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MINUTES REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING: December 27, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call to Establish a Quorum:** Kalisa Mortag, Tom Christensen, Brian Cooper, Jim Swenson along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center room 4 with 2 community members with Ted Ritter joining via Zoom along with 9 community members.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Friday, December 24, 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.**
6. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Payment of the bills.** Motion by Mortag to approve the bills as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.
 - b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Cooper to approve the meeting minutes as presented from December 13, 2021 and December 20, 2021; second Swenson. Discussion none. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.
 - c. **Fire Chief Report.** November - 26 ambulance calls and 9 fire calls. Calls are up but quite a few non-transport calls and revenue is down from 2020. New ladder truck update - contract not in place yet until engineering is complete, in line with manufacturing. Update on roof? Progress will stay the way it is for remainder of winter, waiting for response from bonding company. Took delivery on new ambulance and it is operational. Ambulance billing a work in progress, about 3 months out which is the normal cycle.
 - d. **Approve alcohol related license.** Motion by Mortag to approve license as presented with appropriate wait time and publication effective January 5, 2022; second Cooper. Discussion none. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.
 - e. **Adopt revised Chapter 12 – Room Tax ordinance following public comments** Motion by Cooper to adopt revisions to Chapter 12 as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.
 - f. **Review and adopt Chapter 17, Appendix A – User Fees.** Exception of St Germain organizations from folding chairs and table fee set up. Motion by Christensen to approve changes to Chapter 17 Appendix - User Fees with St Germain organizations exempt from user fees; second Cooper. Discussion none. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.

break 7:33-7:36

 - g. **Approve MSA Contract for No Fish Bay Road Drainage.** Contract by MSA reviewed by the board. Opportunity to get second opinion and would not be done until May, will Radostits wait that long? Motion by Christensen to approve MSA services agreement for project named Town of St Germain WI No Fish Bay Road Drainage contingent on acknowledgement from Radostits that this will not be completed until May 2022 and they agree to wait prior to filing any further action against the town ; second Cooper. Discussion none. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.
 - h. **Permission to have a fire at the Fern Ridge Rendezvous event on January 15, 2022.** Event will be held 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Area will be packed down with snow. Motion by Cooper to approve a fire at Fern Ridge rendezvous event in designated area; second Mortag. Discussion none. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.
 - i. **Purchase picnic tables for Fern Ridge parking lot area.** Recommendation to add more picnic tables to Fern Ridge that will be anchored down. Motion by Swenson to purchase 3 picnic tables from Uline with money coming from Community Development; second Cooper. Discussion none. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen to order – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.
 - j. **Purchase infrared trail counters to be used on motorized and non-motorized trail systems.** Discussion by the board. Recommendation for 6 infrared counters for nonmotorized trails and potentially adding additional 4 magnetic counters for ATV/snowmobile trails. Motion by Swenson to purchase 6 infrared trail counters From TrafX with money coming from bike and hike account, not to exceed

\$4500.00 and secure boxes; second Cooper. Discussion: Clarification on cost of the 6 counters. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.

- k. **Approve the St. Germain Room Tax Tourism Development and Promotion Agreement between the Chamber and Town.** Discussion by board of room tax agreement which was sent today by Attorney Bemis. Motion by Christensen that the board approves the SG room tax agreement with the Chamber of Commerce with the corrections to their red lined copy deleting in item C word goal from title and in the last sentence the word goals and goal being changed to commitment and that item 6d is removed in its entirety. Board authorizes the chairman to sign the updated agreement and forward to chamber; second Cooper. Discussion none. By roll call vote; Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Mortag – yes, Ritter – yes.
- l. **Closed Session – Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the St. Germain Room Tax Tourism Development and Promotion Agreement. (e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session.** Taken care of in 7l, closed session not needed.
- m. **Reconvene to Open Session – Reconvene to open session to take such action as the Board deems appropriate, following consideration given in closed session.** Taken care of in 7l, closed session not needed.

- 7. **Department of Public Works – The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper concerning the department.** Plowing is being accomplished. Getting a lot of compliments on how the roads look. Using more sand than normal. Truck bed fixed and truck is back. New truck has plow hitch damage, not sure how it happened. Assembled new chairs.

8. Report of the Standing Committees

- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee** None
- b. **Lakes Committee** Final draft of management plan revision has been approved by DNR, project considered complete.
- c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** Keeping up with grooming at Awassa and Fern Ridge trails. Give Butter signs are up. Lost 2 committee members, now at 5. Bathroom accessible at Fern Ridge. Library has a new book out at Awassa. Fern Ridge has a new sign. Event for Fern Ridge Rendezvous on January 15th.
- d. **Parks and Recreation Committee** Halloween event well received. Lions may not be doing their Halloween event in the future; willing to turn over props to Parks and Rec and donate towards it.
- e. **Zoning Committee** Public hearing for CUP on January 6. January 11 and 12 public hearings on two rezones.
- f. **Sexually Oriented Business Committee** Has not met for many months, waiting to see what happens with sign ordinance.

- 9. **Reports from Lake Districts and Other Organizations** None.

- 10. **Adjourn:** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:38 pm

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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