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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: June 12, 2023

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 and Kalisa Mortag along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center in room 4 with 11 community members. 4 community members were present via Zoom.us.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Saturday, June 10, 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.**

Jerry Morris – Wanting an update for plans for Lost Colony Road, when will it be replaced.

Karen Carter –Member of St Germain Northwoods Lions Club. Concerned about dismissal of Chief St Germain, asking what steps have been taken with him and what is planned.

Deb Carlberg – ATV/UTV now able to run roads all year. She lives in an area that has a lot of walkers. ATV/UTV are going faster than speed limit, raises concern of safety.

6. **Fire Department Report.** Fire Chief not in attendance.
7. **Cemetery Sexton's Report** Sexton not in attendance.
8. **River Trail Commission update.** Town of Lincoln does not want to participate, being reviewed by Eagle River Council meeting.
9. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Approval of payment of the bills.** Motion by Mortag to approve bills as presented with additional bills to RA Pinno & Sons for \$13,625.00 and Steve Vogel Services for \$630.00 with exception of check 28935; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously. Motion by Mortag to approve check 28935 to Coopers Dam Lake Auto and Cycle; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one abstention by Cooper.
 - b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve May 25, 2023 and May 31, 2023 minutes as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - c. **Approve alcohol related license(s).** Motion by Cooper to approve alcohol related license as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - d. **Projects Update**
 1. **Peterson Road** No update
 2. **Sixteen Road** No update
 3. **Fiber Optic** No update
 4. **Road maintenance Program** No update
 5. **Fire Department High Volume Well** Discussion by board. MSA has bidding specs ready. Bid requires that they state whether it is being funded by a grant or not. If it is not answered, grant is automatically denied. Motion by Cooper to table until the first meeting in July to see what happens with the grant; second Ritter. Discussion: Understanding to go out for bid now means we lose \$35,000. The motion failed by voice vote with one affirmative and four negative votes by Ritter, Christensen, Mortag and Swenson. Motion by Christensen to authorize MSA to send the bids out upon receiving confirmation of the grant from USDA for replacement of high volume well and if not completed by next town board meeting June 22, 2023, that this topic be back on agenda for further discussion; second Ritter. Discussion: Confirmation is yes or no to grant award. The motion passed by voice vote with three in the affirmative and two negative votes by Mortag and Cooper.
 6. **WIFI in Town Community Park Area** No update.

- 7. **Streetlights at intersections Town Roads/State and County Highways** No update.
- 8. **International Truck Replacement** No update.
- 9. **Vandervort Park Pavilion Replacement** No update.
- 10. **Fern Ridge New Pavilion** See agenda item 13
- 11. **Location change for Yard Waste facility** No update.
- 10. **Deputy Clerk/Treasurer.** Discussion by the board. Deputy Clerk/Treasure to start working with Clerk and then Treasurer, hoping for a preference of clerk or treasurer by end of year and run for position in 2025. At that time will look for deputy to fill position(s) available. Money already in budget for 2023 for deputy.
- 11. **Draft letter(s) concerning alleged Chapter 1 – Camping violation.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Cooper to approve letters presented and authorizing chair to sign; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- 12. **Decide who will attend the shipping container violation citation court date.** Discussion by board. Process reviewed. On the docket for July 17th at 8:30 am at Vilas County Courthouse. Motion by Mortag that Ritter represent the town at court date of July 17 at 8:30; second Christensen. Discussion: Christensen feels obligation to go along. Ritter voiced his concern of previous personal litigation and doesn't want his presence to sway the court. The motion failed by voice vote two in the affirmative and three negative votes by Ritter, Christensen and Cooper. Motion by Christensen to table until next meeting; second Ritter. Discussion: Christensen to talk to Garbowicz. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- 13. **Award Fern Ridge pavilion project – Recommendation from Non-Motorized Committee.** Discussion by the board. Received 2 bids for each portion of the project. Nonmotortized committee recommends Steve Vogel Services Inc for site prep \$6,300.00 and RA Pinno and Sons Inc for the building going with option 1 and option 3, \$54,500.00. Project coming in under anticipated cost at \$60,800.00. Sufficient funds in nonmotorized trail committee account. Pinno requests 25% down, \$13,625.00 and Steve Vogel requests 10% down, \$630.00. Motion by Swenson to take recommendation of nonmotorized committee to accept Steve Vogel Services Inc estimate of \$6,300 for site prep and RA Pinno and Sons Inc for \$54,500 with option 1 and option 3 with funds coming from nonmotorized trail budget; second Cooper. Discussion: Town chair will sign the bid. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- 14. **Public notice board at Camps Fresh Market.** Discussion by board. Public notice board is hard to access for posting and viewing. Christensen to talk with the manager of Camps Fresh Market. Other potential places for public notice board discussed Subway, Dollar General and Chamber.
- 15. **Relocation of snowmobile route in the Fern Ridge/Yard Waste Facility.** Discussion by board. Talk about moving snowmobile trail away from yard waste facility in an order to get snowmobiles off of town road and away from Fern Ridge area; safety and congestion issue. Potential plan to move trail on town land and/or the right of way. What is the priority, are there other roads in which snowmobile trail needs to be looked at prior to Forest Drive? Jimmy Vogel from nonmotorized would like to be part of the discussion if the trail is moved at Fern Ridge. Motion by Cooper to table; second Mortag. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- 16. **Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm

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