

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 12, 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 16 other people in attendance.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion Wiese seconded Christensen 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 September 14, 2009, September 16, 2009, September 21, 2009 and September 25, 2009 town board meetings be approved as written. Approved.
5. **Approval of Treasurer's Report (Town and Golf Course):** Balance General Account as of 09-30-2009: \$61540.30; Lakes Account \$20,735.87; Lakes Committee CD \$15,350.82; Park Fund \$0.00; Rental Account \$4,791.06; Bag Account \$19,999.81; Room Tax Account \$41,249.10; Debt Reserve \$109,576.70; Bike & Hike Trail Acct. \$59,553.10, First National Money Market \$336,022.25, Playground Equipment Fund \$5,629.27. Golf Course Regular Account \$95804.14; Money Market \$196,011.34; CD \$0.00. Fire & Rescue Checkbook Balance \$31963.82. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the treasurer be approved as read. Approved. .
6. **Payment of Invoices:** Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that vouchers 17915 – 17971 be approved along with an extra bill for \$116.85 to Badger Truck Repair, LLC—fire truck and \$715.00 to Crispell-Snyder – fire-numbering system. Approved.
7. **Communications:** Ms Nimz stated that she had received a letter from a woman stating that the golf course is in very good shape, but that it is not female friendly. The clerk noted that according to the State, the town's population is 2,275.
8. **Town Committee Reports:**
 - 8A. **Fire Department:** Tim Ebert reported that there had been 34 calls last month. Around 200 people attended the department open house on Saturday, October 10, 2009. The new fire truck is now scheduled for sometime in September. The placement of the generator made the truck too tall. It had to be redesigned. There is no penalty for the delay.
 - 8B. **Planning & Zoning:** Mr. Vojta reported that Howard Beaver, Jr. had filled in the hole at the old lodge on Forest Primeval Road. After talking to Vilas County, the committee found out that there really is no recourse for the blight problem on South Bay Road. Vilas County suggested that a complaint be filled out and given to the Vilas County health department. Since the home on Cedar Ave is sided, there is nothing that the town can do about what is in the inside. The off-premise sign moratorium was extended for another 60 days. Ms. Platner was instructed to form a new committee and bring the ordinance back to the Planning & Zoning Committee. The committee reviewed the plats for PBR condominiums and Lost Lake Northland Condominiums. Ms. Platner stated that the zoning ordinance and amendments is now on a disk so that it can be uploaded to the town's website. Vilas County had asked someone from St. Germain to go around and view every piece of property in town to comply with the new Vilas County Land Use Plan. Tim Ebert entered all of the building permits for the last 10 years onto the map. The county was satisfied.
 - 8C. **Public Works/Parks & Recreation:** Mr. Wiese stated that he and Ms. Nimz had met with Veolia. The town currently has two contracts with them. One expires on May 21, 2011 and one expires on June 14, 2014. Mr. Wiese asked if the town had to have the garbage hauled to Hwy. G. Landfill. Mr. Radtke said that we did not. One option would be to shut down our recycling center. A second option would be to contract it out to another party. A third option would be to seek new bids and contracts with local haulers. Veolia would consider a two-year contract. The golf course has a dumpster with a different hauler whose contract expires in May of 2010. Mr. Wiese went on to say that the committee has not decided what should be brought to the town board. The concrete portion of the salt shed has been completed. The walls and roof should be constructed soon. Three of the monitoring wells at the old landfill site have been replaced. The monitoring will now be done semi-annually. The monitoring will go on forever. The board wondered if other towns have monitoring wells at their old landfills. Parkway

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Road is just about ready to be paved. The drainage problem has been addressed. The culvert on Lost Lake Drive North has not been started as of yet.

8E. Bike & Hike Trail: Clyde Owens reported that there had been a meeting with Cedar Corp. and Bonestroo to get all of the players together. Nancy Hanslik from Bonestroo will have all of the necessary dates by October 23, 2009. There are now three other people working with Tim McCormack trying to get the project completed. Mr. Owens feels that everything has to be in place by February is the June 30, 2010 expiration date for the Stewardship grant is to be met..

8F. Golf Course: Mr. Vojta noted that revenues were down from last year. The budget will be ready for the town's annual budget hearing. The course will close on or before October 25, 2009. Mr. Vojta noted that there is a February payment for golf carts that will not be delivered until April. He will try to get a performance bond from Tiziani.

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 Big St. Germain Lake District had voted not to tax itself for 2010. The Little St. Germain Lake District has received a 3-year \$200,000 AIS grant from the DNR. The town will contribute \$10,000 over the three-year period. The district has also received a \$100,000 grant for shoreline restoration. The Little St. Germain Lake District has also voted to tax itself to improve the Little St. Germain boat landing. The town's lakes committee has received a \$67,000 75%-25% grant for lakes planning. The Lakes Committee will contribute 12.5% of the cost. The lake districts will divide the remaining 12.5%.

8J. Room Tax: There was no report.

8K. Land Committee: Mr. Christensen stated that there had been a discussion concerning Garlic Mustard at the last meeting. They also discussed the use of herbicides. A group called Lumberjack will eventually provide funding. A new law, NR-40 allows State Troopers to pull over boats and trailers that have noticeable weeds, etc. It also allows for local police and sheriff departments to issue citations.

8K. Vilas County Board Representative: Mr. Radtke noted that the county board had met to discuss 2010 expenditures over \$5,000. He listed all of them. There county has also prepared a resolution stating that any extension to the gun deer season should be the week before and not the week after the present season. There are also new ordinances concerning barking dogs and vicious animals.

Ms. Platner noted that the budget hearings on October 18 thru October 20 are open to the public. People can speak through there representatives. All departments have been asked to cut 5% from their budgets. The Lake Specialist position will not be filled until the county is assured that there will be funding.

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. There have been a few people turned away with demolition material. The piles of brush will be chipped after the facility closes on November 1, 2009.

8N. Landfill Venture Group: Mr. Radtke noted that phase IV is being built. Ms. Nimz wanted to know why we were paying for a feasibility study since the work has already begun. She also asked if our present fee included only the study or if it also included the construction. Ms. Nimz also stated that Land O Lakes does not belong to the Landfill Venture Group, but they still use the site and pay the same fees that we do. What benefit is there to St. Germain? Mr. Radtke really didn't have any answers. He did note, however, that he would be gone for the LVG annual meeting. Perhaps someone from the town board should attend.

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

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9.1 Town Mailing Address for Board Members: The board decided to keep P.O. Box 7 as the town's mailing address. Ms. Nimz also asked all board members to have all town mail addressed to P.O. Box 7.

9.2 Friends of the Red Brick Schoolhouse Donations – Ellen Allen: Ms. Allen presented a check for \$400 to be placed into an account for the repair of the roof. Motion Wiese seconded Vojta that the town not accept the check at this time and that it be returned to the Friends of the Old School. Mr. Vojta stated that Ms. Allen should not consider the decision as being negative. Mr. Vojta stated that he could not see having money in several different places. The Friends of the Old School already have an account with money that they have collected.

9.3 Schedule Budget Workshop: The next budget workshop will be on Monday, November 5, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center.

9.4 Road Tax Issue: Mr. Wiese and Mr. Radtke had received a complaint about a tree that had fallen onto River Road. Mr. Radtke asked which roads had to be maintained and for which roads we received gas tax. The tree has since been cleared from the road, but there is still a question as to how much maintenance has to be done in order to collect the gas tax. A representative from the D.O.T. was not sure either. Motion Vojta seconded Radtke that the matter be deferred to the public works committee. Approved.

9.5 TRIP Grant Update: Ms. Nimz noted that 2010 was our year to apply for a TRIP grant. In order to qualify, the town board will have to do some road construction. Crack sealing doesn't count.

Town Business Office Donation and Location: Ms. Nimz noted that David L. Clark Realty was going out of business and had donated all of their office furniture to the town. The furniture will be moved into meeting room #5 of the Community Center.

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

10a. Verdel Mauthe: Ms. Mauthe stated that the Prime Timers had labeled and tagged mailings for the Hike & Bike Trail committee. Ninety people were on the trip to Branson. There was also a trip to Laona for the train ride.

10b. Tom Zimmerman: Mr. Zimmerman said that the tree on River Road had been sticking out into the passenger lane so that it could have gone through someone's windshield. The tree has been cut and the road graded. It still needs several loads of gravel. Mr. Zimmerman said that he was told that the town does receive gas tax for River Road.

10c. Rosalie Sherwin: Ms. Sherwin stated that there was no motorcycle at the Red Brick auction as mentioned. She also stated that there were antiques and that the town board should check into the financial statements of the Red Brick groups

10d. Shirley Erickson: Ms. Erickson said that Ms. Sherwin was wrong. There were antiques at the auction.

10e. Pat Falkenstern: Ms. Falkenstern said that Ms. Erickson was correct. There were antiques at the auction. In fact, she had brought one.

11. Board Concerns:

John Vojta: Mr. Vojta asked that the county board reports be kept to a minimum.

Todd Wiese: Mr. Wiese reminded Ms. Nimz that something needed to be done about possibly hiring a third public works employee since there were now supervision requirements placed on the department of corrections employees.

Lee Christensen: Mr. Christensen stated that part time employees were very important to the golf course.

12. Closed Session: Is anticipated a motion will be made and seconded to convene into closed session pursuant to Sec. 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of discussion of employee contracts.

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12a. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be adjourned into closed session at 7:25 P.M. Approved.

12b. Motion Vojta seconded Christensen that the meeting be reconvened into open session at 8:05 P.M. Approved.

12c. Action on Closed Session if Needed: Motion Nimz seconded Radtke that the personnel committee negotiates the things that had been discussed in closed session. Approved.

13. Set Date & Time For Next Meeting. The next regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center. There will be a budget workshop on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 5:00 P.M. in meeting room #4 of the Community Center

14. Adjournment: Motion Radtke seconded Vojta that the meeting be adjourned. Approved. Meeting adjourned 8:13 P.M.

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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