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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: October 10, 2022

1. **Call to Order:** Mr Christensen called the meeting to order at 6:32 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 June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center in room 4 with 8 community members. Jeanna Vogel town treasurer was absent. There were 3 community members attending via Zoom.us.
4. **Open Meeting Verification:** Mr Christensen noted that Mr Ritter had posted the meeting agenda at three locations in town on Saturday, September 10, 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.**

Lou DeCremer – Asking if there is an ordinance to avoid clear cutting up to frontage on Hwy 70. This would be a question to direct to DOT.

6. **Fire Chief's report** July had 44 ambulances calls and 10 fire calls. August had 38 ambulance calls and 10 fire calls. September numbers are not available. In July was short crews, needed mutual aid. New well is needed at fire department, estimate is \$70,000.00; band-aid mode estimate is \$35,000.00 and may get another 5 years of use. Roberts Well Company recommending fixing correctly now. Will discuss further at October 20, 2022 meeting where funding will come from.
7. **Discussion /Action Items:**
 - a. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Ritter to approve the meeting minutes of September 22, 2022 as presented; second Swenson. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and on abstention by Cooper.
 - b. **Payment of bills** Motion by Swenson to pay the bills as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - c. **Review draft Road Maintenance Plan** Discussion by board of road maintenance plan to extend the life of town roads. Will bring back to include maintenance of gravel roads with increase of levy by \$200,000.
 - d. **Appointment replacement for balance of Jon Strom's term on the Zoning Committee** Jon Strom will be vacating due to moving out of area with approximately half his term left to fill. There were 4 parties who expressed interest. Ritter recommending Beverly Przybylski to the balance of Jon Strom's present term. Motion by Christensen to follow the recommendation of Ritter to appoint Beverly Przybylski to the remaining term of Jon Strom's term on the zoning committee, expiring April 2024; second Ritter. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - e. **Review Chapter 15 park hours** Discussion by board. Ordinance states park closure from 10:00 pm to 5:00 am and signs say closure 11:00 pm to 5:00 am. Motion by Cooper to change Chapter 15 Town Park Rules from closure at 10:00 pm to 11:00 pm; second Mortag. Discussion: None. The motion passed unanimously.
 - f. **Review Vilas County Outdoor Recreation Plan update** Discussion by the board. Motion by Christensen to approve the Vilas County Outdoor Recreation Plan as presented with changes as discussed; second Cooper. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - g. **Approve letter concerning alleged Chapter 2 – Motor Vehicle Public Road Access violation** Discussion by the board. Motion by Ritter that the draft letter concerning the violation of the Motor Vehicle Public Road Access be approved with the town chair signing the letter; second Swenson. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

- h. **Approve letter to residents along Old 70 regarding River Trail plans** Discussion by board. Will come back with a revised letter. Motion by Swenson to table; second Cooper. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- i. **Approve golf course budget adjustments** Discussion by the board. Motion by Christensen to approve golf course budget adjustments as presented with changes as discussed; second Cooper. Discussion: None. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- j. **Consider rescheduling/canceling November 24 (Thanksgiving) town board meeting** Discussion by board. Meeting rescheduled to Monday, November 28 at 6:30.

8. **Department of Public Works – The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper concerning the department.** DPW getting ready for winter. Graded and added gravel to roads. Made turn abouts for plowing on Lullaby, Paradise and Memorial; talked to property owners about putting snow on their property and have removed some trees. Beaver causing problems at a culvert. Fall shut down in progress; bathrooms, porta a potties, dumpsters. Frost tubes on to do list. Cemetery fall clean up on to do list. Incident in Leisure Estates with Lakeland Disposal causing an accident of gasoline leakage. DNR has been involved and notified Lakeland Disposal this was their responsibility to address correctly.

9. **Report of the Standing Committees**

- a. **Independence Day Celebration Committee** Meet again in November.
- b. **Lakes Committee** No report.
- c. **Non-Motorized Recreational Trails Committee** Trails are all usable. Fern Ridge shed scheduled for arrival next week.
- d. **Parks and Recreation Committee** Open House October 12 from 10 am -12 pm and 4 pm – 6 pm; fitness center, pickle ball, veteran’s memorial, playground. Working on October 28th Halloween event; Lions helping with event. Trick or Treating October 31 from 4:00-7:00.
- e. **Zoning Committee** New committee member. Two CUPs scheduled for October 25.

10. **Reports from Lake Districts and Other Organizations** Little Saint had special electors to change from 3 commissioners to 5. Next meeting October 18th. No other reports.

11. **Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:44 pm

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