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**MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: August 8, 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 in room 4 with 8 community members. There were 3 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, August 6, 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.**

Phil Monday – What are limits for ATV/UTV out of 35 mph zone down Hwy 70. Highway use of ATV/UTV ends where 35 mph speed zone stops. Driving on Hwy 70 is in violation and up to Sheriff or State Patrol to monitor.

Marv Anderson – Pleased that town has continued to keep yard waste facility open. Happy with the changes and updates to the fitness room. Asking to find a way for the piece of equipment to be placed in fitness room that worked the legs. Thanked Kalisa and committee for working with school district to obtain the equipment.

- 6. Cemetery Sexton's Report** Had 2 cremation burials since last report. Looking to purchase a metal detector to find new ground markers. Transferred \$890.00 to DPW for grass cuttings and burials.
- 7. Discussion /Action Items:**
  - a. Report from Vilas County Land and Water Department concerning the stream crossing survey for the Town of St Germain.** Jacob Piper from Vilas County Land and Water Department gave report on Stream Crossing inventory.
  - b. Whitetail Country Club LLC Contract with the Town for the Pro Shop Rental.** Discussion by the board. Notification is still in effect. Motion by Cooper to acknowledge the reassignment of the Golf Course Pro Shop lease; second Mortag. Discussion: Current contract ends April 30, 2023. Need to have discussion of renegotiation of contract. By voice vote; all in favor.
  - c. Payment of the bills.** Motion by Mortag to approve bills as presented with exception of 28254; second Swenson. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor. Motion by Mortag to approve 28254 as presented; second Swenson. Discussion none. By voice vote; 4 yes, 1 abstain.
  - d. Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Mortag to approve minutes of July 28, 2022 as presented; second Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
  - e. Spectrum fiber installation project update.** Employee in charge of construction in area for Spectrum came in and talked to Tom Christensen. Tom explained what he found out. Funding from federal government grant and Spectrum is also investing funds. Focusing on 5 main town roads and roads going off of those roads. Spectrum will be sending out notices out to sign residents up.
  - f. ChoiceTel fiber installation project update.** ChoiceTel is at South Bay Road and roads off of South Bay, hooking up east and southern part of town.
  - g. Review Chamber 2nd Quarter Room Tax Expenditures.** Chamber will be working on this next week and will be getting it to the town.
  - h. Approval for Chairman and Clerk to sign Peterson Road Easement Agreement.** Discussion by the board. Attorney Garbowicz will then get property owners to sign agreement to make appropriate changes to the deed amendment after appropriate town signatures. Motion by Christensen that chairman and clerk have authority to sign easement agreement for Peterson

Road produced by Attorney Garbowicz; second Cooper. Discussion: Property owners are positive and realize this is what needs to be done. By voice vote; all in favor.

- i. **Review and approve first amendment to the Joint Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement.** Discussion by the board. Project known as River Trail Civic Commission Agreement. Bringing on a member from Cloverland and a member from the county. Motion by Cooper to approve first amendment, Joint Intergovernmental Cooperation agreement; second Swenson. Discussion: Each township has their own page to sign. By voice vote; all in favor.
- j. **Approval for a Maintenance Shed purchase at Fern Ridge and schedule an Electors Meeting to approve Building Purchase.** Discussion by the board. Shed would be funded partially by Chamber grant and additional funds will come out of Bike and Hike account. Motion by Christensen that the board calls a Special Electors meeting for August 25, 2022 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of seeking approval for a storage shed to be placed out at Fern Ridge recreation area to be used to house grooming equipment and miscellaneous tools and being funded by a grant from the chamber and also fundraising from nonmotorized trail committee; second Cooper. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- k. **Review and Approve Changes to the Room Tax Budget.** Discussion by board and Jeanna. Almost everyone has been reported, there is a drop from last year but still up from prior years. Motion by Cooper to approve revised room tax budget as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- l. **Appointment of Sue Kessro to the Housing Authority Board for another Term starting 09/01/2022.** Christensen had not reached out to Sue to see if she was willing to do another term with the Housing Authority. Motion by Cooper to table; second Swenson. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.
- m. **Approve the purchase of a winter groomer for the Fat Tire Bike Trails.** Discussion by board. Funding would come out of Chamber grant and fundraising. Motion by Christensen to approve the purchase of twin track Snowdog with sled and sled seat for approximately \$6300.00 to be paid by Chamber grant and nonmotorized trail committee funds; second Ritter. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one negative vote by Mortag.
- n. **Approve purchase of Equipment only for WIFI in the park.** Discussion by the board. If equipment would be purchased now is it approximately \$10,375 and would hedge against inflation and supply line problems. There would be another approximate \$10,000 for project completion. Completion would involve ChoiceTel, Computer Success and an electrician to install. Motion by Cooper to allocate up to \$10,500 to purchase WIFI electronic equipment from the park using Community Development funds; second Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.

8. **Department of Public Works – The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper concerning the department.** Mowing, shouldering Old 70, roadside mower needing repairs. Zoning signs coming into town were removed. New employee ended employment on his first day.

9. **Report of the Standing Committees**

- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee** Did a wrap up of event, reconvene in November to start planning for 2023.
- b. **Lakes Committee** Nothing to report.
- c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** Saturday August 13 is event out at Fern Ridge. Ribbon cutting at 10:00 am. Weather projected to be nice, projecting a big crowd. Raffle tickets can be purchased.
- d. **Parks and Recreation Committee** Committee met today and welcomed new members. New mulch has been ordered to be delivered week of September 12<sup>th</sup>. DPW will be doing removal and spreading of mulch. Pickle ball lines will be painted in September. Trees were planted in Veteran's Memorial, working on fencing to keep deer off the trees. Working on elimination of Japanese beetles Fitness center coming together. Halloween event being planned for October.
- e. **Zoning Committee** No report.

10. **Reports from Lake Districts and Other Organizations** Big Saint met last Monday and approved agenda for annual electors meeting, water patrol not on agenda. Little Saint met and approved agenda for annual meeting, approved budget and gathered newsletter information.

11. **Closed Session – Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the Radostits lawsuit and the Benson claim against the Town. (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise**

**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 8:10 pm to convene to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (e) (g) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss the Radostits lawsuit and the Benson claim against the Town. (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advise concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved; second Cooper . Discussion none. By roll call vote: Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Ritter – yes, Mortag – yes.

Break 8:10 – 8:15

- 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 8:48 pm 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 Christensen to follow the advice of attorney Dan Varline hired by the insurance company; second Ritter. Discussion none. By voice vote; all in favor.

- 13. Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:50 pm

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