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MINUTES REGULAR SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING: May 24, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call, Establish a Quorum:** Kalisa Mortag, Ted Ritter, Tom Christensen, Brian Cooper, Jim Swenson and Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center room 4 with 6 community members. 4 community members attending via Zoom.us.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Saturday, May 22, 2021 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.** Tom Stoltman – representing kids from town re: skateboard park. What can be done to fix it and open it back up? Community kids are willing to help fix, maintain the skate park. Skateboard park is closed due to lack of maintenance. Brian Repenshek – There are a group of kids who use it quite a bit, would like to see some changes/additions. Kalisa - Parks and Recs committee is talking about what we can do, not to take away but rather to fix it. Kalisa interested in talking to the kids to hear their ideas/suggestions.
6. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Fire Chief's Report** April was a busy month. Ambulance calls 19, fire calls 2. Classes going on at the fire department for firefighting 1 training. EMTs getting ready to take national registry test. Officer class took place. Funding received for Blue Jean (similar to Zoom) for remote training.
 - b. **Review River Trail Commission agreement to add Town of Lincoln to the commission. *** Heart of Vilas County trail system currently at 52 miles, looking to more. Town of Lincoln is not willing to join at this time. FORT (Friends of River Trail) helps with maintaining the trail system. Town of Eagle River willing to hold the easements, trail system not at a standstill, for town of Lincoln. GHT has invested over \$80,000 in engineering costs.
 - c. **St. Germain Evangelical Free Church – Service project ideas in town. *** Group of gentlemen looking to do service projects, coming out of COVID. Does the town have any projects for them to do? Mountain Bike trail – brush that path and clear for builder. Walking along parade route. Is there anything in the parks or DPW – potentially helping with painting, other things around town. They want to help out where they can in the communities. Insurance agent said we have to be mindful of liability aspect. Gentleman are mindful of no insurance coverage.
 - d. **Update of the contract with the Chamber for management of Town property rentals. *** Penny and Kalisa had a meeting and went over the entire process. Discussed what the chamber would like to see in the contract vs what the town wants to see. First draft has come back from Garbowicz. Calendar of use can be printed off. Is there a list of nonprofits for no charge to use Community Center, it is stated in Chapter 17 – Community Parks & Buildings Usage. Jeanna collecting rental money on Fridays. Potentially change the term from nonprofit to governmental/community organizations. DPW inspects town properties and stays in contact with the Chamber after use.
 - e. **Approval of the resolution to borrow \$600,000.00 from mBank for the fiber optic installation in town.** Interest payment will have to be put into the budget come 2022, first payment due in February 2022. Motion by Cooper to approve the resolution given to us from mBank for the fiberoptic project (50%) exhibit A resolution dated 05/24/2020 for \$600,000 with an interest rate of 1.98% listing payment schedule for interest only; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - f. **Payment of the bills.** Discussion on payment to ChoiceTel. Paying only 50% of invoices, 50% from grant monies. We will be asking for proof of payment from ChoiceTel. Discussed VISA bill. Motion by Swenson to approve the bills as presented with exception of check 27745; second Cooper. Discussion: Fiberoptic funds to be tracked. By voice vote; all in favor. Motion

by Swenson to approve check 27745; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; 4 in favor, Cooper abstained.

- g. **Approve past meeting minutes.** Motion by Mortag to approve the meeting minutes of May 10, 2021 as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- h. **Continuing discussion of draft, Off-Premises Sign Ordinance.** Motion by Christensen to table any further discussion until June 23, 2021 at 6:30 pm; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- i. **Consider moving Board Meetings to 6 PM.** Start meetings earlier to allow a little more time for completion. Potentially try for June meetings at 6:00 and see if it makes a difference. It is noted that after 2 hours, board and community members start to fade, interest is less. Motion by Cooper that going forward we the start time of town board meetings to 6:00; no second motion failed.
- j. **Approval of liquor related licenses.** Motion by Cooper to approve the liquor related licenses as presented; second Swenson. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.

7. **Department of Public Works - The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper, the Supervisor assigned to oversee the Public Works Department, that may include current projects, proposed new projects, daily workload, purchasing of equipment, concerns about present equipment and future equipment needs.** Yard waste facility is open. Fire department roof – the correct shingles were not received, have since showed up and the incorrect shingles taken away. Roofing crew working on the roof. Potato rock placed under split rail fence. Loader had to have repair work done. Street signs have been received. American flags will be put only on poles with lights on them. Water leak was fixed. Thank you to Mr Stoltman and Mr Cooper for fixing the valve on Saturday. Jim will call St Germain Evangelical Free Church to see if men would be willing to power wash benches at Veteran's Memorial. Areas needing patch on roads in town. Metal scrap bin behind shop, Scharf will pick up when it is full.

8. **Report of the Standing Committees**

- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee** Committee meets again June 1st. Lots of events have been planned for the day. Sponsors have contributed to cover some of the events for kids.
- b. **Lakes Committee** Meet on June 1st. Lakes Management plan starting to address projects/goals.
- c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** Trails are all open. Bridge on highline had some boards that rotted out and they were replaced. Bridge that was repaired and raised last year is doing good. Moved the kiosk at the Chamber near the bike repair work station. Raffle going on, drawing on September 4th, to support Fern Ridge Mountain Bike project.
- d. **Parks and Recreation Committee** May 20th, next June 17th. Veterans Memorial making sure it is ready for celebration on Sunday. Committee will be making recommendations to rebuild skateboard park rather than fixing. Have had community members offer to donate toward skateboard park. Looking at getting a BB hoop up, with lighting. Maintenance of playground, potentially reaching out to former kids, to help clean that up. Plants around sign need to be addressed. Kids will be painting rocks to incorporate into sign area. Cost is \$1500 for 90 yards for chips to be delivered, that gives 3" of depth. Currently playground has 8" of chips. Potential of trimming up tree line by ball park. Pickleball courts – approval for \$200 for them to paint lines on court.
- e. **Zoning Committee** Public hearing on May 13th concerning Premier Powersports application to build a second large storage building, approved. Committee is struggling with coming up with a decision on what to do, if anything, with shipping containers.
- f. **Sexually Oriented Business Committee** Committee is not meeting any longer, temporarily on hold waiting for town board's reaction to draft off premises sign ordinance.

9. **Reports from Lake Districts and Other Organizations** Big St Germain meets on May 26th. Needing to replace 2 committee members.

10. **Closed Session – Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Public Works Department Personnel. (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.** Motion by Christensen to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss Public Works Department Personnel. (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility at 8:27; second Cooper. Roll call vote: Swenson yes, Cooper yes, Christensen yes, Ritter yes, Mortag yes.

11. **Reconvene to Open Session – Reconvene to open session to take such action as the Board deems appropriate, following consideration given in closed session.** Motion by Cooper to reconvene to open session at 9:29; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor. Motion by Christensen that the board move forward with the decision that was made in closed session regarding DPW personnel; second Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.

12. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:30.

* Denotes carryover agenda item from a previous agenda.

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