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## MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 9, 2009

1. **Call To Order:** The chairman 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. **Roll Call:** Peggy Nimz, Lee Christensen, Todd Wiese, John Vojta, Fred Radtke, Marion Janssen, Town Treasurer, Tom Martens, Town Clerk. There were also 15 other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that the agenda be approved in any order at the discretion of the chair. Approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the minutes of the October 12, 2009 and November 2, 2009 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 10-31-2009: (-\$29110.89); Lakes Account \$21,737.65; Lakes Committee CD \$15,362.81; Park Fund \$0.00; Rental Account \$5,176.89; Bag Account \$21,773.68; Room Tax Account \$131,780.84; Debt Reserve \$233,729.46; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$61,203.22, First National Money Market \$172,233.97, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,629.75. Golf Course Regular Account \$87,227.99; Money Market \$196,011.34; CD \$0.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$36,041.23. The Housing checkbook balance is \$8,171.22 and the money market balance is \$5,286.65. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the treasurer be approved as read. Approved. Ms. Janssen also noted that she had received a donation of \$2,000 for the Bike & Hike Trail and \$150 for the Caring for Kids Park.
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Christensen seconded Wiese that vouchers 17972 – 18031 be approved. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Ms Nimz stated that she had received a notice for the WTA December seminar. Mr. Vojta noted that the constable had told him that there are still problems with the Vilas County animal shelter. Mr. Vojta stated that he thought that the original plan was that when the shelter became a private entity there would no extra cost to the taxpayers. There is now a \$90 charge for picking up a dog and a \$20 charge for each day the dog is in the shelter. People are just not picking up their animals to avoid paying the fees. Mr. Vojta asked Mary Platner & Fred Radtke, our county board representatives to look into the problem.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
  - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 15 calls last month. The new fire truck is to be inspected next week. The planned delivery is during Thanksgiving week. Mr. Ebert noted that there were a few things that needed to be done, however. Mr. Vojta reminded Mr. Ebert that the truck needed to be covered under the town's insurance policy. There will be flu shots given at the fire station on Saturday, November 14 from 9 A.M. until noon. He suggested calling the Vilas County Health Department to see would be able to get the shots. Mr. Radtke stated that the contract for the new fire truck only gives the town 15 days to notify the company of anything wrong with the truck.
  - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta reported that the committee was looking into two undersized buildings that were being used as dwellings. Mr. Ebert is checking with the UDC inspector to see if the Toiley property would need to be inspected.
  - 8C. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Wiese stated that the salt shed is finished and the sand/salt mix is ready for winter. The one-ton truck is in need of repairs. Pitlik & Wick resurfaced 500 ft of Lost Lake Drive West with a material called Wedge as an experiment. The project cost would have been \$6,000, but Pitlik donated it to the town. The culvert on Lost Lake Drive North has been repaired. Once we get the bill, the county will reimburse the town for part of the money. St. Germain is not eligible for a TRIP grant until the 2012-2013 cycle.
  - 8E. **Bike & Hike Trail:** Mark Hiller reported that Bonestroo is finished with the 30% plan and is working on the 60% plan. Clyde Owens is getting the names of the adjacent property owners. The town board will need to schedule a public hearing. The committee received the pricing from the engineers. It has been sent to Pitlik & Wick. Mr. Radtke didn't think that was a good idea to have sent it to Pitlik. He thought that now the bid would meet the estimate. Mr. Hiller noted that it is public record as to how much the town can spend. Right now, the estimates are way over the limit. Bonestroo has asked for

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another meeting of all parties involved. Tom Christensen has asked for a resolution relieving the Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club of any responsibility for the Bike & Hike Trail.

**8F. Golf Course:** Mr. Vojta noted that the course was closed. The crew has completed spraying for mold. Tiziana will not require a cart payment in February. There will not have to be a payment until the carts are delivered.

**8G. Finance:** There was no report.

**8H. Housing Authority & Cemetery:** Mr. Christensen noted that the next Housing Authority meeting was tomorrow. There was no report for the Cemetery.

**8I. Lakes:** Mr. Wiese reported that the committee was working on a new placemat design. The \$67,000 grant is to be used for a study of the lakes. There will not be as much money spent on weed control. That will be left up to the individual lakes. The next meeting will be on January 6, 2010.

**8J. Room Tax:** Ms. Janssen reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter was very good. The collections were \$147,850.91. The next meeting will be on Wednesday. The lakes committee has agreed to \$3,500 for next year. The Fish & Wildlife Club would still like to receive \$5,000. The committee thinks that the town board should be preparing the budget for the room tax money.

**8K. Land Committee:** Mr. Christensen stated that so far there has not been any Garlic Mustard found in St. Germain. The next meeting will be on November 18, 2009. The committee should be more efficient now that Lumberjack is supporting it.

**8K. Vilas County Board Representative:** Mr. Radtke noted that the next meeting is tomorrow at 9 A.M. The 2009 levy is down to around a 10-cent increase. Ms. Platner noted in two to three months there will be a safe place to drop off unused prescription drugs. The town can use the county copier for larger projects. The cost is 5 cents per copy. Color copies would be twenty-one cents per copy.

**8L. Emergency Planning:** Mr. Vojta stated that things would be ready for spring.

**8M. Yard Waste:** Mr. Radtke noted that the facility has been busy. The hours have been extended to November 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Martens suggested that next year instead of opening the facility so early in the fall that it is opened later, but that it is open for three days during the week.

**8N. Landfill Venture Group:** There was nothing to report.

## 9. Items for Consideration (Approve, Disapprove, Table):

**9.1 Bonestroo Update – Tim McCormick:** Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that the matter be tabled at this time. Approved.

**9.2 Sign Moratorium Extension:** Motion Christensen seconded Radtke that the off-premise sign moratorium is extended for another six months. Approved. The extension will begin when the present moratorium expires.

**9.3 Appointment of Sign Ordinance Subcommittee Members for Planning & Zoning Chair & Vice Chair:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that Wally Geist, Tom Christensen, Ted DeRuiter, Judy Best, Diane Misina, David Weber and Bruce Weber be appointed to the sign ordinance subcommittee. Approved. The subcommittee will choose a chairman and vice chairman and report to Ms. Nimz.

**9.4 Sanction of the 2010 Radar Runs – Mark Hiller:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the west one-half of West Bay of Little St. Germain Lake, all of the marked trails on Little St. Germain Lake, the trail between Hearthside Motel and Thunderbird Pass, the trail between St. Germain rentals and Elberts Resort, and the trail between Little St. Express and West Bay be sanctioned for the Radar Run on January 22, 2010 and January 23, 2010. Approved.

Motion Wiese seconded Christensen that the sanctioned times for the radar run be from 7:00 A.M. until 7:00 P.M. Approved.

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**9.5 Fire Department Building Update – John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta reported that there had been a leak in the ventilation system of the bathroom. Quality Heating could not find a leak. It hasn't leaked since. There is, however, a problem with water on the east side of the building. The department has a proposal from Waldmann Construction to install counter flashing which would be visible. Waldmann will do the work for the cost of labor and materials. The work on the east side would cost \$700. The cost to do the remainder of the building would be \$1,300. Motion Radtke seconded Christensen to accept the proposal from Waldmann Construction. Approved.

**9.6 Hodgepodge Lodge Liquor License:** Motion Wiese seconded Vojta that a Class B Combination Intoxicating Liquor and Fermented Malt Beverage License be granted to Hodgepodge Lodge, Nancy E. Koch, agent. Approved.

## 10. Citizens Concerns and Non-Appointed Committee Reports (3 Minute Maximum):

**10a. Verdell Mauthe:** Ms. Mauthe stated that 103 people had attended the last meeting. A speaker on the Amazon River was very interesting. The fire department had given a tour to the Commission on Aging. The tour received many praises.

**10b. Rosalie Sherwin:** Ms. Sherwin asked when the town board had made a decision concerning the Red Brick Schoolhouse. She also stated that the vote at the elector meeting had just been advisory.

**10c. Pat Falkenstern:** Ms. Falkenstern that the antique that she bought at the auction was not really an antique.

**10d. Ellen Allen:** Ms. Allen stated that NTW Roofing was studying the roof plans for the Red Brick Schoolhouse. Ms. Allen was also concerned with a letter that she had received, personally addressed to her, advising the Friends of the Old School to immediately remove their things from the Community Center. Ms. Allen stated that none of the things belonged to the Friends of the Old School. She also stated that she didn't think that the letter helped with trying to get the groups in town to work together.

**10e. Gary Guymon:** Mr. Guymon reminded everyone that Wednesday was Armistice Day.

## 11. Board Concerns:

**Fred Radtke:** Mr. Radtke noted that the security lights were coming on late.

**John Vojta:** Mr. Vojta asked about approving the town roads for snowmobile trails. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting. He also asked if Public Works had anything planned for Veterans' Day.

**Marion Janssen:** Ms. Janssen noted that any items for the newsletter had to be into Geri Radtke by November 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Christensen stated that he would like something about the golf course in the letter.

**12. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting.** The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, December 14, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. The Board of Review will be held on Monday, November 23, 2009 beginning at 9:00 A.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a Public Hearing concerning Phase II of the Bike & Hike Trail on Monday, November 30, 2009 at 5:30 P.M. in the Community. The Annual Budget Hearing will follow it at 7:00 P.M. Immediately following the Annual Budget Hearing, there will be a Special Elector Meeting to approve the tax levy for 2009 to be collected in 2010.

**13. Adjournment:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 6:22 P.M.

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Chairman

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