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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: June 22, 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, Tom Christensen and Ted Ritter along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center in room 4 with 8 community members. 5 community members attending via Zoom.us. Kalisa Mortag and Brian Cooper were not in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Wednesday, June 21, 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.**

Phil Monday – With high fire danger and dry conditions, concern about having fireworks.

Deb Carlberg – Did speak with sheriff and they are watching Big St Germain Drive for ATV/UTV drivers.

6. **Discussion /Action Items:**

- a. **Approval of town bills for payment.** Motion by Swenson to approve the bills as presented; second Ritter. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve the meeting minutes of June 12, 2023 and June 15, 2023 as presented; second Ritter. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- c. **2023 Town Budget Adjustments** Discussion by the board. Motion by Christensen to approve the budgetary changes to the town budget as presented; second Swenson. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- d. **ATV Club request for County C to be open all year** Per the AtV/UTV club, the town needs to make request to Vilas County to open County C year round, from Highway 70 to Old County C/Lolly Coogan Lane. Motion by Christensen to ask Vilas County board to open County Hwy C from Hwy 70 to Lolly Coogan Lane year round; second Swenson. Discussion: How is this done? By letter to forestry committee who then makes recommendation to the county. Will include both town county representatives in letter. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- e. **Update on the fire department high volume well.** Discussion by the board. If anything comes to the town regarding the grant, will act appropriately and call a special town board meeting if required.
- f. **Continuing discussion concerning Chief St. Germain.** Community members from Northwoods Lions Club, St Germain Lions Club and CCUC Thrift shop are interested in fundraising/grant funding to keep Chief St Germain. Discussion by the board. Review of what research has been done to refurbish/replace him. Discussed how funding would need to be funneled through the town to keep track of. Chamber would promote a fundraiser. Northwoods Lions will bring 5-7 to Christensen to create an ad hoc committee with a member of the town board on the committee. Christensen will talk to DPW to take Chief St Germain down and stored. Potential of town to participate in contribution to restore Chief St Germain.
- g. **Approve alcohol related license(s).** Motion by Christensen to approve alcohol licenses as presented; second Ritter. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- h. **Continuing shipping container violation after letter of request to remove the container.** Discussion by the board. Violation letter was sent on April 27, 2023 and has exceeded the 30 days without arrangements made to move the container. Motion by Ritter that the town proceed with issuing a citation on parcel 24-852 for shipping container violation of chapter 1; second Swenson. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- i. **Consider draft letter(s) concerning alleged Chapter 1 – camping violation.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Ritter that the chairman sign the letter concerning camping violation on parcel 24-2447; second Swenson. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

- j. **Consider draft letter(s) concerning alleged Chapter 1 – zoning violation.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Ritter that the chairman sign the letter concerning the zoning violation of chapter 1 parcel 24-2195; second Swenson.
- k. **Consider draft letter(s) concerning alleged Chapter 1 – shipping container different from 7h.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Ritter that the chairman sign the letter concerning the shipping container violation on parcel 24-993; second Swenson. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- l. **Continue participation in the River Trail Commission and planning process for the River Trail projects.** River Trail Committee is still moving forward despite Lincoln not being a part of it and Eagle River indicating not being able to use Hwy 17/70 corridor through Eagle River. There are only two crossings on Hwy 70, this needs to be brought back for them to see where the misconceptions are coming from. Would like St Germain to continue their participation. Motion by Ritter that Jim Swenson continue representing the town of St Germain on the River Trail Commission; second Christensen. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- m. **Support for the River Trail Commission to hold easements as needed along proposed project.** Guidance from Garbowicz that the River Trail Commission hold the easement agreements. Motion by Ritter that St Germain support The River Trail Commission holding the easements as needed for project; second Christensen. Discussion: No easements are it the Town of St Germain. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- n. **Fire Department 2% Fire Dues audit** Discussion by the board. Audit returned, in compliance with fire dues program.

7. Report of the Standing Committees

- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee** Event is on track. Fireworks safety is a valid concern, will continue to monitor that.
- b. **Lakes Committee** Nothing to report.
- c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** All trails are open and being used.
- d. **Parks and Recreation Committee** Kalisa not in attendance. Lisa Penner has turned in resignation. Split rail fencing in the works at Veterans Memorial.
- e. **Zoning Committee** Zoning is busy.
- f. **Report from Lake Districts and Other Organizations** Little St Germain Lake met this week; getting ready for annual meeting.

8. Department of Public Works Update. Drive through of all roads in St Germain has been completed. Working on spreadsheet with plan to identify what roads to repair and which roads fall under the road maintenance program. Plan to be able to update WISLR report. Town board to look at potential of road replacement program. New truck discussion still in progress.

9. Adjourn Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm

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Chairman

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