

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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## MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: SEPTEMBER 2, 2011

1. **Call To Order: Committee chairman, Walt Camp at 1:10 p.m., called the meeting to order.**  
The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Laws.
2. **Roll Call:** Walt Camp, Fred Radtke, Terry Holmes, Elmer Koegler, Tim Ebert, Public Works Foreman. Rod Ingram was absent.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Radtke seconded Holmes that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chairman. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Since the town clerk was absent, the approval of the minutes was waived to the next meeting.
5. **Items for Consideration--(Approve, Disapprove, Table):**

**5.1 Town Foreman's Report:** Mr. Ebert reported that the crew has been working on Wilderness Trail. They have removed stumps from under the road. Five areas have been cut out. One has been completed. Little Bass Lake Road and Pedycourt Road were graveled and graded.

All of the roadside mowing has been completed. Mr. Ebert is waiting for Pitlik & Wick to get back to him concerning winter sand and gravel. The flags will be taken down in mid to late September.

The generator from the old fire department has been stored in the town shop for the last 10 years. Mr. Ebert would like to hook it up so that it could operate the gas pumps, lights, and doors if the power goes out. Motion Radtke seconded Koegler to recommend to the town board to have the generator connected to the town shop. Approved.

The blades have had to be replaced on the part time mower. He has been directed to mow large open areas. A parent on Sunset Blvd has requested "Handicapped Child" signs. The cost of a sign is about \$42. Mr. Camp will contact the individual to see if they would pay for the sign.

**5.2 Consideration of Expanded Services to Neighboring Townships:** The committee is considering a three contract that would be renegotiated after one year to see how long it takes to plow, etc. There was a discussion concerning blades, charging for new blades, insurance, and maintenance of the vehicle. Sand costs would also have to be added..

**5.3 Bike and Hike Trail Maintenance/Expansion Update:** There was a lengthy discussion concerning the maintenance of the bike and hike trail. The committee felt that blowing debris off of the trail once a month was excessive. The committee felt that once in spring and after heavy rains would be enough. The committee recommended purchasing rye grass seed to seed portions of the trail that had not been finished by Janke. Volunteers would do the seeding. Tim

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Ebert is to purchase signs for the bike trail. He is also to contact the county about putting stencils on the roads. Mr. Camp will take of reimbursing Scott Small for expenses.

**5.4 Ball Field Lights Usage Fees:** Out of town teams are using the ball field lights. The committee discussed charging a fee to use the lights and also discussed a fee for using the field during the day. Mr. Camp will find out what it is costing us now.

**5.5 Park Shelter Usage Fees:** Tabled until Lois Reudiger can attend..

**5.6 CDL for McNaughton Employee:** Motion Koegler seconded Radtke to allow for usage of the vehicle at no charge to obtain CDL license. Approved.

**5.7 Crack Sealing:** A one-man crack-filling machine is available for \$153,000. The life expectancy is 10 years. Mr. Camp will contact neighboring towns to see if they might be interested in joining in.

**5.8 Transfer Station/Yard Waste Facility:** Mr. Camp stated that Eagle Waste has offered to purchase the compactor for \$4,000. There would be an option to buy it back if Eagle Waste would lose the contract with the town. The town owes Eagle Waste \$3,875 for Town of St. Germain bags that have been used since Eagle Waste took over. There have been complaints about people not paying the extra \$1 at the site. The committee also discussed illegal dumping at the site and the need for a scale. The town website has been updated with the new information. Motion Koegler seconded Radtke that the committee recommends to the town board that the Town of St. Germain bags be accepted until December 31, 2011. Approved. Mr. Camp will check with the town clerk to see how many bags were sold before the transfer station was turned over to Eagle Waste.

The committee decided to recommend to the town board that the yard waste facility be open on Fridays and Saturdays beginning October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>. Motion Holmes seconded Koegler that a fee of \$2 per car be charged at the yard waste facility to the cost of employees. Approved. The site will be open for four weekends.

**5.9 Red Brick Building Update/Roof/Usage:** The committee will tour the building and look at space. Mr. Camp will set the time and date of town space.

**6. Set Date and Time of Next Meeting:** The next public works committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 9:00 am in meeting room #4 of the community center.

**8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

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Town Clerk (from notes by Walt Camp)

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Chairman

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Vice Chair

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Member

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