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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 13, 2007

The vice chairman, Todd Wiese, asked all present to rise to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

1. The vice chairman, Todd Wiese, noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. The meeting was called to order in meeting room #4 of the Community Center at 5:00 P.M.
2. **Roll Call:** Lee Christensen, Todd Wiese, John Vojta, Fred Radtke, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. Peggy Nimz was absent. There were also 10 people in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the minutes of the July 9, 2007 town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 07-31-2007: \$10,564.51; Money Market Account \$105,372.27; Lakes Account \$26,824.40; Park Fund \$3,196.70; Rental Account \$7,860.32; Bag Account \$5,148.04; Room Tax Account \$36,691.66; Debt Reserve \$844,376.05; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$62,267.23. Golf Course Regular Account \$206,588.86; Money Market \$0; Debt Reserve \$248,995.92; Rainy Day Fund \$0; Capital Improvement \$0. Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that vouchers 16027 – 16084 be approved along with the following extra bills: Fred Radtke--\$100.00 WTA convention reim.; MARC--\$103.84 vandalism mark remover; Airgas--\$35.03 tank rental. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Mr. Wiese noted that he had received a request from the Tri-County Council asking for a contribution. Since it is not in this year's budget, the request will be considered for next year's budget.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
 - 8.1. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 32 calls last month. There are now 33 members and two junior members. The #2 truck is down again. The problem seems to be the same problem as before the repairs last month. Mr. Ebert is checking into whether or not there is a warranty. The Nicolet College wall will probably not get done until next year. Mr. Wiese thought that it had already been approved by the town board. The department will not know until September whether or not it was awarded the DNR grant. The chances of receiving the Homeland Security Grant seem pretty good.
 - 8.2. **Planning & Zoning Committee Report:** Mr. Wiese reported that the committee had approved the final plat of Balsam Lodge condominium. However, the property has been sold,

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and the request has been withdrawn. The committee decided to have the town's attorney send letters to Howard Beaver, Jr. and James Anagnoustopolis if there is no progress in the removal of their dilapidated buildings. It has also been discovered that Mr. Beaver has a cottage that needs to be removed. The fire department ordinances have been approved by the committee. We are now waiting for the final typing for them to presented to the town board for approval. There are still two new alternate members needed for the Board of Appeals. Mr. Vojta noted that he had submitted a name, but that the person has not been contacted by the town chairman as of this time. The next committee meeting will be on Monday, August 20, 2007 at 4:00 P.M.

8.3. Emergency Preparedness Committee Report: Mr. Vojta reported he had given copies of the town's emergency plan to Mr. Wiese and Mr. Ebert. He will make copies for the other board members. A confidential list of rates from the various contractors will be given to the town clerk.

8.4. Public Works /Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Mr. Vojta reported that he has gone as far as he can go with the yard waste facility. It will now be up to the public works committee to look at the project. Mr. Radtke stated that he could not find the fourth well at the old landfill site. Northern Environmental is looking into what the town can do about the two wells that seem to be failing. Mr. Vojta asked if there had been a second road study. It was noted that the study is done during every odd numbered year. Mr. Wiese handed out several proposals for an irrigation system for the new soccer field. It seemed that the quotes from Robert Irrigation Company, VanHoozen Electric and WPS were the most complete. It appears that the total cost could be in the \$10,000 range.

8.5. Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Christensen noted that Governor Jim Doyle played at the course today. Tizianni Golf Carts presented a quote for new carts. The committee is also considering replacing the batteries in the old carts. The News Review has run articles on the new improvements at hole #1 and the junior program. So far the course is ahead of last year. The next meeting will be on October 8, 2007. Major purchases will be approved by the town board.

8.6. Hike & Bike Trail Committee Report: Mr. Radtke noted that it seemed as though Pitlik & Wick didn't finish the sides of the new trail along Mood Road. The clerk noted that there was a lot of garbage and broken glass along the trail. The board will check with Mark Hiller.

8.7. Finance (Personnel, Housing Authority, Cemetery) Committee Report: Mr. Christensen reported that the committee had met with Brad Viegut from Baird Co. Mr. Viegut had presented a borrowing proposal for \$600,000. After discussing the situation with the committee, it was decided that perhaps the town should look at a three-year borrowing proposal. Mr. Viegut had also not taken into account the town's and the golf course's debt reserve accounts.

8.8. Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Wiese noted that Discovery Center training person is resigning. He did not know how that would effect the grant that had been received for the position. The town might have to pay back what is not used. The committee has also questioned how the fire department cleans their equipment when they use the hydrants at the various sites.

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The committee will meet with the fire chief. There is also a question about contractors that take water from the lakes. The next meeting will be on August 14, 2007 at 7:00 P.M.

8.9. Red Brick Schoolhouse Committee Report: Mr. Radtke reported that the committee will be meeting at the Sayner Town Hall at 9:00 A.M. on August 16, 2007. They will then adjourn to the community center to meet with Red Brick Restoration, Inc. Mr. Radtke also noted that he had looked at the elevator that has been offered to the town. It appears as though it would meet the ADA requirements. The committee is also seeking estimates for both remodeling and removal of all or part of the Red Brick Schoolhouse.

8.10. Room Tax Committee Report: Ms. Janssen reported that the next meeting will be tomorrow. The chamber's share for the second quarter is \$28,396.67. Ms. Janssen noted that she has been receiving several delinquent payments. The committee will discuss what should be done.

9. Items for Consideration (Approve, Disapprove, Table):

9.1. Approval of Letter for AIS Position: Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that resolution SG07-08-01, a resolution to maintain a full-time County AIS Coordinator be approved. Approved. The clerk is to send the resolution to the county clerk.

9.2 Appointment of Barb Zimmerman to St. Germain Housing Authority for 5-year Term: Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that Barb Zimmerman be appointed to the Housing Authority for a 5-year term. Approved.

9.3. Skateboard Park Update: There was nobody present from the skateboard group. The park will be put on the agenda for the September meeting. It does appear, however, that the area has been cleaned up.

9.4. Proposed St. Germain Centennial Newspaper – Marlene Bartelt: Ms. Bartelt was not present, so the paper will be put on the agenda for the September meeting.

9.5. Approval of Use of Ball Fields for Labor Day Flea Market: Motion Christensen seconded Wiese to allow the Fire Department to use the ball fields for the Labor Day Flea Market. Approved. It was noted, however, that if it should rain, and the fields become soft, that the approval could be denied.

9.6. Future Fair Grounds Placement Discussion: Three representatives from the county were present to discuss the possibility of either selling or leasing the 26 acres adjacent to the town shop to the county for the fairgrounds. The current fairgrounds are about 22 acres of which several acres are being used for ballparks and tennis courts. Mr. Wiese noted that the board would need the approval of the electorate. It was also noted that the town approached the county about the fairgrounds. The county is interested in pursuing the idea. The town board will have to meet to discuss the possibilities. Mr. Vojta asked for a wish list from the county. The representatives were not sure if the other events such as the Cranberry Fest would be held in

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St. Germain or not. The fairgrounds will be discussed at the county's September 17, 2007 meeting.

10. Citizen Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 minute maximum);

10.1. Primetimers: Verdelle Mauthe reported that Frank Stelzel a former CCC worker had given a very interesting talk. There will be a senior expo in Eagle River on Wednesday. The Commission on Aging will be giving talks on chronic conditions and tools for care giving.

10.2 Verdelle Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe asked why the county sheriff department had not issued citations to the people who were shooting off fireworks over Lost Lake last weekend.

11. Board Concerns:

11.1 Fred Radtke: Mr. Radtke asked that the Primetime president and the town board meeting time be changed on the town website. He also noted that senior meals were now on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Fibbers.

11.2 John Vojta: Mr. Vojta asked the town board members be given more information concerning road projects in the future.

11.3 Lee Christensen: Asked what had happened to the mothers who had asked about a Kiddies Park. It was noted that they had been given direction as to how to try to get funding.

11.4 Todd Wiese: Mr. Wiese noted that he would like to try to have some of the town work done by the prisoners at McNaughton. It has seemed to work very well in the past.

12. Meeting Schedule: The next regular town board meeting will be on Monday, September 10, 2007 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 in the Community Center.

13. Adjournment: Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:42 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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