

STATE OF WISCONSIN
Town of St. Germain, Vilas County

Resolution SG-21-06-01
Expenditure of Public Funds for Lake Improvements

WHEREAS the St. Germain Fish & Wildlife Club, a private organization with voluntary membership, has for many years collected:

- 1) Public funds in the form of room tax revenues from the Town,
- 2) Public funds in the form of property tax revenues from St. Germain lake districts,
- 3) Non-public funds from lake associations,

and by use of a mathematical formula has leveraged lake organization money with Town money to provide financial assistance for qualified lake improvement projects; and

WHEREAS the Town Board recently learned of Wisconsin's Public Purpose Doctrine which requires expenditures of public funds be used only for public purposes; and

WHEREAS donating public funds to the Fish & Wildlife Club by either the Town or lake districts is deemed by the Town Board as contrary to the Public Purpose Doctrine,

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the St. Germain Fish & Wildlife Club will no longer collect and distribute town or lake district public funds for lake improvement purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fish & Wildlife Club and the Town shall take the following steps to account for funds currently held by the Fish & Wildlife Club and to provide continued financial assistance to lake organizations for qualified lake improvement projects:

1. The Fish & Wildlife Club shall return all funds in its "Lake Improvement Restricted Funds" account to each lake organization and to the Town, using the same formula as has been applied to leverage Town funds (shown below), and shall then close its "Lake Improvement Restricted Funds" account.

Alma/Moon Lake District	16.92%
Big St. Germain Area Lakes District.....	25.62%
Found Lake Property Owners Association.....	17.66%
Little St. Germain Lake District.....	21.02%
Lost Lake District.....	18.78%

2. The Town shall create an accounting for the funds reimbursed to it by the Fish & Wildlife Club it in a manner that holds specific funds in reserve for each lake organization until each lake organization has exhausted its funds. All expenditures of these funds shall be approved by majority vote of the Town Lakes Committee to assure utilization is for qualified lake improvement purposes for public benefit. No funds shall be added to these individual lake accounts.
3. The Town shall annually budget \$5,000.00 of its portion of room tax revenues, to be made available to individual lake organizations using the above formula previously applied by the Fish & Wildlife Club. Each lake organization shall

annually utilize its portion of the \$5,000.00 for qualified lake improvement purposes for public benefit as approved by the Town Lakes Committee. There shall be no end-of-year carryover of unused funds in the Town account.

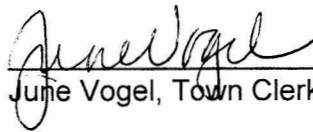
4. The Town shall annually consider allocating additional room tax revenues to the Town Lakes Committee to assist lake organizations with expenses to manage invasive species populations and/or other needs. The Lakes Committee shall present its annual funding request to the Town Board no later than the board's regular May meeting.

Adopted this 24th day of June 2021



Tom Christensen, Town Chairman

Attest



June Vogel, Town Clerk