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MINUTES REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING: January 10, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Tom Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call to Establish a Quorum:** Kalisa Mortag, Ted Ritter, Tom Christensen, Brian Cooper, Jim Swenson along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center room 4 with 8 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, January 8, 2022 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.**

Meg O'Marro introduced herself, she is running for candidacy for Vilas County Branch 2 Circuit Court Judge.

6. **Cemetery Sexton's Report** No burials or plot sales. Received forms from DOT to complete for the potential of another Highway 70 driveway, in the process of completing.
7. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Payment of the bills.** Motion by Mortag to approve the bills as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve the meeting minutes as presented for December 27, 2021; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - c. **Town Budget Adjustments** Adjustments reviewed. Motion by Cooper to approve the town budget as presented; second Swenson. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - d. **Golf Course Budget Adjustments** Adjustments reviewed. Motion by Cooper to approve Golf Course budget as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - e. **Room Tax Budget Adjustments** Discussion by the board. Motion by Cooper to approve room tax budget as presented and modified; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - f. **Community Development Budget Adjustments** Additional adjustments will be made prior to presenting for approval. Motion by Christensen to table until January 27, 2022; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - g. **Consider response from Michael Bartaszewicz, Nakomis Avenue concerning Zoning & Dog Violations.** Bartaszewicz' unable to attend this meeting. Motion by Christensen to table until January 27, 2022; second Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - h. **Approve private road name, Eagle Acres Lane, off of Birchwood Drive.** Motion by Ritter to approve Eagle Acres Lane private road name accessing parcel 24-1141-05; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - i. **Appoint a representative to the Landfill Commission.** Need to have town representation for commission meetings. Motion by Christensen to appoint Cooper as representative to landfill commission; second Ritter. Discussion: None. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - j. **Approve alcohol related licenses.** Motion to approve alcohol related licenses as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - k. **Review banking proposals and determine further action.** Reviewed by Jeanna and the board. Jeanna to reach out for fee clarification of financial institutions for confirmation of expected fees. Motion by Christensen to table for further clarification until January 27, 2022; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - l. **Consider combining two Fire Department related accounts.** Fees no longer waived. Nicolet has \$1000 minimum requirement, if dips below that amount \$10.00 fee charged effective January 1, 2022. Fire chief is okay with combining both accounts. Motion by Christensen to combine the two FD accounts, 1170 and 1220; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - m. **Consider closing fireworks account due to low balance.** Fees no longer waived. Nicolet has \$1000 minimum requirement, if dips below that amount \$10.00 fee charged effective January 1, 2022. Motion by Swenson to close out fireworks account 1180; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - n. **Consider closing playground equipment account due to a low balance.** Fees no longer waived. Nicolet has \$1000 minimum requirement, if dips below that amount \$10.00 fee charged effective January 1, 2022. Treasurer would like to table until next meeting given what was discussed about

playground equipment and Community Development budget. Motion by Swenson to table until January 27, 2022; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.

- o. Authorize the Chairman to sign 2022 Ayers Contract for water monitoring at the closed landfill in Town.** Motion by Cooper to sign the 2022 Ayers Contract for water monitoring at closed landfill; second Swenson. Discussion: Continuation of services. By voice vote; all in favor.
- p. Determine what will be done to Sixteen Road in the event the land sells on either side of the road.** Discussion by board, intention of town for Sixteen Road. No action taken but discussed.
- q. Update on Barracuda email software.** June talked with Barracuda about emails being blocked and asked what can be done to reduce the amount of blocked emails. Barracuda removed DKIM, this is what makes sure emails are not altered, stating this is okay to remove. Emails are also being blocked due to SPF (sender policy framework). There is a hard stop and a soft stop to this. Barracuda suggested removing the soft stop, to see if this changes blocked emails. This may result in more spam. Individuals will monitor emails. June will monitor emails being blocked.
- r. Consider BoBoen Snowmobile Club request to berm up Cemetery Road to block snowmobiles from cutting through the cemetery.** This was blocked prior to this year and currently is a safety issue by having Cemetery road plowed all the way back to DPW. Brian will work with DPW to have the berms put back in place.
- s. Consider Independence Day Committee's recommendation for no backup date for the fireworks display if they are rained out.** Date on contract is Sunday July 3, 2022, no backup date because July 4, 2022 Chrome Fireworks is booked. Town would have to pay \$3400 insurance fee back to Chrome Fireworks if canceled. Motion by Cooper to agree with Independence Day Committee recommendation and authorize chairman's signature on contract; second Swenson. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- t. Deputy Clerk and Treasurer discussion.** Discussion with Jeanna and June on how to facilitate this. More clarification on appointed position and this be a town budget item. Will reach out to WTA for if this can be appointed and paid out of town budget and if this needs an ordinance. No action taken.
- u. Chapter 15 Town Park Rules 15.08 burning second review.** Discussion by board.

8. Department of Public Works – The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper concerning the department.

Truck is back that had damaged hitch. Plow wing ram was hitting taillight assembly on new truck, working with Monroe on how to move forward with this. Plowing is going well.

9. Report of the Standing Committees

- a. Independence Day Celebration Committee** Nothing new to report
- b. Lakes Committee** Nothing new to report
- c. Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** Trails have been groomed at Awassa and Fern Ridge. Event at Fern Ridge on January 15, 2022 from 1 pm to 4 pm for snowshoe and fat tire bike. Candlelight walk at Awassa is February 19, 2022 from 6 pm to 8 pm.
- d. Parks and Recreation Committee** Nothing new to report
- e. Zoning Committee** Nothing new to report
- f. Sexually Oriented Business Committee** Nothing new to report

10. Reports from Lake Districts and Other Organizations River Trail commission – proposal to county to obtain a TAP grant by bridge by Honey Bear, did not go forward. RTP grant still an option. Potential of a county board member on the commission.

11. Adjourn: Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 9:12 pm

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

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