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MINUTES ANNUAL ELECTOR MEETING: April 21, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Tom Christensen called the annual elector meeting to order at 7:00 pm

ROLL CALL: Tom Christensen, Jim Swenson, Ted Ritter, Brian Cooper and Tom Martens, town clerk. Mr Clark arrived at 7:15 pm. A total of 43 qualified electors in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Clerk distributed the financial statements for 2019. There were no questions or comments.

Mr Christensen opened up the floor for comments.

LEN LARSEN made a motion that the Town of St Germain adopt a resolution to pursue a restrictive zoning ordinance that would limit the operation of sexually oriented businesses in the town; second by Leslie Hiller. Discussion followed. Town Atty Garbowicz recommended the town board not pursue the prohibitive ordinance. He advised it could put the town into a costly legal battle. Chairman Christensen and supervisors Cooper and Ritter asked Larson to withdraw his resolution based on Atty Garbowicz's advise. Following more discussion a vote was called for. By show of hands, the resolution passed; 39 yes, 2 no, 3 abstain. Leslie Hiller offered to chair the committee.

Electors approved transferring ownership of the St Germain Memorial Cemetery to the town of St Germain on a vote of 40-3 effective May 1. Resolution SGE2020-04-01

Electors approved transferring the Lost Creek Dam land parcel from the town to Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District on a vote of 42-0. Resolution SGE2020-04-02

Electors approved to allow the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club to use insurance claim funds to rebuild the portion of the groomer barn roof that was destroyed in March 2020 due to heavy snow load on a vote of 39-4. Resolution SGE2020-04-03

BOB SCHELL: Asked if projects would continue to be funded with the consequences of potentially diminished room tax revenues due to COVID-19. Tom Christensen acknowledged that reduced revenues would likely result in some budget adjustments but that would be a discussion for a later date. No further discussion.

JACK BOURGEOIS: Brought up discussion that the treasurer and clerks wages have not changed in years. Treasurer makes \$11,500 a year and clerk makes \$16,000 a year. Motion by Bourgeois to double their wages; second by Mr Martens. By show of hands 1 yes, 42 no; motion fails.

Electors meeting adjourned

Town Clerk

SEXUALLY ORIENTED BUSINESS RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY LEN LARSEN

WHEREAS The Town of St Germain currently has no ordinances to prohibit the operation of the Sexually Oriented Business in any zoning districts in the town of St Germain; and

WHEREAS the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled towns may adopt local ordinances that regulate the time, place and manner in which such businesses are operated without violating the First Amendment.

WHEREAS federal, state and local courts have supported zoning restrictions of Sexually Oriented Businesses based on the prevailing cultural sentiments of the community and the efforts of a town to minimize the negative effects of these businesses (such as lowered property values or drug use) and are not motivated by solely the adult content of that business.

Therefore, be it resolved that we the electors authorize the Town of St Germain to pursue restrictive zoning ordinances that will limit the establishment and operation of Sexually Oriented Businesses in the majority of our zoning districts in accordance with the boundaries of the federal, state and local laws; and

Due to the complexity of drafting legally enforceable SOB Ordinances; we the electors authorize the Town of St Germain Board to secure specialized legal services in drafting said SOB ordinances, to assure that federal, State and local statutes are in compliance for such ordinances; and

Therefore, be it resolved that the St Germain Town Board may appoint a Citizen Advisory Committee to assist in the development of town ordinances in regards to permitting Sexually Oriented Businesses; and

Finally, be it resolved that we the Citizens of St Germain acknowledge that an ordinance drafted in regards to restricting Sexually Oriented Businesses, as in all other current town zoning ordinances, may require levy funds at a future point in time if said SOB ordinance is ever challenged in court of law.