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## MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 16, 2004

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

Mr. Wendt asked all present to rise to Pledge Allegiance to the Flag.

Board members present: Wendt, Holthaus, Ritter, Odette, Martens.

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

The sole purpose of this meeting was to discuss the funding of the engineering costs of the proposed bike trail. Mark Hiller, member of the bike trail committee, was also present.

Mr. Hiller began by saying that the application of the D.O.T. grant does not require the hiring of an engineering firm prior to approval of the grant.

If the town could get both the D.O.T. grant and the DNR Stewardship grant, the bike trail could possibly be 100% funded by the grants.

If both grants are received, Phase I and Phase II of the bike trail proposal could be combined if the total length of the trail remained at 10 miles. If the trail would be extended to Hwy. O, there would probably still have to a Phase II.

Mr. Hiller thought that if the Stewardship grant required the hiring of the engineering firm in advance, the Chamber of Commerce could possibly contribute \$10,000, the Lions & Lionesses \$5,000 and the town \$10,000. The question kept coming up, however, of what would happen if neither grant were received. The town would still owe the engineering fees and the bike trail might not be built at all.

Mr. Hiller is going to meet with the DNR representative for the Stewardship grant, a representative from the D.O.T. for the D.O.T. grant and a representative from the county on February 26<sup>th</sup>. At that time Mr. Hiller will know for sure how much money the town would need, if any, to put towards the engineering costs in advance of receiving the grants. It was finally decided that the town would contribute an amount equal to the Chamber of Commerce up to a maximum of \$12,500 from the Room Tax Account. If both grants were received, the money would be reimbursed to the Room Tax Account.

Mr. Ritter stated that he would like to see the whole idea of Room Tax is revisited.

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Mr. Hiller would suggest that the town use Northern Environmental since they would apply for the Stewardship grant on behalf of the town.

Wisconsin Valley Improvement would apply for a grant to put a top on their dam on the Big St. Germain River for the bike trail.

There will be a special town board meeting on March 1, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. in the Old Red Brick School House. There will be three motions at that meeting: (1) to apply for the grants; (2) to share the cost of the engineering up to \$12,500 with the Chamber of Commerce from the Room Tax Account; (3) to approve one of the engineering firms.

The meeting with the DNR, D.O.T., and the county will be on February 26, 2004 at 6:30 P.M. in the Old Red Brick School House. Mr. Wendt will check with the Wisconsin Towns Association concerning how to conduct the meeting if only two board members are present. Mr. Wendt will also check to see how the meeting should be advertised.

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

Meeting adjourned 7:38 P.M.

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