground equipment account \$4,390.66; debt reserve account \$334,989.57; fire department \$5,838.17; fireworks donation account \$5,049.73; community development account \$36,648.69; golf course general account \$38,958.74; golf course money market \$206,079.51; Road Improvement Fund \$27,700.95; Loan Reserve Fund \$62,790.31; Spears Memorial Fund \$380.01.
- 6. Payment of Vouchers, Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Anderson seconded Bates that vouchers 704-837, 7988-7999, and 21331-21437 be paid along with the following extra bills: D.W. Davies & Co. \$397.00—golf course supplies; Dept. of Corrections \$432.00—inmate services. Approved.
- 7. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp reported that he had received a notice from the insurance company stating that the town's deductibles would be raised from \$500 to \$1000. Also, replacement value is being replaced by actual cash value on several of the town's properties. The coverage will remain the same. Jon Strom has been added as an additional insured for taking care of the Found Lake Dam. Mr. Anderson suggested that we see what the premium is when the policy renews in October to decide whether or not to seek bids for insurance. There have also been compliments on the work that Todd Renk has done at the golf course.
- 8. Supervisor's Report:** Mr. Anderson stated that he and Tim Ebert had inspected the crack filling that had been done on Star Lane. They were not satisfied with it. Mr. Anderson will send a letter to Jim Wendt informing him that he would need to have the crack filling done professionally. After that, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Ebert will inspect the work again prior to recommending to the town board that Star Lane be accepted as a town road. Mr. Christensen asked when the budget hearings would begin. Mr. Camp stated that they would begin in either

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September or October. The meetings would be limited to two hours. There might have to be four or five meetings.

**9. Town Committee Reports/Comments:**

*A. Fire Department:* Tim Gebhardt reported that there had been 40 calls this month. The helicopter from Rhinelander was here in 8 minutes for some of the calls. The department is accepting bids on the old brush truck until the end of the month. Mr. Camp reminded Mr. Gebhardt that the sale of the truck has to be approved by the town board. The bids should be brought to the town board. There is still water in the oil in the generator. The faucets are still leaking.

*B. Public Works:* Mr. Camp stated that Pitlik & Wick will begin crushing the gravel. The town had to hire a man to get rid of the beavers near the golf course. Hermanson Road and Cty. Hwy. C were about to flood. The public works committee decided that the fire department should get prices to replace the outdoor lights with LED lights. Fahrner should be doing the crack filling by the end of the month. There might be places in the subdivisions that have to be swept when they are finished. Mr. Ebert is working on getting prices to fill about 800 cracks in the bike trail. Mr. Christensen suggested that the town hire a person to do the special jobs that the public works crew can't get to. The problem on the bike trail is that tree roots are pushing the blacktop up. Todd Renk suggested trenching and cutting the roots rather than removing the blacktop and then having to replace it.

*C. Golf Course:* Mr. Bates reported that the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golf Tournament will be on September 15<sup>th</sup>. There has also been a request for an area for professional croquet on the golf course property. The revenues are up about \$10,000 per month over last year. And, as of today, the course is ahead of August 2012.

*D. Lakes:* Chuck Thier reported the grant applications had been filed. Ms. Janssen added that some of the checks have already been received. The lakes in St. Germain are in good shape. Mr. Their wanted to thank Lou Mirek for all of his work on the grants. A survey had been sent to the property owners on Found Lake. The result was that they want a quiet lake with no personal watercraft. Little St. Germain has gotten its own grants to work on the invasive species problem. Mr. Camp thanked Mr. Thier, Lou Mirek and the committee for all of the work that has been done.

*F. Cemetery Committee:* There was no report.

**10. Citizen's Comments on Items to be Considered by Town Board:** There were none.

**11. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)**

*A. Walter Olson Library Presentation:* Two representatives from Walter Olson Library gave a presentation on the proposed \$2.4 million expansion of the library. The addition will

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double the size of the library. There will be a youth area, a young adult area, and an adult area. There will be a meeting room and a conference room that can be locked off from the main library for use when the library is closed. There will be a basement under the new addition. So far, there have been pledges of \$800,000 to be made over a 5-year period.

**B. North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission:** Mr. Camp noted that the North Central Planning Commission has asked for input concerning recreational facilities in town. There has been a discussion about the possibility of cross country ski trails in town. Mr. Camp said that the board would talk about it next month.

**C. Omega Communications LLC Request:** Mr. Camp stated that he had received a request from Access Engineering representing the Lac du Flambeau band of Chippewa Indians concerning Omega Communications LLC. The group is trying to provide high speed internet to area towns. Motion Anderson seconded Bates to notify Access Engineering that the town board is not interested in the proposal. Approved.

**D. Community Park Well #2 Inspection:** Mr. Camp noted that the public works committee had recommended that well #2 at the community park be tested. Tim Ebert thinks that debris has been thrown into the well and that it won't pump water. Motion Anderson seconded Albee that the town, through the public works foreman, spend the \$850 to have the well tested. Approved.

**12. Citizen's Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 minutes):** Bruce VanHoozen presented a new State of Wisconsin flag to replace the old flag at the golf course. The flag is a donation from the VanHoozen family.

**13. The board may go into closed session per Sec. 19.85 (1) (b)(c)(e)(g) of Wisconsin State Statutes. Reconvene from closed session and take action as necessary that my come out of the closed session.**

Motion Camp seconded Anderson that the meeting be adjourned into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(b)(c)(e)(g) of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 7:46 P.M. By a roll call vote: Mr. Anderson –yes; Mr. Camp-yes; Mr. Albee-yes; Mr. Bates-yes; Mr. Christensen-yes. Motion carried.

Motion Albee seconded Anderson that the meeting be reconvened into open session pursuant to Sec. 19.85 (1)(b)(c)(e)(g) of the Wisconsin State Statutes at 9:35 P.M. By a roll call vote: Mr. Anderson –yes; Mr. Camp-yes; Mr. Albee-yes; Mr. Bates-yes; Mr. Christensen-yes. Motion carried.

There was no action as a result of the closed session.

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**14. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting:** The next regular monthly town board meeting will be held on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

**15. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned 10:22 P.M.

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Town Clerk

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Chairman

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Supervisor #1

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Supervisor #2

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Supervisor #3

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Supervisor #4