

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: APRIL 11, 2011

1. **Call To Order:** The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 P.M.
2. **Roll Call:** Peggy Nimz, Walt Camp, Fred Radtke, Lee Christensen, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 19 other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Camp that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Camp that the minutes of the March 14, 2011 town board meeting and the March 28, 2011 special town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town, Golf Course and Fire Dept):** Balance General Account as of 3-31-2011: \$5,144.90; Lakes Account \$35,236.80; Lakes Committee CD \$15,452.04; Room Tax Account \$11,479.62; Debt Reserve \$292,100.78; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$67,301.90; First National Money Market \$236,154.25; Playground Equipment Fund \$5,785.46; Golf Course Regular Account \$12,849.69; Payroll Acct. \$10,114.53; CD \$1000.00. Fire & Rescue restricted donation fund \$5,815.67. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that vouchers 19097-19183 be approved. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Ms. Nimz noted that she had received letters of resignation from Todd Wiese and Jim Lenz from the public works committee. Mr. Christensen stated that he had received an ad from a company asking about taking over the operation of the golf course.
8. **Items for Consideration (Approve, Disapprove, Table):**
  - 8.1 **Transfer Station Operational Bid Request – John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta handed out bids for the operation of the transfer station/recycling center from Eagle Waste, Veolia, and Northern Waste. He asked the town board members to review the bids. A decision would have to be made by early May.
  - 8.2 **Town Phone, Fax and Internet Lines – John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta stated that he had made changes to the shop and fire department phone services. The clerk said that he would have the line at the Red Brick Schoolhouse disconnected. The phone number would be changed to 715-542-2850. All calls would come to an answering machine. Calls for rental would be referred to Business Connections. Business Connections would no longer be paid for call forwarding. Mr. Camp also stated that email service for Tim Ebert at the shop could be provided by Interpace.
  - 8.3 **Letter to State to Rescind Prevailing Wages – Walt Camp:** Mr. Camp read a letter that he had prepared for the clerk to send to Dan Meyer and Jim Holperin concerning rescinding the prevailing wage law. Motion Camp seconded Radtke that the clerk sends the letter to Mr. Meyer and Mr. Holperin. Approved.
  - 8.4 **Bike & Hike Trail Maintenance – Mark Hiller/John Vojta:** There was a lengthy discussion concerning how the bike & hike trail would be swept this spring. The worst areas are on the curve by the Big St. Germain River and near Wayne Ebert's home. The town has a Kabotta tractor with a brush that could be used, but it is also needed at the golf course. Mr. Vojta estimated that it would take from 12 to 15 hours to brush off the whole trail. Mark Hiller stated that Scott Small had volunteered to do the work. He probably would have to be paid something so that he would be covered under the town's insurance. It was the consensus of the town board that the town crew could do the worst areas with the front-end loader while they are sweeping the town roads in the area. The remainder could be done with the Kabotta tractor when it was available. Steve Spears said that the tractor would need new brushes. The cost would be around \$300. Mr. Hiller thought that the money could come from the trail maintenance fund.

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**8.5 Yard Waste Dates and Hours – Fred Radtke/John Vojta:** It was decided that in order to save some money, the yard waste facility would be open on Saturdays only from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm beginning on Saturday, April 30, 2011 through Saturday, June 11, 2011.

**8.6 Wage/Deductions for Town Board Elected Officials – John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta stated that once the governor's budget repair bill becomes law, the town board would also have to subject to the changes. He also thought that the town board should discontinue paying current retirees in lieu of their WRS contribution. The clerk stated that he was waiting for a reply from the WRS as to whether or not the town could opt out of the WRS for elected officials.

**8.7 Wisconsin Lakes 2011 Stewardship Award – Peggy Nimz:** Ms. Nimz noted that Chuck Their was the recipient of the 2011 Stewardship Award, Citizen Category. He will be receiving the award at the state convention in Green Bay on Friday.

## 9. Town Committee Reports:

**9A. Fire Department:** Tim Clark reported that there had been 13 calls last month. The annual fish fry will be on April 17, 2011 at Golden Pines. The brush truck is ready to go. The association purchased brush paks for \$650. Mr. Clark asked about free golf for the volunteer firemen since they were now on the town payroll.

**9B. Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta stated that the sign ordinance was still pending.

**9C. Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Vojta said that he had talked to Jenny Weber about maintenance at the Caring for Kids Park. The Prime Timers will be doing the staining in June. The town has purchased 90 cu. yd of basswood chips to be spread over the playground. The town crew will begin sweeping the intersections this week. The 2011 public works budget seems to be on track, so far.

**9D. Emergency Preparedness:** Mr. Vojta stated that he would also be contacting the local contractors to update their pay rates.

**9E. Bike & Hike Trail:** Mark Hiller noted that work on the bridge was started today. In about 30 days, the paving should be started. The cap on the Bonestroo bill is \$12,000.

**10F. Golf Course:** Mr. Christensen asked the clerk if the course could be licensed to sell liquor. The clerk noted that it could not. Mr. Christensen stated that the committee had been working on making cuts so that the proposed budget could be met. He also noted that the course still has to provide a service to the customers. Brian Baldwin said that he doesn't want to see the service go down and hopes that the new town board will support the course.

**10G. Finance:** Mr. Radtke said that there would have to be a special town board meeting to decide whether or not the town should borrow \$200,000 now to help the course make its bonding payment until revenues come in this summer. The board would have to review the condition of the finances again this fall. Ms. Janssen stated that she had checked with town attorney, Steve Lucarelli concerning whether or not the town could call the bonds. It appears that if some of the old loans that were combined into the bonding debt are older than 1996, the bonds could not be called and refinanced.

**10H. Housing Authority & Cemetery:** There was nothing to report.

**10I. Lakes:** Mr. Camp reported that the next meeting would be in May.

**10J. Room Tax:** Mr. Radtke said that the next meeting would be the second Wednesday in May.

**10K. Invasive Committee:** Mr. Christensen noted that the group would be meeting on Friday. There is a concern about Oak Wilt in the area.

**10L. Vilas County Board Representative:** Fred Radtke noted that the redistricting committee had met. It is possible that the boundaries of our two wards would change. The county board is considering privatizing the corporate counsel. The new board chairman will be elected at the next meeting. The transition committee is considering what to do with employees who do not have contracts.

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**10M. Yard Waste:** Mr. Radtke added that under the governor's repair bill, the recycling grant might be eliminated.

**10N. Landfill Venture Group:** There was nothing new to report.

**10O. Insurance:** Mr. Vojta reported that the town would receive about \$4,200 as a dividend from the company.

## **10. Citizens Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 minute maximum):**

**Verdelle Mauthe:** Ms. Mauthe stated 73 people had attended the last meeting. The Christmas decorations would be removed by April 15<sup>th</sup>. The last speaker talked about hospice. The next speaker will be speaking about estate planning. The group is working on the car show/kids carnival/craft show. There will be a bike ride from either the Information Bureau or the Whitetail to Fibbers.

**Luella Sherren:** Ms. Sherren stated that the Friends of the Old School had received a check for \$500 from a former student.

**Rosalie Sherwin:** Ms. Sherwin stated that she was a watchdog making sure that all groups are treated equally. She said that she was concerned about the use of room #6 in the community center. She wanted to know who would be responsible if there was damage done to the room or its contents. She also wanted to know who had given the Prime Timers permission to alter the room. She was also concerned about how the minutes were edited and about handouts being handed out without the name of the person or organization that was handing them out.

**Steve Spears:** Mr. Spears said that the reason Mr. Christensen had asked about a liquor license for the golf course was that people take drinks from the Whitetail onto the course. He thought that all concessions should come from the golf course and not from the Whitetail.

**Pat Falkenstern:** Ms. Falkenstern thanked Ms. Nimz for her service to the town. She also thought borrowing for the golf course was wrong.

**Carol Radtke:** Ms. Radtke stated that many other groups use room #6. She added that if the Prime Timers are using the room, it is open to anyone.

**Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke said that the town board had given the Prime Timers permission to use the room. The board had also given permission for the group to fix the room to suit their needs.

## **11. Board Concerns:**

**John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta stated that Lois Ruediger has the key for room #6. It is available to be rented.

**Walt Camp:** Mr. Camp thanked Ms. Nimz for her eight years of service to the town.

**Peggy Nimz:** Ms. Nimz stated that a health inspector has reported that the stove and sink at the Pavilion need to be replaced. Otherwise, food can't be prepared in the kitchen.

**Tom Martens:** Mr. Martens said that liquor licenses could not be issued to any group. The Whitetail Inn is licensed only for the premises. He also stated that either Mr. & Ms. Sievert are going to have to make sure that people don't carry drinks onto the golf course, or don't serve drinks to golfers, or have the rangers check to make sure that the golfers only have beer.

**Marion Janssen:** Ms. Janssen said that the town board needed to inform both her and the clerk of supplies that are purchased for the Caring for Kids Park. She also thought that perhaps beer could be sold from the pro-shop after the cart is closed down for the day.

**13. Set Time & Date for Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled town board meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2011 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the community center.

**14. Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:46 P.M.

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