

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

P.O. BOX 7

ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558

www.townofstgermain.org

MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 15, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish a Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Ted Ritter, Brian Cooper, Jim Swenson. Tim Clark was on an ambulance call. June Vogel, Jimmy Vogel and Melody Hamlin were also in attendance.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr. Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 before 6:00 P.M.
5. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Payment of Bills:** There were none.
 - b. **Continuing Discussion on repairs and updates to the Community Center and the Need for Town Offices:** Ms. Hamlin handed out two proposals to the town board. Proposal #1 was to remodel the community center and to construct a new 1,790 sq. ft. town hall and office building on the site of the Red Brick School House. The community center remodel would include a new roof, septic, bathrooms, kitchen, HVAC system, lighting, framing, concrete, etc. The cost of the remodel would be \$2,123,179 including soft costs. The town hall and office building would include two offices, a vault, conference room, storage rooms, and a washroom. The cost of the new building would be \$541,736 not including soft costs. Proposal #2 was to remodel the community center as in proposal #1; however, meeting room #5 would be converted into two small offices, a vault, a conference area and a service counter. The cost of proposal #2 would be \$2,115,540 including soft costs. Since it is new construction, the town hall and office building would require elector approval. The community center remodel would not. Ms. Hamlin suggested that the community center remodel could be done in phases. Phase #1, would be the roof, bathrooms, kitchen, septic, well, exterior, mechanicals, etc. for around \$1.1 million. Phase #2 would be the energy, lighting, HVAC, and room #5. Phase #2 would cost \$734,700. Phase #3 would be the finishes, flooring, paint and hardware. The cost of phase #3 would be \$222,000. The project in phases would cost around \$236,000 more than if it were all done at once. The board also discussed attaching a new town hall and office space to the community center. If not attached, a new building has to be at least 30 feet away from the existing building. Mr. Ritter suggested that the board try to come up with a five to ten-year comprehensive plan. Mr. Christensen said that he would see what he could do.
 - c. **Finalize Language of the April Referendum Questions for Timely Submission to the County Clerk:** Mr. Ritter told the board that he had delivered the two ordinances for appointment of the town clerk and town treasurer referendum questions to the county clerk. Mr. Cooper stated that he was very upset that the redistricting question had been forced upon the board at the January 13, 2020 meeting with such short notice. The board didn't have a chance to do its due diligence on the matter. Mr. Cooper is against having that question on the April 7th ballot without further information. The Second Amendment Sanctuary question had also not been reviewed by the town's attorney. Motion Cooper seconded Swenson that both the Second Amendment Sanctuary resolution and Resolution SG20-01-03 to have the question on the April 7th ballot be sent to Attorney Steve Garbowicz for his perusal. By a voice vote: Yes – 4; No – 0. Motion carried unanimously. Motion Cooper seconded Swenson that the motion made at the January 13, 2020 regular town board meeting to place the redistricting by a non-political entity on the April 7, 2020 ballot be rescinded and that Resolution SG20-01-04, a resolution to place the redistricting question on the April 7, 2020 ballot tabled until such time as the board can get more information and see the resolution that would be sent to the State. By a voice vote: Yes – 4; No – 0. Motion carried unanimously.

- d. **Closed Session – Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Golf Course Employment Contracts and DPW Handbook Employee Benefits (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility:** Motion Christensen seconded Cooper that the meeting be adjourned into closed session at 8:44 P.M. By a roll vote: Christensen – Yes; Cooper – Yes; Swenson – Yes; Ritter – Yes. Motion carried unanimously.

- e. **Reconvene to Open Session – Reconvene to open session to take such action as the Board deems appropriate, following consideration given in closed session:** Motion Ritter seconded Swenson that the meeting be reconvened into open session at 9:48 P.M. By a voice vote: Yes – 4; No – 0. Motion carried unanimously.
 Motion Cooper seconded Ritter that the chairman is authorized to update Margo Rogers’ and Aaron Becker’s contracts as discussed during closed session. By a voice vote: Yes – 4; No – 0. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Adjourn:** Mr. Christensen adjourned the meeting at 9:49 P.M

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor