

# TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558 February 09, 2004

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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 9, 2004

The chairman noted that this was a duly called meeting in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law.

The chairman asked all present to rise to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion Nimz seconded Ritter that the agenda be approved as posted. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded Odette that the minutes of the January 12, 2004 town board meeting and the January 26, 2004 special town board meeting be approved as written. Approved.

Treasurer's report: Balance General Account as of 1-31-2004: \$(4,346.32); Money Market Account \$1,820,576.21; Bag Account \$8,338.33; Park Fund \$10,771.77; Lakes Fair \$2,600.73; Room Tax Account \$65,279.95; Debt Reserve \$244,130.68; Rental Account \$9,022.34; Golf Course Regular Account \$13,076.36; Money Market \$86,652.20; Debt Reserve \$218,829.00; Rainy Day \$106,150.00; Capital Improvement \$21,500.00. Motion Holthaus seconded Odette that the treasurer's report be approved as read. Approved.

Motion Odette seconded Nimz that vouchers 12982-13046 be approved along with an extra bill to Mary Platner \$121.36—reim sign ordinance survey. Approved.

The only communication, which Mr. Wendt read, was a letter of thanks from Mark Hiller & the Chamber of Commerce for the town's support the weekend of the radar run.

Public Works Committee Report: Mr. Wendt noted that the new truck should be here in about two weeks. The one plow was down for two days.

There was no Finance Committee Report.

Parks & Recreation Committee Report: Ms. Nimz stated that she was holding off on getting bids for carpeting in the meeting rooms in the Community Center. Some of the lights in the gym need to be replaced. There are also lights in the town office that need to be replaced. B & D Locks has not returned any of the calls.

Lakes Committee Report: Mr. Ritter reported that the application for the plant study had been submitted prior to the deadline of January 31, 2004. The committee is now waiting for approval of the grant. The next committee meeting will be February 24, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Old Red Brick School House.

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Golf Course Committee Report: Mr. Wendt reported that Bryan Baldwin was in the process of getting quotes for carpeting in the pro-shop. The closing on the sale of the Whitetail Inn is scheduled for March 1, 2004.

Zoning Committee Report: Mr. Holthaus stated that the committee wanted to have its final draft of the proposed amendments to the town-zoning ordinance at their February 23, 2004 meeting. After that public hearings will be scheduled to review the proposals. The State has a sample ordinance for the adoption of the Uniform Dwelling Code. The zoning committee is recommending that the town adopt an ordinance. The deadline for adoption is March 15, 2004.

There was no personnel committee report.

Tim Ebert reported that the Fire Department had received a Homeland Security Grant. There is also a handheld phone with statewide emergency numbers. The grant is for \$1,000 and is to be used in some way for terrorism.

There was no Grants Committee Report. Mr. Wendt noted, however, that the town had received a LRIP grant for \$21,635.86 to be used to resurface Four Corner Lane from Found Lake Road to Hwy. G.

Mark Hiller stated that there were 118 entrants in the radar run. The Chamber of Commerce grossed about \$3,200. They broke even, but had enough to give the groups that participated \$1,000. Mr. Hiller also stated that he has had no negative comments concerning the radar run.

Marlene Bartelt reported that Tim Clark would be starting to reconnect the heating pipes in the basement. A circulating pump has been donated. Ms. Bartelt asked how people were to go about asking questions at the public hearing on February 18, 2004. Anyone who wishes to present any comments has to sign in. There will be a three minutes time limit for each person. Mr. Wendt stated that there might be a question and answer session at the end of the hearing, if time permitted. Ms. Bartelt asked if a special meeting could be scheduled specifically for questions concerning the Old Red Brick School House. Mr. Wendt said that it was possible.

Mr. Ritter noted that he had talked to the Lions Club. The Lions Club had told him that they really didn't feel that the present fireworks display was necessary. Mr. Ritter stated that he would feel more comfortable spending \$12,000 for the 30 minutes display but not \$20,000. Marlene Bartelt asked why the town could not seek donations towards the fireworks. Mr. Wendt felt that the town board should honor the contract with Bartolotta. The clerk is pay the down payment of \$4,500.

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Mr. Wendt read a proposal from Discover Wisconsin Productions for a 30-minute presentation on the golf course. The bill for \$6,250 in the past has come out of the Room Tax Account. The filming has already been completed. Mr. Ritter asked when the town board had approved DWP's proposal. It had been mentioned at previous meetings, but never was an action item. The bill will be taken back to the Golf Course Committee for payment.

Motion Holthaus seconded Odette that the refinancing proposal be tabled until written requests for quotes are sent to each of the area financial institutions. Approved.

Motion Nimz seconded Holthaus that the town self fund the new patrol truck by taking the money out of the road fund. Approved. If money is needed prior to the August tax settlement, it will have to be borrowed from the Debt Reserve Fund.

A representative was present from MSA to talk about the bike trail proposal. The cost from MSA would be from \$31,600 to \$34,600. Northern Environmental would observe the progress of the construction. MSA would not. Northern Environmental's proposal includes application for the stewardship grant. MSA would have an additional charge of around \$3,500. Both companies would do monthly billings. Mark Hiller noted that he just found out that there was also the possibility of getting money from a D.O.T. grant. There was money left over from last year. Application deadline for the D.O.T. grant is April 9, 2004. Deadline for the Stewardship Grant is May 1, 2004. The D.O.T. grant will have more stringent requirements than the Stewardship Grant. There will be a meeting during the last week of February with the county and a grant representative. There may be a problem with having the bike trail and the snowmobile in the same area. There is a possibility of getting both grants. If so, the trail could be 100% funded. The man from MSA stated that if the town got the D.O.T. grant, MSA's quote would be higher. The cost of the entire project could be over \$500,000. The clerk asked about how the engineering bill was to be paid. There is nothing in the budget of the town or room tax for the bike trail. And, in the event of the town not receiving the grants, the town would still have to pay the engineering costs. The motion for the bike trail financing stated that the loan for the trail would not be applied for prior to approval of at least the Stewardship grant. Therefore, it would be possible for the town to have to pay for the engineering and end up not having the bike trail at all. Motion Nimz seconded Odette that the matter be deferred to a special town board meeting to be held on March 1, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Old Red Brick School House. Approved.

Motion Ritter seconded Nimz that a class B combination intoxicating liquor and fermented malt beverage license be granted to Elbert's Resort, Inc., Jerry W. Pruitt, agent subject to the payment of all liquor bills and the personal property taxes. Approved.

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Patty Schoppe asked that the town get a new road sign for Straight-A-Way Road. The sign there now is very rusted.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court will hear the trial for GPS vs Town of St. Germain on Thursday, February 12, 2004 at 9:00 A.M. in Madison.

Mr. Ritter asked that the town board somehow find out the needs of the town organizations for meeting rooms. Ms. Nimz provided a list of groups that had used the town facilities from 1997-2003. But, Mr. Ritter wanted to know the needs of the town, not who had used the building in the past. Ms. Nimz also stated that she would like to see the Red Brick School House used for civic organizations to for commercial purposes.

Mr. Ritter also noted that the town website had very little information. It is need of being updated. Ms. Nimz stated that information needed to be emailed to her in order for her to upload it to the site. The website will be a discussion item on the March agenda.

Motion Nimz seconded Odette that the meeting be adjourned. Approved.

Meeting adjourned 9:20 P.M.

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