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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: Thursday, May 26, 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:** Jim Swenson, Brian Cooper, Tom Christensen and Ted Ritter along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center room 4 with 5 community members. 2 community members attending via Zoom.us. Kalisa Mortag arrived at 6:44 pm.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that he had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 before 6:30 pm.
5. **Citizens Comments – Citizens are encouraged to share their concerns and ideas with the Board. Please limit your comments to five minutes or less.**

Marion Janssen – Addressed the board with concerns about Canada Goose population control program on Lost Lake, would like on next agenda to address concerns; permits and funding.

Karen Anderson – Vandervort Park packed with geese, excrement is a health hazard.

Marv Anderson – Lost Lake Commissioner, goose issue was addressed at annual meeting and voted unanimously to address the goose population. Lake District has worked with DNR and federal government for this goose population control program.

Joe Domenico – Addressed the board with concerns about continuing effort by Town Lakes committee to establish law enforcement present on lakes, would like on next agenda to address concerns.

6. Discussion/Action Items:

- a. **Charter Spectrum fiber project update.** Tom Christensen has discussed Charter Spectrum project with Jim Tuckwell Chairman of Vilas County Economic Development Corporation. Charter Spectrum has received a federal government grant of rural digital opportunity fund, 100% funded by federal government to bring fiberoptic to 1194 approved addresses in St Germain. There are 1647 addresses identified that are not covered by the grant. Vilas County provided a map to town which identified properties covered by the grant. Motion by Ritter if able to establish a map comparable to the charter Spectrum map showing what Choice Tel is doing in St Germain, to display both maps side by side on town website with explanation of what Choice Tel contract covers and our understanding what Charter Spectrum grant to cover; second Christensen. Discussion: Addresses from Vilas County Economic Development Corporation. Approval from Mr Tuckwell to put on website and showing source. Not comfortable putting on website what we do not have a contract with. By voice vote; 4 to 1.
- b. **Payment of the bills.** Motion by Ritter to approve the bills as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- c. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve the meeting minutes as presented for May 9, 2022 and May 20, 2022 second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- d. **Review status of John Williams Room Tax Collection.** Last communication was June 14, 2021, Attorney Houlihan acknowledged that we have proof where Mr Williams did not pay room tax. We do not know how many bookings this business had in 2019. Ordinance at that time gave authority to audit his records. Property owner has chosen to ignore registering with town, needs to comply by June 30, 2022, also does not have appropriate permit with Vilas County Public Health. Motion by Christensen to table until we have response from county that he has filed the appropriate state lodging license from the county to rent his property; second Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- e. **Review Chamber 1st quarter room tax expenditures.** Discussion by the board. Penny submitted reports which is not what the contract calls for. The town has not received a budget report for 2022 from Chamber. Aware of changes occurring, perhaps meet with Chamber to review what is needed.
- f. **Adopt amendment to Chapter 20.07(D), Town Procedures Ordinance.** Motion by Cooper to table due to typo on chapter number; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- g. **Approval of the MSA Contract for Vandervort Park Pavilion Project.** Discussion by board. MSA to meet with town to determine needs and wants. Work with DNR on shoreline. Lump sum fee is \$15,000 to do preliminary research to build a new pavilion in addition to approximately \$5000 of services not included. Lost Lake District to participate in planning process. Motion by Christensen to

authorize chairman to sign MSA contract for Vandervort Park Pavilion project with anticipated expense of \$20,000 to be paid by future borrowing; second Cooper. Discussion: Update contract to Vilas County. By voice vote; all in favor.

- h. **Approval of the MSA Contract for crack sealing the bike trail.** Contract with MSA to handle bidding process for crack sealing, estimated crack length is 22,000 feet. Approximately 2300 cracks from Town of Sayner to Highway O. Will ask Chamber to participate in expense as part of tourism development. Motion by Christensen to authorize chairman to sign the MSA contract for crack sealing the bike trail with corrections to Vilas County and ask the question if the work can be done after Labor Day or not with contract payment being funded out of room tax account; second Cooper. Discussion: Separate expense out of room tax. By voice vote; all in favor.
- i. **Approval of the part time seasonal crew member position description.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Cooper to approve as presented; second Mortag. Discussion: Need for full time employees, purpose is acknowledgement. By voice vote; all in favor.
- j. **Approval of weekend on-call pay and related budget adjustments as needed.** Discussion by board. DPW support for cemetery and town events. Motion by Ritter to table pending further discussion of another plan; second Swenson. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- k. **Approve addition of Weekend/Holiday on-call section to the DPW Employee Handbook.** Motion by Cooper to table; second Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- l. **Road work on Border Creek Road.** Reviewed by Cooper. Border Creek Road is falling apart now; cold patch is popping out, nothing left to bind to. Brian Pitlik suggested to grind up, and add 4" of crushed aggregate to base. Budgetary estimate of \$75,000 to do about ¾ mile. Discussion by board to do as currently is with gravel or to do as recycled asphalt. Discussion in past about parts of road deteriorating that may need to be moved.
- m. **Approve Tom Stoltman, Brian Cooper, and Jim Swenson to hire a part time seasonal employee for the Department of Public Works.** Motion by Christensen to allow Brian Cooper, Jim Swenson and Tom Stoltman to hire a DPW part time seasonal employee; second Mortag. Discussion: To replace current DPW part time position. By voice vote; all in favor.
- n. **Authorize the Town Chairman to sign the DOT HWY 70 Detour Permit for the Independence Day Festivities on July 3, 2022.** Motion by Christensen to authorize chairman to sign the DOT Hwy 70 detour permit for July 3, 2022; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- o. **First review of changes to Chapter 15 – Town Park Rules** Discussion by board. Motion by Christensen to table until Ritter has opportunity to bring it back incorporated into the ordinance; second Cooper. Discussion: None. By voice vote; all in favor.
- p. **Approval of Foley Tree Service proposal for Veterans Memorial trees.** Reviewed by Kalisa. Discussion by board. Motion by Christensen to approve contract with Foley tree service for trees at the Veterans Memorial with \$3000 from community development; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- q. **Discuss fiber optic work around edge of Veterans Memorial and who is responsible for cleanup.** Dug up on right away, who is responsible for reseeding. Companies come back to site to finish ground restoration.

7. Adjourn: Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 9:05 pm

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