

**TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
P.O. BOX 7
ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558
www.townofstgermain.org**

MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: December 12, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call to Establish a Quorum:** Jim Swenson, Brian Cooper, Tom Christensen, Ted Ritter along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center in room 4 with 4 community members. Kalisa Mortag is attending via zoom.us along with 4 community members attending via Zoom.us.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Saturday, December 10, 2022 before 6:30 pm.
5. **Citizen's Comments – Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Board. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less.**
6. **Cemetery Sexton's Report** Sold 1 full size plot. Had a full-size burial on December 1, 2022. Have asked Jeanna to transfer \$80.00 to town for burial. Have had 5 people show interest in sexton with 3 coming in to discuss with 1 party still interested.
7. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Payment of the bills.** Motion by Swenson to approve bills as presented except check 28502; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by roll call vote; Swenson yes, Cooper yes, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes. Motion by Swenson to approve check number 28502; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by roll call vote; Swenson yes, Cooper abstain, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes.
 - b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Ritter to approve November 28, 2022 minutes as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by roll call vote; Swenson yes, Cooper yes, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes.
 - c. **Proposed change of the town email over to a ".gov".** Still collecting information. Motion by Cooper to table until December 29, 2022 meeting; second Swenson. Discussion none. Roll call vote. The motion passed by roll call vote; Swenson yes, Cooper yes, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes.
 - d. **Adopt Chapter 29 revision, town credit cards.** Discussion by board. Motion by Cooper to adopt Chapter 29.15 as presented; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by roll call vote; Swenson yes, Cooper yes, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes.
 - e. **Approve alcohol related licenses.** Motion by Cooper to approve alcohol related licenses; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by roll call vote; Swenson yes, Cooper yes, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes.
 - f. **Proposal to install cameras in the Community Center** Discussion by the board. Proposal at \$25,000 plus. Would like to see the estimate itemized. Could go with a system similar to Ring at less cost. Will bring this back when estimate is itemized and/or what a minimum of 6 cameras would cost.
 - g. **Request from Nichole Verseman for the town to pay a portion of the cost to run utilities to her residence, parcel 24-1049** Property owner would like to have more information prior to bring to the town board. Motion by Christensen to table until clerk decides to put back on agenda; second Ritter. Discussion none. The motion passed by roll call vote; Swenson yes, Cooper yes, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes.
 - h. **Approve draft Chapter 1 – Zoning amendments and set date for public hearing** Discussion by board. Public hearing January 26 at 6:00 pm, prior to town board meeting. Motion by Ritter that amendments to Chapter 1 - Zoning with changes as discussed be approved pending public review and comment at a public hearing to be conducted January 26 at 6:00; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by roll call vote; Swenson yes, Cooper yes, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes.
 - i. **Second Review – Consider authorizing Lakes Committee to adopt a resolution calling for the increased WDNR Warden presence of St Germain Lakes beginning with the 2023 boating season.** Lakes Committee is meeting and the draft resolution will be on that agenda for discussion. This has not yet been discussed at Big St Germain Lake District and Little St Germain Lake District. Motion by Ritter to table until January 26; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by roll call vote; Swenson yes, Cooper yes, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes.
8. **Department of Public Works – The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper concerning the department.** Christmas lights have been put up. Snowmobile trail spur from Chamber up to School Road is flagged. Plowed and sanded roads. Shop cleaned up. Interviewed applicant for part time employee. New tractor has been

ordered. Per Christensen, all 7 street lights were repaired. Stoltman called WPS waiting for response to process of adding more street lights at intersections that come out to the highway. Yard waste facility scheduled for chipping later this week. Sold no sand to the county.

9. Report of the Standing Committees

- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee** Planning is underway.
- b. **Lakes Committee** No report.
- c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** Taken possession of drag at Fern Ridge, it is working favorably. Open House January 14, 2023 at Fern Ridge. Awassa Candlelight Snowshoe February 18, 2023. Sledding hill on hold now due to water management plan needed, have to determine perimeters.
- d. **Parks and Recreation Committee** Breakfast with Santa event completed with a good turnout. Next event is Easter. Starting to look at spring projects. Dog park part of survey but not with a high response.
- e. **Zoning Committee** No report.

10. Reports from Lake Districts and Other Organizations Swenson attended Green Bay Packers Foundation luncheon in Green Bay and the River Trail commission received a \$4000 grant directed towards GHT. Four organizations in Vilas County received this grant.

Big Saint Germain Lake district had a meeting, working on meeting minutes and agendas to put on website.

Little St Germain Lake district meets in January

11. Closed Session –Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to concerning the Radostits lawsuit against the Town. (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Motion by Christensen at 7:53 to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to concerning the Radostits lawsuit against the Town. (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; second Cooper. Discussion none. Let the record reflect the motion passed with Swenson, Cooper, Christensen, Ritter and Mortag voting in the affirmative.

Break 7:53 – 7:58

12. Reconvene to Open Session – Reconvene to open session to take such action as the Board deems appropriate, following consideration given in closed session. Motion by Cooper at 8:30 pm to reconvene to open session to take such action as the Board deems appropriate, following consideration given in closed session; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

13. Adjourn Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor