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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: June 8, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish a Quorum:** Tom Christensen, Tim Clark, Ted Ritter, Jim Swenson and Brian Cooper in room 4 of Community Center with 22 citizens. Marion Janssen town treasurer attended via Zoom.us. There were also 18 other members of community in attendance via Zoom.us
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Saturday, June 6, 2020 before 6:30 pm.
5. **Citizen's Comments – Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Board. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less.**
6. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Consider renaming the park by the Chamber Building.** Bruce Weber told of William H Weber serving in WW2, who died in the Normandy Invasion at age 27. Currently Holiday Estates property dedicated by town as airfield to be named Weber Field. The property sold and was developed into Holiday Estates. Dedication to park in honor of William H Weber with stone/plaque. Chamber working towards memorial to Mark Hiller. Parks committee will make a recommendation to preserve dedication to William H Weber.
 - b. **Decide if the Town Board will proceed with plans for an Independence Day Parade and Fireworks.** Discussion from community members on why to have parade and fireworks. Committee recommendation was shared of not wanting to proceed with parade, fireworks and day of events; safety reasons, lack of volunteers and best interest of the community. If others step up to volunteer, will they be covered under the town's insurance as the committee was? Motion by Cooper that we proceed with the St Germain fireworks; second Swenson. Discussion: Suggested by fireworks company to do more aerial than ground display, need 2 week notice. By roll call vote: Mr Christensen - yes, Mr Cooper - yes, Mr Swenson - yes, Mr Clark - yes, Mr Ritter - yes. Motion by Cooper that the town proceed with the parade festivities with the understanding that we have need to get volunteers; second Christensen. Discussion: Voting to celebrate the 4th of July, the birth of a nation. How would coverage for insurance be carried out? Would need to have special meeting to put volunteers on town committee. Propose a plan on how things will remain safe. By roll call vote: Mr Christensen – yes, Mr Cooper – yes, Mr Clark – no, Mr Swenson – no, Mr Ritter – no. Motion failed 3:2, there will not be a 4th of July parade.
 - c. **First review of revisions to Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances.** Ordinance be renamed name to Motor Vehicle Public Road Access. Vilas County no longer requires fire number application come through the town, goes to the county. No assurance fire number gets posted, no guarantee it gets put up with consistently with town signs. Town zoning administrator to receive from Vilas County mapping officer all fire numbers and upon approval of number, zoning administration will obtain fire number sign and erect the post/sign. Discussion on 2.40 (c) (8) to agree with 33 feet as in definition section and remove the last sentence. Motion by Ritter, Chapter 2 code of ordinances presented tonight

be approved for adoption with 2 amendments to 2.04 (c) (8) on page 4; second Swenson. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Mr Christensen - yes, Mr Cooper - yes, Mr Swenson - yes, Mr Clark - yes, Mr Ritter – yes.

- d. **Discuss costs of replacing fire number signs when County Mapping reassigns fire numbers.** Getting requests for a few new numbers a year because county reassigned fire number due to grid pattern. Monitor to see if this becomes problematic and what actual costs are.
- e. **Consider amendments to the Cemetery Ordinance/Rules.** Town adopted Chapter 18 cemetery ordinance with 3 appendices. Discussion on concerns citizens had were forward and appropriate changes made.
- f. **Consider Zoning Administrator's request for a cash box for making change when permits are paid for in cash.** Motion by Cooper that the treasurer set zoning administrator up with adequate funds with a lock box in order to make change for zoning permits paid by cash; second Clark. Discussion none. Mr Christensen - yes, Mr Cooper - yes, Mr Swenson - yes, Mr Clark - yes, Mr Ritter – yes.
- g. **Consider budget adjustments to cover recent expense commitments not in the budget.**
- h. **Treasurer's report concerning the choice of area banks for the loan for spring/summer projects.** mBank has the lowest rate out of 4 responses. Structure differently in order to comply with spending levy appropriately per DOR. Motion by Christensen to approve using mBank as the source for the spring/summer loan 2020; second Cooper. Discussion: Terms of the loan, early payoff with no penalty. Roll call vote: Mr Christensen - yes, Mr Cooper - yes, Mr Swenson - yes, Mr Clark - yes, Mr Ritter – yes.
- i. **Consider accepting transferring the process of updating of the Town's Comprehensive Plan from the Zoning Committee to the Town Board.** Motion by Cooper to table 6i until the next available meeting; second Clark. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Mr Christensen - yes, Mr Cooper - yes, Mr Swenson - yes, Mr Clark - yes, Mr Ritter – yes.
- j. **Approval of 2020-2021 Alcohol Related Licenses.** Motion Cooper to approve the presented 3 operating licenses; second Swenson. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Mr Christensen - yes, Mr Cooper - yes, Mr Swenson - yes, Mr Clark - yes, Mr Ritter – yes
- k. **Cemetery Sexton's Report**
- l. **Fire Chief's Report** January 1, 2020 through May 31, 2020; 66 ambulance calls, 27 fire calls. Payments received \$35,355.98, manpower expense \$27,555.25. Two EMTs are out, department making all calls.
- m. **Treasurer's Report.** Balance General Account as of 05/31/2020: \$25,603.84; Room Tax Account \$22,666.70; Lakes Committee Account \$41,614.13; Skateboard Park Fund \$ 2,849.38; Bike & Hike Trail \$49,280.95; mBank Money Market \$239,156.76; Playground Equipment Fund \$1,502.40; Public Works Equipment Fund \$60,077.79; Fire Department Restricted Account \$60,077.79; Fireworks Donation Account \$1,687.48; Hometown Bank Ambulance Acct \$8,090.95; Fern Ridge Trail Savings \$5,037.61; Road Work Savings \$60,077.79; Community Development Account \$ 110,867.95; Golf Course General Account \$111,566.83; St. Germain Ambulance Fund \$3,641.72; Awassa Trail Fund Savings \$8,228.28; Fire Dept. Donation Account \$41,786.35. Cemetery account is being opened and will be on June balance report.
- n. **Golf Course Update**
- o. **Veteran Memorial update.**
- p. **Payment of Bills.** Motion by Clark to approve bills as presented with additions except 16551 which is made out to Trollan; second Cooper. Discussion none. Roll call vote: Mr Christensen - yes, Mr Cooper - yes, Mr Swenson - yes, Mr Clark - yes, Mr Ritter – yes. Motion by Cooper to pay check 16551; second Swenson. Discussion none. Mr Christensen - yes, Mr Cooper - yes, Mr Swenson - yes, Mr Clark - abstain, Mr Ritter – yes.

q. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve minutes as presented from April 13, 2020 and May 28, 2020; second Cooper. Discussion none. Mr Christensen - yes, Mr Cooper - yes, Mr Swenson - yes, Mr Clark - yes, Mr Ritter – yes.

7. **Report of the Standing Committees**
- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee.**
 - b. **Lakes Committee**
 - c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee**
 - d. **Parks and Recreation Committee**
 - e. **Zoning Committee**
 - f. **Sexually Oriented Business Committee**

8. **Reports from Lake Districts and Other Organizations:**

Break 9:15 to 9:19

Remainder of agenda to be tabled to another meeting.

9. **Next Regular Town Board Meeting Date – Monday, July 13, 2020, 6:30 PM, Community Center Room #4**

10. **Adjourn:** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 9:51 pm

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