

TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN
OFFICE OF THE CLERK
P.O. BOX 7
ST. GERMAIN, WISCONSIN 54558
www.townofstgermain.org

MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: June 13, 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, Ted Ritter and Kalisa Mortag along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center room 36 with community members. 6 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, June 11, 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.**

Marion Janssen – Brief encounter with a young lady driving around subdivision, with Spectrum Charter; checking out area, marking lots. Goal is to provide internet to every property north of Rhinelander in the next couple of years.

6. **Cemetery Sexton's Report** January 1, 2022 account balance at \$77,896.20 and now is \$80,721.34. \$1150.00 transferred to DPW for limb/branch cleanup and chipping, burials and grass cutting. Since last report 1 full size burial and 6 cremation burials. Spring cleanup started by church volunteers, has not been completed. Stakes on west side of cemetery near tree line have disappeared.
7. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Lakes Committee Boat Patrol Program** On agenda from citizen's comment at previous meeting. No decision will be made at this meeting. Boat patrol program was brought to Lake Districts at annual meetings in 2021. Information was confusing that was put out prior to lake Districts meetings. Concerns about how vote was taken; a whole family cannot vote. Only property owner/name on deed. Town Lakes Committee made up of representatives from each lake district and association. Clarification on town board representatives serving as commissioners.

Why was Lakes Committee developed? Purpose of Lakes Committee is to pool the resources available to individual lakes and resources from the town and accomplish for the good of all lakes, what an individual lake may never be able to undertake; collective effort.

Factual information will be prepared and forward to Lake Districts and decide whether to go forward to annual meetings.

Gerald Ritter gave recap of Operation Dry Water Boat Patrol program.
 - b. **Lost Lake Canada Geese Population Control Program** John Eckerman Lake District Chairman for Lost Lake reviewed steps of program and what has been done for geese control. Canada Geese program is been a two year process for Lost Lake. Working with USDA and DNR on appropriate steps to be taken.
 - c. **Payment of the bills** Motion by Cooper to pay bills as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - d. **Approval of past meeting minutes** Motion by Swenson to approve meeting minutes of May 26, 2022 as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - e. **Approve alcohol related license(s)** Motion by Ritter to approve alcohol licenses as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
 - f. **ChoiceTel Fiber Project Update** Working on a map that will be able to be on ChoiceTel website to see progress. Will send out Constant Contact and link on website when available.

- g. **Public Comments and adoption of Chapter 10 – Citations, Code of Ordinances** No public comments received. Motion by Ritter that Chapter 10 - Citations, Code of ordinances be adopted; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- h. **Approve for adoption, revisions to Chapter 15 – Town Park Rules, Code of Ordinances** Motion by Cooper to approve for adoption, changes made to Chapter 15 - Town Park Rules, Code of Ordinances; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- i. **Adopt revisions to Chapter 29 – Town Procedures, Code of Ordinances** Discussion by board. Motion by Swenson to adopt Chapter 29 - Town Procedures Code of Ordinances; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- j. **Room Tax budget adjustments** Motion by Ritter that the 2022 Lakes Committee allocation of \$15,000 will not be needed this year, request room tax budget be adjusted appropriately; second Cooper. Discussion: Go to unallocated funds. By voice vote; all in favor.
- k. **St. Germain Chamber Quarterly & Yearly Reports** First quarter actual and budgeted amounts presented. Correction on contract to include carry over monies and how they are spent. Town board will put forward an amendment to the contract to reflect this. Important to see the different categories that money is spent in.

8. **Department of Public Works – The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper concerning the department.** Broom and blower are back together. Doing brushing and chipping. Truck #3 broke down and is at Midstate Truck. Street signs were stolen and/or vandalized; southeast side of town. DPW part time position on Indeed.com. Veteran’s Memorial – splattering of concrete onto memorial bricks being addressed, electric wires have been addressed by electrician, sprinkler system being addressed, topsoil will be brought in to replant plants. Ross Lake Road full of potholes and needs gravel and scraping.

9. **Report of the Standing Committees**

- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee** Town website is updated, shows events planned for July 3rd.
- b. **Lakes Committee** No report
- c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** Fern Ridge continuing to make trails, anticipating to be done by end of June weather permitting. Will be discussing/addressing signage for safety. Applying for Chamber grant for pavilion, bathroom, etc. Grand Opening middle of July of bike trails are open. Trail counters are out on all 3 trail systems.
- d. **Parks and Recreation Committee** Fitness Center has been updated. Keypad for fitness center. Received about 350 responses back from survey. Moving forward with pickle ball being done on tennis court, approximately \$4500.00 to complete. Received interest from people wanting to be on committee. Vandervort Park, light and posts previously discussed have not yet been addressed. Bleachers at Vandervort and in town need to be repainted. MSA update for Vandervort Park, would like a meeting for needs and desires. Include Lost Lake Association members.
- e. **Zoning Committee** Busy with meetings. Condo plats, CUP applications.

10. **Reports from Lake Districts and Other Organizations** River Trail Commission information has been put out on the towns website including minutes, agendas and some history.

11. **Closed Session – Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the Fire Department roof replacement contract and the Radostits Claim against the Town. (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. (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved.** Motion by Christensen at 9:15 to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the Fire Department roof replacement contract and the Radostits Claim against the Town. (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. (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Discussion none. By roll call vote; second Cooper. Discussion none. Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Ritter – yes, Mortag – yes.

Break 9:15-9:24

12. 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 at 9:59 to reconvene to open session to take such action as the Board deems appropriate, following consideration given in closed session; second Swenson. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.

Motion by Cooper to authorize the chairman to proceed with the change order as discussed with MSA Engineering; second Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.

13. Adjourn Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:00 pm

Town Clerk

Chairman

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor

Supervisor