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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: September 11, 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, Jenn Jones deputy clerk/treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center in room 4 with 12 community members. There were 10 community members 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, September 9, 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.**

Susan Swenson – Has done research on Lost Lake Drive. Reviewed the research she found regarding the disputed part of road. Appears from research the town still owns this part of the road.

Lorinda Coda – Requesting a dead end sign on corner of Christmas Tree and Treasure Drive.

Phil Monday – Old Gasco building, looks like a slum area; siding is coming off. Questioning what can be done with that.

6. **Cemetery Sexton's Report** There were 2 cremations and 2 full size burials in August. Nothing scheduled for September, 1 burial scheduled for October.
7. **Fire Department Report** There were 33 ambulance calls and 9 fire calls in July; 3 joint calls where ambulance and fire called at the same time. There were 30 ambulance calls and 8 fire calls in August; 1 joint call where ambulance and fire called as the same time with 1 mutual aid call.
8. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Fire Department Truck Loan** Fire truck loan for 1.2 million. Discussion by the board. Jeanna will confirm interest rate for four years.
 - b. **St. Germain Chamber of Commerce Room Tax report.** Mistake to be on agenda.
 - c. **Approval of Town bills for payment.** Motion by Mortag to approve bills as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - d. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve meeting minutes of August 24, 2023 as presented; second Ritter. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously; Mortag abstained.
 - e. **Review Golf Course Shared Support Amount.** Based on 5% of profit and 23% of clerk and treasurer salary/taxes amount is \$18490.61 for 2022 town support. Motion by Christensen that the amount of \$18490.61 be transferred from Golf Course account to general account as an annual payment from GC to town; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - f. **Chamber Agreement Auto renews at the end of the year. Notice of changes needs to be made to the Chamber by 10/01/2023.** Discussion by board and Phyllis; neither aware of any changes. Will confirm at next meeting.
 - g. **Approve alcohol related licenses as presented.** Motion by Mortag to approve alcohol related licenses as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - h. **Birch Spring Road relocation off of private property.** No update at this time. Motion to table until next meeting; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

- i. **Update on FD well bid process.** Discussion by board. USDA has received bid specs as requested. Waiting for approval from USDA to go out for bid.
- j. **Straight-A-Way Rd blacktop in area of Jamie's Java.** Owners offered to purchase recycled product if DPW would put it down. Discussion by the town to have Pitlik reconstruct part of Straight-A-Way. Discussion included how does this take priority over other roads on the list. Motion by Christensen to pave the first part of Straight A Way road from Hwy 70, approximately 135' from Hwy 70; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion failed by voice vote with two affirmative votes and three negative votes by Swenson, Mortag and Ritter no.
- k. **Approve fright night fire and location of fire.** Working on Halloween event, Saturday October 28. Fire Chief confirmed they would have a truck and firefighters at the event. Motion by Cooper to allow bonfire on October 28 for Fright night at location indicated; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- l. **Set a date for Town Board DPW Building Tour and Fire Department** Fire Department tour Monday, October 2nd at 5:30 pm. Department of Public Works tour Tuesday, October 3rd at 5:30 pm.
- m. **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.** Update as above
 - 6. **WIFI in Town Community Park Area** No update
 - 7. **Streetlights at intersections Town Roads/State and County Highways**
 - 8. **International Truck Replacement** Tom Stoltman and Jimmy Vogel have done research as to what the replacement should be. Tom S presented handouts of the different proposals; recommends Western Star or International. Emission change coming in 2027. Tom S answered questions for the board. Board will review and plan for a decision at next town board meeting.
 - 9. **Vandervort Park Pavilion Replacement** Plan from MSA for a different design with less than originally discussed with a smaller pavilion came in at \$340,000. Discussion to leave pavilion as is, adding reinforcement in concrete and concrete piers for posts and removing storage area. Will research pricing for that design.
 - 10. **Fern Ridge New Pavilion** No update
 - 11. **Location change for Yard Waste facility** No update

9. **Closed Session – Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19/85 (1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the Cell Tower lease agreement.** Motion by Christensen at 8:56 to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19/85 (1)(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the Cell Tower lease agreement; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice 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 Mortag at 9:36 to reconvene to open session; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

Motion by Christensen not to enter into a contract with the current offer from The Towers LLC; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

11. **Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 9:38 pm

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