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MINUTES SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: November 24, 2020 at 6:45 pm

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:49 pm
- 2 **Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3 **Roll Call, Establish a Quorum:** Jim Swenson, Brian Cooper, Tom Christensen, Tim Clark along with June Vogel clerk in room 4 of Community Center and 1 community member. Marion Janssen Treasurer in attendance via Zoom.us along with 11 community members. Ted Ritter was absent.
- 4 **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Monday, November 24, 2020 before 6:30 pm.
- 5 **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Meeting with DNR Representative concerning the Community Wildfire Protection Committee.** Laura Hayes who works with DNR, Dept of Forestry, Wildland Urban Interface Specialist, presented a program on Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Reviewed causes of wildfires. Laura has started paperwork for grant program for St Germain. Discussion on CWPP collaborative support and planning. Required participants of CWPP – Local government, local FD, DNR including local forester, federal land agencies and county stakeholders. Firewise USA Program is a smaller program which teaches people how to adapt to living with wildfire. Grant funding no longer able to assist with established brush sites. Next grant cycle starts in September 2021.
 - b. **Approval of the Fiber Optic Partnership with ChoiceTel to install Fiber Optic Internet service in the Town of St. Germain.** Budget has been put into agreement with the grant application of \$1,197,850.00 for fiberoptic service throughout the entire town of St Germain. Grant pays 50% and our responsibility is 50% (\$598,925.00). Motion by Christensen to approve the partnership agreement for fiberoptic installation in entire town for the grant program 5-BF-2021; second Cooper. Discussion none. Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Clark – yes. Grant application due by December 6, 2020. Ted from ChoiceTel will know by midJanuary if we are successful.
 - c. **Review of Treasurer Newsletter that will be included in the tax bill.** Newsletter discussed. Request to enhance the St Germain Golf Course paragraph, Swenson to update section and get to Marion for printing. Nice newsletter, talks about and clarifies different town areas.
 - d. **Concerns from an email written to the Board from Mr. Radostits concerning Merkel Road.** Wetlands are part of property the Radostits' own. For the last 2-3 years they have experienced excessive flooding due to water trapped in wetland. Asphalt road is deteriorating. Radostits' have lost 10 trees with another 10-12 trees dying, road condition continuously getting worse due to flooding. No Fish Bay Road is not on radar at this point to be refinished, but some day in the future. Mr Radostits has not been able to reach out to DNR to talk about culvert situation and find out who would be responsible for water shed of wetlands. Something has changed in the last 3 years with the natural watershed to cause this to now happen. Need to get the DNR to come out and look at it and perhaps survey it or compare to statistics, if they watch wetlands and watershed. Not sure what the town can do at this time until DNR presents a plan (if identifiable) to resolve the issue. Motion by Christensen to table this until further information on the wetlands is presented by the DNR and presented to the board; second Cooper. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Mr Swenson – yes, Mr Cooper – yes, Mr Christensen – yes, Mr Clark – yes.
 - e. **Email response when the entire Board is included.** Tim was assigned to do email responses when received for the full board. Response not received from email from Radostits. Tim did not receive that email to the group, found out it was email address of com vs net. Tim will

continue to respond to emails coming in and will reply all so board knows response has gone out, as long as he gets the email.

- f. **Payment of the bills.** Motion by Clark to pay bills as presented with additions from golf course; second Swenson. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Mr Swenson – yes, Mr Cooper – yes, Mr Christensen – yes, Mr Clark – yes.
- g. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Cooper to approve 11/09/2020 Town Board Meeting, 11/18/2020 Elector’s meeting, 11/19 Board of Review and 11/24/2020 6:30 Special Town Board meeting as presented; second Swenson. Discussion none. By roll call vote: Mr Swenson – yes, Mr Cooper – yes, Mr Christensen – yes, Mr Clark – yes.

6. **Adjourn:** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:24 pm

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