

Town of St. Germain

Independence Day Committee, Meeting Minutes via Zoom

May 14, 2020

1. Call to order: By Cookie Lough at 5:29 pm
2. Meeting posting verification: Posted by 05/01/2020
3. Roll call, confirm quorum: Ted Ritter/Jim Swenson, Jeff Sauer, Ken Dahnke, Cookie Lough, Lou Clark, Penny Strom and June Vogel. Absent Anne Small.
4. Public comments: None
5. Approve minutes of 04/14/2020 meeting; Motion made by Jim Swenson to approve minutes as presented, second by Ken Dahnke; all in favor.
6. Review the new Independence Day Celebration Committee page on town website. No action taken.
7. Discussion – Continued discussion on moving forward with parade and fireworks amidst COVID 19. Conversations with area parades in other communities and they are not moving forward with parade. Antigo is having a Memorial Day parade, Cookie is going to go and observe. Fireworks would allow us to change the date without a penalty for 2020. If we do not have fireworks in 2020 it will cost \$3150. They need a 2 week notice to proceed and change the pattern to eliminate the ground show and have the fire off higher. Most larger cities are canceling fireworks for 2020. Lou does not have enough vendors, there will not be a craft show. Lions will not proceed with food. ATV will not be walking the route to collect fireworks donations. Lots of discussion as to what to do with volunteer efforts, keeping community safe, social distancing, how to proceed. Motion by Jeff Sauer to postpone Independence Day celebration for 2020, reconvening in July to discuss the possibility of a Labor Day parade/fireworks; second Jim Swenson. Discussion: Penny to send out a survey on willingness to participate in a Labor Day parade. Recommendation will be brought to the Town Board. All in favor.
8. Motion made by June Vogel to table the rest of the agenda until we meet again in July; second Cookie Lough.
9. Next meeting July 7, 2020 5:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted

June Vogel

03/04/2020