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## MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: APRIL 27, 2011

1. **Call To Order:** Ms. Camp 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. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
3. **Roll Call:** Walt Camp, Fred Radtke, Lee Christensen, John Vojta, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were 9 other people in attendance.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
5. **Citizens Concerns (3 minutes max.):** There were none.
6. **Items for Consideration (Approve, Disapprove, Table):**
  - 6.1 **Transfer Station/Trash Hauling/Disposal for 2011 & 2012 – John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta asked the clerk to read the spreadsheet comparing the three transfer station/recycling center bids. Eagle Waste would not charge anything for the drop off center, but would charge a total of \$621/mo. for the dumpsters during the summer and \$65/mo during the winter. The bag fee would be \$3.00 and there would be a 12% fuel charge. Northern Waste Option #1 would charge \$7,000/yr for the drop off center and \$5,700/yr for the dumpsters. The bag fee would be \$2.50 or sticker fee \$2.25. Option #2 would charge \$5,000/yr for the drop off center and \$5,700/yr for the dumpsters, but the bag fee would increase to \$3.00 or the sticker fee would be \$2.75. Northern Waste also offered to purchase the town's compactor for \$6,000. Veolia would charge \$8,500 for the drop off center and \$4,402.41 for the dumpsters. The bag fee would be \$2.50.

The clerk also had prepared a cost comparison if the town kept the transfer station/recycling center as it is now. If the bag fee was increased to \$3.00 and the attendant worked for \$13 per hour, the town could possibly break even or come out a little ahead.

Mr. Radtke prepared a cost comparison based on the Town of Presque Isle and the Town of Washington. Both of those towns operate their own sites and haul their own garbage. The proposal included the purchase of a truck for \$12,000 and dumpsters for \$7,229. The total cost for the first year would be \$45,981. The total revenues based on \$3.00 per bag and grant money of \$8,900 would be \$44,745. But, during the second and third year, the town could possibly realize a profit of \$11,768.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning all of the proposals. Mr. Vojta thought that Mr. Radtke had left out interest expenses and heat expenses. He also thought that purchasing a garbage truck and dumpsters would not be a good idea in view of the fact that many residents are upset now about the purchase of the bulldozer. Mr. Martens thought that the fuel and maintenance estimates were low. Alan Albee asked how the town could afford to purchase a truck and dumpsters when we were having a hard time paying our bills now. Mr. Radtke stated that he made his proposal because he felt that the town would lose control of the transfer

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station/recycling center if the town hired a private contractor. Mr. Christensen stated that he would like more time to look over all of the proposals.

Motion Vojta that the town accepts the lowest bid from Eagle Waste. The motion died from lack of a second.

Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the matter be placed on the agenda for the May 9, 2011 meeting. Mr. Camp asked what was going to be different then. He asked what the board hoped to accomplish by waiting until the May meeting. By a voice vote, the motion carried.

**6.2 Town Constable Duties – Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke had handed out a list of duties for the town constable that he had prepared. Mr. Vojta was concerned because the section concerning the carrying of a weapon had been changed. Jack Santerelli, the new town constable, stated that he did not have a permit to carry a weapon in Wisconsin. However, he had called the Wisconsin Attorney General's office and was told that an elected official such as a sheriff or constable does not need a permit to carry a weapon and also does not need any special certification. Mr. Santerelli stated that when he carries a weapon, it would not be exposed. Article 71 of the Wisconsin Gun Laws allows for weapon to be carried except for in a few places such as a post office or school. Section 165.85 of the Wisconsin Statutes states that the town board may require the constable to receive training. Mr. Santerelli stated that by later this summer, there quite possibly would be a new concealed weapon law in Wisconsin. Ms. Janssen asked if there was any training for controlling dogs. Mr. Santerelli stated that he had talked to Candy from the Vilas County Humane Society. He was told that they keep three spots open for animals that are brought in by someone such as a constable. The fee is \$90 to put an animal into the kennel, but the fee is \$350 if there is a dog bite involved.

Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the list of constable duties be approved as presented. Motion carried. Mr. Vojta was opposed.

**6.3 Landfill Well Monitoring Contract MSA – Walt Camp:** Mr. Camp stated that he had just found a copy of a well monitoring contract with MSA in the material that he had received from Ms. Nimz. The town board has not approved the contract. There is also a bill for \$3,142.09 for services from 2010. The contract for 2011 – 2012 was for \$7,240 per year. The clerk stated that he did not remember paying more than \$600 or \$700 in the past. Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the MSA contract be tabled at this time. Motion Carried.

**6.4 DPW Vehicle Repairs – John Vojta:** Motion Christensen seconded Vojta that the town purchase the 1/8 in steel for \$550 for the box on the 1-ton truck. Motion Carried.

**6.5 Golf Course Funding – Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke stated that the finance committee recommended that the town take out a \$200,000 loan or line of credit to pay the golf course portion of the bonding payment in June. The golf course would pay back \$50,000/mo. during the summer when the receipts come in. Mr. Vojta thought that borrowing \$200,000 would give the golf course a security blanket and that the money would get spent. Ms. Janssen explained that the town would control the line of credit. It is possible that the town may be able to pay the entire bonding payment without borrowing anything from a bank. If the town needed the

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money, it could then use part of the line of credit. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen that the town seeks a line of credit for \$200,000. Motion carried. Mr. Vojta was opposed. Mr. Radtke thought that there should be a motion to use town funds to make the golf course payment. It was the consensus of the board that the motion could be made at the May meeting.

## 7. Board Concerns:

**Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke stated again that the only reason that he proposed purchasing a garbage truck and dumpsters was to allow the town to control over the transfer station/recycling center.

**Lee Christensen:** Mr. Christensen stated that the golf course would open this Friday, weather permitting.

**Lee Christensen:** Mr. Christensen reminded the board that a decision needed to be made concerning the concessions at the golf course.

**8. Set Time and Date of 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. The first item on the agenda will be to appoint a supervisor to replace Mr. Camp.

**9. Adjournment:** Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 7:04 P.M.

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