

May 4, 2011

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town office. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. Forbes was absent. The meeting was officially noticed.

Passineau made a motion to accept the minutes for April 20, 2011. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Connie Nelson, 3930 Ranger Road, requested a new business permit for renting storage space. The building has not been built yet on the property. According to the Comprehensive Plan that the board established several years ago, the property is classified as Rural Residential with development constraints. The board would like to stick with the plan that is in place currently and denied the request for the business permit.

Roy Ferkey spoke to the board about his interest to create a retirement community. He would like the parcel to be smaller than the 1 acre requirement that the Town currently requires. In the preliminary plan, the community would have 1 septic system for 2 lots and 1 well for 8 houses. He would own the property and the resident would own the house. It would be the same as a mobile home park, only with condominiums. The board is interested in the extra revenue that it would bring to the Town. The board will table the discussion and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

The board would like to know who owns the property on Evergreen Road, where the house was burned quite sometime ago. They would like to know what the plans are for the house. Information will be gathered for the next meeting.

Connie Nelson, 3950 Ranger Road, was concerned about the water on the road. The water table in that part of Town is high, and the water table has been up recently. Several people have been having problems with water this year. The board stated that some people on the road did receive grant money several years ago to raise their basements because of the known water problem. The Town's responsibility is the road right-of-ways. The water is flowing thru the culverts like it is supposed to be. The Town can not ditch thru the woods for the creek, and doubts the DNR will let the Town ditch it. According to the State Statutes the land owner is responsible to clean the creek beds.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. McGinnis's case has been cancelled. Jesse Scheid has an excessive amount of tires outside on the property again. He will be sent a citation immediately, since the Town has been dealing with the property for many years.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. A resident called about the speed limit on Ranger Road. The Town is only able to drop the speed limit to 45 mph on a town road, which the Town has done. In order to get the speed limit lower, the state has to do a study on the road involving the traffic count, accidents and deaths.

Christine Zurfluh spoke to the board about her concern of the loud outdoor music that the bars have during the summer. The Town board has received too many complaints to ignore the outdoor music problem. The board has looked into ordinances. The concern is who is going to enforce the ordinance. The board will look into a permit that has to be obtained before an outdoor band will be allowed.

Passineau made a motion to pay the bills. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Correspondence was read.

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk