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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 12, 2005

The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

The chairman asked all present to rise to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

1. **Roll Call:** Jim Wendt, Ted Ritter, Peggy Nimz, Lee Christensen, Treasurer, Valerie Schuettner, Clerk, Tom Martens. Todd Wiese was absent
2. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order. Approved.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the minutes of the August 8, 2005, August 30, 2005 and September 1, 2005 meetings be approved as written. Approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance General Account as of 08-31-05: \$207,484.71; Money Market Account \$27,175.66; Lakes Account \$8,013.13; Park Fund \$6,049.69; Rental Account \$5,460.34; Bag Account \$5,174.10; Room Tax Account \$42,638.76; Debt Reserve \$124,623.97; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$5,731.55. Golf Course Regular Account \$154,902.64; Money Market \$10,822.29; Debt Reserve \$228,943.10; Rainy Day Fund \$0; Capital Improvement \$92,700.00. Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
5. **Approval of Bills:** Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that vouchers 14499 – 14569 be approved along with the following extra bills: Midstate Chain --\$375.00 plow shoes; Carquest --\$146.54 parts. Approved.
6. **Communications:**
 - 6A. **Junior Eagles Basketball:** Ms. Nimz stated that she had received a request for money for the Junior Eagles Basketball program. However, Mr. Christensen had received a request from Tom Christensen. Ms. Nimz wanted to check why there were two different groups before any money was given.
 - 6B. **Rearing Pond:** Mr. Wendt indicated that he had received a letter from the DNR requesting that we give them a land use agreement indicating that we no longer were using the rearing pond. Jane Wade needs to inspect the pond to see what needs to be done to abandon it..
 - 6C. **Population:** Mr. Wendt stated that the town's population was now estimated at 2068. On one hand that was good in determining our Shared Revenues, but on the other hand it was bad in that in order to go over the recently approved levy controls, we would now need a referendum
 - 6D. **R-1 Rentals:** Mr. Wendt handed out a letter that he had sent to the Vilas County Zoning Administrator indicating that the town board felt that St. Germain would not be affected by the county's decision.

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6E. Jack Chopin Letter: Mr. Wendt talked to Ms. Chopin regarding Mr. Chopin's letter about the removal of his real estate signs. Mr. Wendt stated that the matter had been resolved.

7. Reports:

7A. Fire Department: Tim Ebert reported that there had been 19 calls last month. Their sign should be done this week. \$1,070 had been collected at the last Flea Market to be given to the Red Cross for hurricane Katrina victims. Next year there will be no parking on the south side of Hwy. 70. Mr. Wendt will write to the Northland Pines Board of Education thanking them for the use of their parking lot. Mr. Wendt will also ask to use the parking lot again next summer. Mr. Ebert was very pleased with the response of our department along with Plum Lake and Eagle River at the fire at Knitt Hardware.

7B. Finance Committee Report: Mr. Wendt reported that it would soon be budget time. The budget process will be very tough this year with new levy increase limit of 2%.

7C. Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Mr. Christensen reported that the security lights were working well.

7D. Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter stated the boat landing inspections were pretty much over for this year. The committee had received a \$2,500 grant for paying a coordinator for the inspections. Ron Hutts is donating his pay to the Fire Dept. (\$1,000), Fish & Wildlife Club (\$1,000) and the Lions Club (\$500). The committee would like to do the inspections again next year. It has also been suggested that the Lakes Committee member terms be staggered two-year terms. One member from each lake will remain on the committee for one more year. One new member will also be appointed from each lake for a two-year term. The next meeting will be on September 27, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. The agenda will include working on a budget for next year.

7E. Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt reported that play the last month had been exceptionally heavy. Hopefully the course can remain open until mid-October.

7F. Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Ritter reported that the TREK, LLP zoning change had been approved along with two new storage buildings. The conditions were that any lights be shielded from the neighbor's property and that there be a 30-foot buffer. Spirit Pines subdivision plat had been approved with the condition that all wetland and lowland permits were obtained. The Birch Lane Village condo addendum was approved by 100% of the owners. The plat amendment for the Hall of Fame Acres will be on the September 19, 2005 agenda. Approval was given for attendance at a one half-day program at the Lincoln Town Hall on September 22, 2005 for all Planning & Zoning Committee members as well as all Board of Appeals members.

Mr. Ritter also noted that there had complaints about dogs at the Flea Market. The town dog and cat ordinance indicates in section 11.04(d) that no dog or cat shall be allowed in any parks, beaches or any swimming areas open to the public. Mr. Ritter asked that the constable enforce the ordinance. Mr. Wendt was concerned about tourists bringing their pets not knowing about the ordinance. It was suggested that there first be warnings given out. The vendors can be notified with their applications. Resort owners could also send out notices with their reservation

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requests. The town would have to put up signs at the park. The matter will be on next month's agenda as an informational item.

Mr. Ritter also read a letter from Charles Vogel wanting to know the town board's position on the zoning changes for the Kelsey Property. At this time it is in the county's hands. The moratorium will remain in effect until the county either approves or disapproves the town zoning amendments.

7G. Personnel Committee Report: Mr. Ritter noted that contract discussions with some of the employees would probably begin this week.

7H. Public Works Committee Report: Ms. Nimz that the security locks were now set for winter hours. The branch trimming will begin on some of the town roads once the leaves are down. The TRIP for Four Corner Lane will have to be held over until next year. Ritchie Oil extended the prepay for propane until tomorrow. The cost should be \$1.49 per gallon. Ms. Nimz will also call some other dealers. The town will put an awning over the gas pumps. Half of the cost will be charged to the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club.

7I. Citizens Groups & County Rep.: Fred Radtke reported that the controversy over the animal shelter is continuing. The county budgeting process will begin soon.

Mr. Radtke also reported that the Prime-Timers had attended three plays this month. About 70 people attended the picnic. There were 97 members at the last meeting. The group will be painting the scorers booth at the park. There will be a speaker on Power of Attorney and Living Wills at their next meeting on October 5, 2005.

8. Informational Items for Consideration:

8A. Red Brick Deliberations: Kathy Jolin and Marylou Ley from OOAK Consultants were present to discuss grant possibilities. Ms. Jolin noted that Red Brick Restoration, Inc had done a lot of the preliminary work. Ms. Ley stated that there were many grants available. In order to apply for some of them, she would need specific numbers from the town. Also, there has to be a specific plan. Ms. Ley stated that there were planning grants available to help pay for the planning process. Mr. Ritter and Ms. Nimz both stated that they had hoped for more specific details on the grants. Ms. Ley stated that that is what they would be hired to do. At this time, since they had not been hired by anyone, she would not have any specific information. Mr. Wendt stated that he was under the impression that Ms. Jolin and Ms. Ley were present at the meeting at Ms. Nimz's request. Ms. Nimz had not requested their presence. Red Brick Restoration, Inc. had asked the ladies to be at the meeting. Mr. Ritter also stated that whether or not the new office space was at the Community Center would help determine what the plan would be.

8B. Bike Trail Update: Mr. Wendt reported that all of the land use agreements were in. The bids have also come in lower than expected. Mr. Wendt suggested that the idea of extending the trail to connect with Plum Lake be sent back to the committee. If the committee felt that there could be fundraisers for around \$40,000, perhaps the trail could be extended now. Mr. Ritter

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asked if this were to be done, would be have to start the whole process over again? Mr. Ritter also asked how it would affect the Environmental Impact Statement. Ms. Nimz stated that she thought that there was a new Home to Work Grant available. Mr. Wendt also stated that the contractor felt that all of the work except for the blacktopping could still be done this year.

8C. Policy for Town Employee Absences: The concern was that there is no backup for John Shay at the transfer station. Also, should the transfer station be open on legal holidays. Mr. Ritter felt that if the transfer station were to be closed on legal holidays, it should be written into Mr. Shay's contract. Ms. Nimz stated that there was someone interested in filling in for Mr. Shay. Ms. Nimz is to bring in a pay rate and the substitute's name for the October meeting.

8D. Town Ordinance Numbering Review: Ordinance such as ST-1 has been renumbered at Chapter 8.0 in the ordinance handbook. The matter will be sent back to the Planning & Zoning committee for review. Ms. Nimz stated that she had a State manual that is to be used for numbering ordinances.

9. Action Items (Approve, Disapprove, Table)

9A. Set Board of Review Date: Motion Christensen seconded Nimz that the Board of Review be held on Thursday, October 27, 2005 at 7:00 A.M. in the boardroom of the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Approved.

9B. Town Waste Contract: Motion Nimz seconded Christensen accept the three-year agreement with Onyx Waste Services. Approved. The agreement will begin on October 1, 2005. Onyx will pick up as needed.

9C. Residence Requirement for Town Employees: Ms. Nimz had prepared a draft of a resolution for employee residency requirements. It was suggested that "all employees" be changed to "fulltime employees" in the first whereas and again in Section #1 and Section #4. It was also suggested that whereas #3 be left out. Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that Resolution SG05-09-02 Relating to the Physical Residency of Town Employees be approved as amended. Approved.

9D. ST -1 Amendment: Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the amendment to ordinance St-1 (Section 8.03 of the ordinance handbook) be approved. Approved. The amendment will be added to the town website.

9E. Bid Recommendation on Fire # Project: Motion Nimz seconded Christensen that the fire numbering bid be tabled at this time. Approved. There will be a special meeting held at a later date.

9F. SVRS Recommendation: Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the Memorandum of Understanding between Vilas County and the Town of St. Germain for the Statewide Voter Registration System be approved. Approved.

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10. Citizens Concerns:

10A. Ray Grabowski: Mr. Grabowski asked if could still target practice with a bow and arrow in his yard. Mr. Grabowski also asked if the board was still considering selling the Red Brick Schoolhouse to Red Brick Restoration, Inc. for a dollar.

10B. Art Hook: Mr. Hook was concerned about the lack of handicapped parking for the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Mr. Hook also stated that ordinance ST-1 needed a penalty and enforcement section.

10C. Fred Radtke: Mr. Radkte asked why there was no security by the ice rink. He also stated that if the bike trail were to be extended over county land there would be more red tape with the county. Mr. Radtke noted that the shelter behind the information bureau was in terrible shape. He also noted that Lac du Flambeau had a new senior center and wondered how it had been funded.

11. Board Concerns:

11A. Park Curfew: Mr. Ritter remembered that the Planning & Zoning Committee had also discussed a curfew for the town park. The parks and recreation committee will discuss a curfew and bring it to the next board meeting.

11B. WTA Annual Meeting: Mr. Ritter asked permission to attend the annual WTA meeting in Stevens Point. Mr. Ritter will be reimbursed for mileage, lodging, food and the registration fee.

11C. New Truck: Ms. Nimz stated that the price for a new truck would go up considerably if the town waited until next summer. Ms. Nimz also asked if the golf course truck could be kept at the town shop so that the town crew could use it instead of the plow trucks. The board was in favor of using the golf course truck as long as it was not being used at the golf course.

11D. Budget Workshops: Mr. Wendt noted that the budget workshops would begin in late October and early November.

12. Adjournment: Motion Ritter seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 9:35 p.m. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, October 10, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. in the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

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