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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: January 9, 2023

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, Kalisa Mortag and Ted Ritter along with Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and June Vogel town clerk are in Community Center in room 4 with 14 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, January 7, 2023 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.**
6. **Cemetery Sexton's Report** Sexton candidates were notified. Alex Jones accepted position effective May 1, 2023. Ted and June to work on cemetery ordinance.
7. **Fire Chief's Report** October 34 ambulance calls, 1 fire call. November 29 ambulance calls, 5 fire calls. December 21 ambulance calls, 2 fire calls. Total calls for 2022 is 384. Have had to rely on mutual aid for some calls. Two new EMTs passed national registry, this should help cover calls. No injuries from truck from mishap of Sunday. Northstar is going over the truck to assess for damages.
8. **Discussion/Action Items:**
 - a. **Meeting agenda changes.** Discussion by chairman. Committee reports moved to second meeting of month, will help balance length of meetings. Will also be adding project updates as a subject line which will be listed monthly until project is complete.
 - b. **Payment of the bills.** Motion by Swenson to approve bills as presented; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - c. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Ritter to approve December 29, 2022 minutes as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - d. **Projects Update**
 1. **Peterson Road** Process is currently with Mr Garbowicz and changing of the deeds. Getting close for MSA to bring back a quote for the second phase.
 2. **Sixteen Road** Title Company is determining owner of property and if there is a road right away.
 3. **Fiber Optic** Both companies have been asked for a year end update, how far along they are, 2023 projection and how many people are signed up. Have not heard back from ChoiceTel or Spectrum.
 4. **Road maintenance Program** List of roads not present at meeting. Will take Brian Pitlik out to see roads to determine what repairs need to be done prior to chip sealing. Working on opening account from Peoples for Road Maintenance Program.
 5. **Fire Department High Volume Well** MSA was contacted to help with well bidding process, engineering and they did find there was grant money available through federal government. Grant was submitted end of December. Cannot start any aspect of project until underwriting of grant is complete.
 6. **WIFI in Town Community Park Area** Equipment is here. Continue to hold off on WIFI in park area until all residents in town have fiber optic installation. Could another contractor lay the cable in town park? The community park is not part of the ChoiceTel Fiber Optic grant project. Christensen will check to see if other contractors are available.
 7. **New Streetlight – Veteran's Drive & Hwy 70** Engineering time is 3-4 weeks. No charge for installation, monthly charge anywhere from \$22.00-\$27.00. Will be looking at location for lightpole January 10, 2023.

- e. **Proposed change of the town email over to a “.gov”** Discussion on name of emails; personal name vs town board position. Would not have to charge to change emails as board position change. There would be more anonymity with emails sent as board position vs names associated to email. Motion by Ritter that the .gov email addresses keep identity of individuals as they are now; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote with four votes in the affirmative and one negative vote by Cooper.
- f. **Golf Course 2022 final budget numbers.** Informational.
- g. **Golf Course 2023 budget adjustments** 2023 budget changes discussed. Motion by Christensen to approve the adjustments to golf course 2023 budget; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- h. **Town 2022 final budget numbers** Informational.
- i. **Town 2023 budget adjustments** 2023 budget changes discussed. Discussion by board. Motion by Swenson to approve adjustments to the town 2023 budget; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- j. **2023 Room Tax Budget** Treasurer sent out preliminary budget. Discussion by the board.
- k. **2023 Community Development Budget** Treasurer sent out preliminary budget. Discussion by the board.
- l. **Golf Course pro shop lease** Topic needs to be discussed in closed session, will be added to January 26, 2023. Motion by Cooper to table for closed session at January 26, 2023 meeting; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- m. **Approve private road name – Eagle View Resort Drive** Motion by Christensen to approve Eagle View Resort Drive as private road; second Swenson. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- n. **Approve alcohol related license(s)** Motion by Cooper to approve alcohol related license as presented; second Mortag. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- o. **Sanction 2023 Hiller’s Radar Run** Discussion by board. Motion by Christensen that the town sanction the 2023 Hiller’s Radar Run including: 1. The snowmobile trail from Hearthside to Thunderbird Pass including the lake access spur from said trail to Little Saint Germain Lake through Little Saint Express and Cathy's Ice Cream property. 2. The Snowmobile Trail from St. Germain Rentals to Arrowhead Groomers including the lake access spur from said trail through Elbert’s Resort. 3. The West Half of West Bay on Little St. Germain Lake. 4. The marked trails crossing Little St Germain within 100' of the barrels/lake markers used to cross the lake; second Cooper. Discussion none. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- p. **Request from Hiller’s Radar Run to use town signs/barrels/cones/barricades** Discussion by board. Motion by Christensen that Hiller’s Radar Run is allowed to use town signs/barrels/cones/barricades for 2023 Hiller’s Radar Run; second Cooper. Discussion: DPW will inventory signs/barrels/cones/barricades. The motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- q. **Constant Contact update and expansion of notices going out** Discussion by the board. Ted reviewed data, amount of contacts is increasing. Ted will send out as information is given to him.
- r. **International Plow Truck replacement** Discussion by board. This plow truck is 2008. Lead-time is a year (+/-) out. Important to obtain feedback from DPW employees on pros and cons of Freightliner and Western trucks to spec out project. Town projects account has balance of \$48,000 and this could be used to tentatively commit as down payment. Discussed if third truck is needed. Does current loader need to be included in 5 year plan.

9. **Department of Public Works – The Board will hear a report from Brian Cooper concerning the department.** Contracted for wiring in community center, electrical problems currently resolved. Formed up ice rink. No update on yard waste facility on when chipping will start. Part time employee started. Thank DPW crew members for going out on New Year’s Eve to sand the roads.

10. **Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 8:34 pm

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Chairman

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