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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: May 25, 2023

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll Call to Establish a Quorum:** Jim Swenson, Brian Cooper, Tom Christensen, Ted Ritter and Kalisa Mortag along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer are in Community Center in room 4 with 18 community members. 6 community members attending via Zoom.us. June Vogel town clerk was absent.
- 4. Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 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.**

Marv Anderson shared that Jack Piel offered to donate some money and/or organize other volunteer time or donations toward the Chief St Germain statue. Marv forwarded the information to Tom Christensen and Larry Chamberlain.

Sherry Stecker invited the town board to an open house at the Olsen Memorial Library in Eagle River next Wednesday, May 31, from 4-6, and described some of the services available at the library.

Joyce Owens also commented on the amount of money the town of St Germain donates to Olsen Memorial Library and reiterated the open house for people to see what the library has to offer.

Sherry Stecker also asked where she would find information about the ATV/UTV routes in St. Germain – Gary Penner provided her with a response and Ted Ritter directed her to the town ordinance.

Jamie Fath asked about the status of Sixteen Road. Tom Christensen had reached out to Vilas Title and will follow up again with Rick at Vilas Title.

Christopher Charles Edwards commented on ordinance for shipping container and letter he received; has some problems with his neighbors and the need for a secure storage facility as well as the condition of Highway C.

- 6. Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. Approval of town bills for payment.** Motion by Mortag to approve the bills as presented; second Cooper. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - b. Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Mortag to approve the meeting minutes of May 8, 2023 as presented; second Swenson. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - c. Take public comments on proposed Chapter 14 – Alcohol Control Ordinance revision and consider adopting.** Discussion by board. Motion by Cooper to table indefinitely. Motion failed, lack of second. Motion by Mortag to approve 14.08(E) second revision Consumption of Alcohol on town property as presented; second Swenson. Discussion: Mr. Cooper voiced his disagreement with going ahead with motion without additional public comment. The motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one negative vote by Cooper.
 - d. Take public comments on proposed Chapter 30 – ATV/UTV Routes revision and consider adopting.** Discussion on whether to open all Town roads year-round. Gary Penner indicated a signage plan would be put into place before Snowmobile season. Motion by Cooper to adopt the changes to Chapter 30 – ATV/UTV Routes with the aforementioned amendments; second Mortag. Discussion: ATV/UTV and BoBoen thanked for working together on this. Subject to annual review; up to town board to put on agenda. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - e. Approve Oneida County Ambulance Advanced Life Support Intercept Program Contract.** Discussion regarding contract terms. Christensen to reach out to Oneida County to clarify board questions. St. Germain Town Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 30, 7:00 AM to discuss revised terms.

- f. **Approve room tax allocations for town Committees.** Discussion by board. Budget can be changed as the need arises. Motion by Mortag to approve changes to room tax budget as discussed - \$19,000 towards Fireworks, \$2000 for Independence Day Committee, \$12,000 for Non-Motorized Trails Committee, increase the budget for Parks and Rec Committee to \$23,000 including last year's carryover and \$20,000 towards the Road Maintenance budget; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed unanimously.
- g. **Approve alcohol related licenses.** Motion by Ritter to approve alcohol related licenses as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed unanimously.
- h. **Recurring shipping container violation.** Discussion by board. Motion by Christensen to issue a citation to RepCo Rentals LLC, Jefferson, Wisconsin for violation of Chapter 1 - Zoning shipping container 1.409; second by Mr. Ritter. Discussion: Name mentioned is property owner. The motion passed unanimously.
- i. **Fire Department Well update.** MSA is working on bid specifications. Town officials continue to work with USDA on the grant.
- j. **Letter from the Town of Lincoln concerning their involvement in the Great Headwaters River Trail.** Discussion by the board. No action taken.
- k. **Determine the priorities for road replacement of paved Town roads and construction of gravel roads to paved roads** The road replacement plan is under development using the WISLR report and review of the road conditions. Discussion of how to develop a measurable way to prioritize the road replacement based on traffic, safety and condition of the road.

7. Report of the Standing Committees

- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee** Event is on track
- b. **Lakes Committee** No report
- c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** Trails are open and came through the winter quite well. Bids are due on May 31 for Fern Ridge pavilion project and will be opened at the June 6 nonmotorized meeting.
- d. **Parks and Recreation Committee** Looking at benches and picnic tables in the park area. DPW cleaned up the area around the playground. Dinosaurs will be installed in the sandbox soon. Working on replacing framework of the swing set. Skateboard park is operational.
- e. **Zoning Committee** The committee met on May 22, 2023 at Lynn Ann's Campground to review the site with public hearing on May 23, 2023 for the conditional use permit. Due to an issue with the notification process, another public hearing has been scheduled for June 7, 2023.
- f. **Report from Lake Districts and Other Organizations** No report

8. Department of Public Works Update. Working on the road maintenance plan and reviewing equipment needs. Town crews have cleaned up park/cemetery areas. Irrigation system for the Veteran's memorial will be turned on during the first 2 weeks of June. County has worked on fixing areas throughout town where it they had damaged it with snow removal.

9. Closed session – Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) (g) of the Wisconsin statutes to discuss ChoiceTEL fiber installation contract and the Radostits civil suit against the Town. (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. (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 9:25 to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) (g) of the Wisconsin statutes to discuss ChoiceTEL fiber installation contract and the Radostits civil suit against the Town.; second Ritter. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Ritter – yes, Mortag – yes.

10. 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 at 10:04 to reconvene to open session; second Mortag. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

11. Adjourn Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:05 pm

Town Clerk, minutes obtained via Zoom

Chairman

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