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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 10, 2014

- 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 five other people present.
- 3. Approval of Agenda at the Chair's Discretion:** Motion Anderson seconded Albee that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved...
- 4. Approval of Minutes:** Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the minutes of the January 13, 2014 town board meeting be approved as presented. Approved.
- 5. Financial Report:** Balance town general account as of 01-31-2014: \$152,821.23; room tax account \$25,484.75; lakes CD account \$15,563.05; lakes account \$29,058.72; skateboard park fund \$4,157.63; bike & hike trail account \$16,348.00; money market account \$1,988,472.17; playground equipment account \$4,391.77; debt reserve account \$401,278.83; fire department \$5,839.65; fireworks donation account \$1,050.49; community development account \$37,198.06; golf course general account \$34,581.86; golf course money market \$76,546.46; Loan Reserve Fund \$60,306.14; Fire Dept. Vehicle/Equip. \$8,126.03.
- 6. Payment of Vouchers, Town, Fire Department, Golf Course:** Motion Bates seconded Albee that vouchers 21776-21841 and 113-201 be paid. Approved. Mr. Camp noted that several public works bills had been approved at the committee meeting this morning but that they would be paid at the next meeting.
- 7. Chairman's Report:** Mr. Camp stated that he had received a notice for the beaver control program through Vilas County. The cost should be around \$400. Since there had been such a problem with the beavers on Hermanson Road and Hwy. C last summer, Mr. Camp thought that it would be a good idea to participate. Motion Albee seconded Bates that the beaver control program be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Approved. Mr. Camp also noted that a workmen's comp claim for a fireman had been cancelled since he had not gone to the doctor. Mr. Camp also stated that the town had received a bill from Yellow Pages that wasn't ours and a wage garnishment request for a person who never worked for the town.
- 8. Town Committee Reports/Comments:**

A. Fire Department: Tim Clark had left to attend the first responders' class. Mr. Camp read Mr. Clark's report. There had been 31 calls of various types last month. The generator was fixed last Friday, but now it is not working again. Mr. Ebert will contact the repairman. The

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Water Systems bill from last month can be paid. The electrical problem has been brought up to code. The town crew will replace parts in the outdated filter tank. The Fun Day will be held on March 8, 2014. The paint on the new fire truck is peeling. It is still under warranty.

B. Public Works: Mr. Camp stated that the committee is looking into cable TV providers. The 20-year contract with Lakeland Cablevision has expired. Mr. Christensen asked that Mr. Camp find out how many subscribers there are in St. Germain. .

C. Golf Course: Mr. Bates reported that Mr. Renk has returned from his training sessions in Orlando. Ms. Rogers-Anderson is in San Diego. Ms. Rogers-Anderson will be conducting lessons in the pro shop beginning later this month. The insurance check for around \$12,000 for the pump and well repairs has been mailed. There is a \$1,000 deductible. Mr. Bates added that Deb Pagel from Wausau would be able to conduct sensitivity training sessions for all town employees. There would probably be two sessions, one for the town officials and employees and one for the golf course employees. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Christensen will work on giving Ms. Pagel ideas so that she can give the board a proposal.

D. Lakes: Mr. Christensen noted that the committee would be meeting on February 19, 2014 to discuss possible funding for a grant for Little St. Germain. The lake district gets ranking points if it is sponsored by the town. The last time the district applied for such a grant, the town was responsible for \$10,000 over a three-year period. Mr. Christensen also noted that the air compressor in the Little St. Germain aeration system was not working. Mr. Camp stated that the district is self-taxing and would take care of the problem.

E. Planning & Zoning: Mr. Anderson reported that there had not been a meeting this month. Mr. Anderson thought that perhaps the planning and zoning committee could work with the UW Extension to look into a town-wide survey to help with the town board's planning initiative.

F. Cemetery Committee: There was no report.

G. Housing Authority: Mr. Anderson noted that A & M Services would be taking over the operation of the Housing Authority during the first week in April when Francine Byrns retires.

H. Room Tax: Ms. Janssen noted that the room tax commission would be meeting at 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday.

I. Constable: Don Baumann reported that the problem with his cellphone had been fixed. He can now retrieve messages. He has had three calls lately about barking dogs. Vilas County has an ordinance concerning barking dogs. Mr. Baumann will contact Vilas County.

9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

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A. Set Time & Date for Public Hearing for Proposed Zoning Changes: Mr. Anderson requested that the town board schedule a public hearing for proposed changes to the town zoning ordinance concerning setbacks on small lots. The clerk is to publish and post notices that the public hearing will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. in the community center. Mr. Anderson will forward the wording to the clerk.

B. Fireworks for 2014: Mr. Camp noted that he had only received a quote from Krueger Pyrotechnics. He had requested a quote from Bartolotta, but has not received a reply. The quote for a 37-minute show from Krueger is \$15,000. The public works committee recommended that the town go with the quote from Krueger. Mr. Camp also added that last summer the Northland Pines School District was concerned with the hot debris that had fallen on the grade school roof. It checked out not to be a problem, but Krueger will try to rectify the problem for this summer. Motion Anderson seconded Bates that the town engages Krueger Pyrotechnics per the quote. Approved.

C. Public Works One-Ton Vehicle Purchase: Mr. Camp noted that the committee had turned down Mr. Ebert's request for a new 1-Ton truck. The town crew made extensive repairs to the truck from the golf course and the town truck had been used by the golf course crew. However, the truck at the golf course is now beyond repair. The committee instructed Mr. Ebert to get bids. Mr. Ebert received bids from Marston Motors for a 2015 Ford F150 for \$50,525, Ewald Automotive Group for a 2014 Ford F350 for \$49,531 and from Bob Fish for a GMC Sierra for \$53,648.91. The committee recommended going with the quote from Ewald Automotive Group with the 2014 Ford F350. The town 1-Ton truck would go back to the golf course and the golf course truck could be sold for whatever the town could get. Mr. Christensen asked if the golf course was going to reimburse the town for the plow and repairs to the truck. Mr. Bates asked if the town was going to reimburse the golf course for the use of the truck. Mr. Albee thought that maybe a used vehicle would work. Mr. Christensen questioned whether the golf course needed a plow at all. Motion Camp seconded Anderson that the town purchases the Ford F350 Super Duty truck from Ewald Automotive Group for \$49,531 with delivery to be between April 15th and May 1st. By a roll call vote: Mr. Anderson – yes; Mr. Christensen – no; Mr. Bates – yes; Mr. Albee – no; Mr. Camp – yes. Motion carried.

D. Snow Plow Policy Change: Mr. Camp stated that several years ago, the town board implemented a policy whereby during the week, the roads would be plowed after a 2-inch snowfall during the week, and with a 4-inch snowfall on the weekend. The foreman usually contacts the town chairman and a decision is made. The public works committee is recommending that the roads be plowed after a one-inch snowfall depending on the type of snow that it is. The foreman would still contact the town chairman to make a decision. The crew would take time off in lieu of overtime. The reason for the change is that if the snow is allowed to accumulate on the roads, the plow digs in some places and causes ridges in the roadway. Also, at times, it is very difficult to determine where the roadway ends and the shoulder begins. Mr. Albee stated that he thought that the ridges were being caused by the loader. Mr. Ebert stated that it also happens with the town trucks. Only so much pressure can be placed on the belly blade. Once it starts to bounce, it is difficult to stop. Mr. Ebert also stated that all town

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roads are plowed the same way. It doesn't matter if they are a designated snowmobile route or not. Mr. Christensen asked if the ridging would be fixed for this winter because if it wasn't, there is nothing in the budget for the extra plowing. Mr. Camp thought that the change should be put into effect right away. Mr. Anderson thought that the extra cost for fuel would be worth it if it meant that it would improve some of the safety issues. Motion Camp seconded Anderson to change the snow plow policy to read that the town roads would be plowed after a one-inch accumulation of snow depending on the snow conditions and that the foreman would consult with the town chairman to make a decision to plow. Unanimously approved by a voice vote.

10. Citizens' Concerns: Ted Ritter asked when Tim Ebert got the quotes for the truck. He said that at the annual budget hearing the board said that the need for a truck was not imminent and we didn't need a new truck right away. He was under the impression that the money was in the budget to build a fund for a new truck. Mr. Ritter said that it appeared to him that the motion was already in place at the time of the budget hearing and that it raised a question of credibility.

11. Board Concerns: Ms. Janssen thought that the town board should look at the golf course budget before this season started. She thought that both Mr. Renk and Ms. Rogers-Anderson would have to cut back. Ms. Janssen also said that the room tax budget needed to be approved at the next town board meeting. Mr. Christensen asked that citizens' comments on agenda action items be placed on the agenda before the action items are discussed.

12. Set Time and Date for Next Meeting: The next town board meeting will be held on Monday, March 3, 2014, at 7:30 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. .

13. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned 8:24 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor #1

Supervisor #2

Supervisor #3

Supervisor #4