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MINUTES TOWN BOARD MEETING: January 25, 2024

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 June Vogel town clerk, Jeanna Vogel town treasurer and Jenn Jones deputy clerk/treasurer are in Community Center in room 4 with 12 community members. There were 7 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 Wednesday, January 25, 2024 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 – Letting board know people are talking about the town looking for feedback on whether or not a lighting ordinance is needed.

6. **Discussion /Action Items:**

- a. **Approval of town bills for payment.** Motion by Mortag to approve town bills as presented and the addition to Glatfelter; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- b. **Approval of past meeting minutes.** Motion by Swenson to approve the meeting minutes of January 8, 2024; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- c. **Status of ChoiceTel contract.** Process has started, not sure when state audit will happen.
- d. **Continuing discussion concerning Sixteen Road and Buck Inn Way Road, are they Town roads.** Discussion by board. Wisconsin DMV records from 1941 indicates Sixteen Road with description of road starting on 155 and ending on Big St Germain Drive. Nothing has been found that the town vacated or discontinued this road. Motion by Christensen to accept Sixteen Road from Big St Germain Drive to Hwy 155 as a town road; second Cooper. Discussion: Will verify if resolution is required to be on WISLR report. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously. Christensen will check into expense to have this surveyed and recorded on deeds.

Discussion by board. Records indicate Buck Inn Way Road is a town road. Motion by Cooper that the town acknowledges that the piece of Buck Inn Way from north of Ed Gabe's property line to West Lost Lake Road is a town road; second Mortag. Discussion: Does not include Buck Inn Way that goes into Ed Gabe's property. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously. Christensen will check into expense to have this surveyed and recorded on deeds. Will also verify if resolution is required to be on WISLR report.

- e. **ARPA funds expenditures and Stewardship funds for Town projects.** MSA could work with us on stewardship funding; waiting to hear what that cost would be. Tom Stoltman does not have any budgetary numbers for projects discussed for use of reallocation of ARPA funds.
- f. **Town and Golf Course final budget numbers.** Reviewed by board.
- g. **Approve 2024 Town budget changes.** Discussion by board. Motion by Mortag to approve 2024 town budget changes as presented; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- h. **Approve 2024 Golf Course Budget changes.** Discussion by board. Motion by Cooper to approve 2024 golf course budget changes as presented; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- i. **BoBoen request for Room Tax funds.** Requesting \$15,000 from room tax. Motion by Cooper to grant \$15,000 from Community Development for BoBoen equipment; second Ritter. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- j. **Approve 2024 Room Tax Budget.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Mortag to approve room tax budget as presented; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
- k. **Approve 2024 Community Development Budget.** Discussion by the board. Motion by Mortag to approve community development budget with changes as discussed; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.

- l. **Michael Harris delinquent tax Payment.** Looking for Mr Harris to pay this, he is out of town until May 1, 2024.
 - m. **Approve alcohol related licenses.** Discussion by board. Motion by Mortag to approve alcohol related license as presented; second Cooper. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - n. **Zoning Committee Member change.** Motion by Christensen to remove Brian Cooper from zoning committee and replace with Paul Novorolsky effective immediately; second Ritter. Discussion: Mr Christensen explained why this was taking place. The zoning committee has not had a vote in this change. The motion passed with three in the affirmative, one negative vote by Mortag, one abstention by Cooper.
 - o. **Report on January 15, 2024, WTA – Vilas Chapter Meeting.** Ritter had attended meeting, with approximately half the county towns in attendance. Reviewed discussion items. Looking for a new chair for the Vilas County Chapter. Encouraged board members to attend these meetings.
 - p. **Change snowplow policy to 2” – any day of the week.** Discussion by board. Motion by Ritter to table; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - q. **Consider increasing the Room Tax rate.** Discussion by the board and Chamber board members. Motion by Mortag to table until second meeting in February; second Swenson. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
 - r. **MSA contract for the Golf Course high volume well.** Discussion by the board. Agreement from MSA is \$14,000. Motion by Cooper to approve MSA professional services agreement for \$14,000 coming out of Golf Course account; second Mortag. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
7. **Adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the consin Statutes to discuss employee wages and benefits for the upcoming year 2024. (c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility.** Motion by Christensen at 8:42 to adjourn to closed session in accordance with Section 19.85 (1) (c) of the Wisconsin Statutes to discuss employee wages and benefits for the upcoming year 2024; Ritter. Discussion: None. By roll call vote: Swenson – yes, Cooper – yes, Christensen – yes, Ritter – yes, Mortag – yes.
8. **Reconvene to open session to take such action as the Board deems appropriate, following consideration given in closed session.** Motion by Mortag at 9:19 to reconvene to open session; second Swenson. Discussion: None. Motion passed by voice vote unanimously.
9. **Adjourn** Mr Christensen adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm.

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