

November 20, 2019

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town office. Acting Chairman Forbes called the meeting to order. Rickaby was absent. The meeting was officially noticed on November 18, 2019.

Heeg made a motion to approve the minutes for the November 6, 2019 closed and regular Town Board meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Grand Rapids Fire Department was not present to discuss the contract with the Town.

Passineau made a motion to approve the County Plat for Quinn Properties. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Two quotes were received for grinding the brush at the temporary holding site at the closed landfill at 12799 Hollywood Road. Lambert Forest Products quote is for 7 hours of work at \$725/hour. Kafka Land Clearing quoted a price of \$1500 for grinding all the brush. Both businesses would be taking the ground brush to the Rothschild Biomass Plant to be used to generate energy.

Passineau made a motion to accept the contract for Kafka Land Clearing for \$1500. The work would need to be finished by January 31, 2020. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to set the Deputy Clerk's wage to \$15/hour. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to allow the Club Scout pack 178 use the Town Hall free of charge as long as a cleaning person isn't needed afterward. They have used the hall many years in the past and they have always cleaned up afterwards so a cleaning person wasn't needed. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to grant the operator's license for Jenna Kleifen. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. Dennis Trickle has made progress on cleaning his property. He would like to request an extension to continue the clean-up. The Board extended his clean-up plan to May 1, 2020.

Allen Thurber has cleaned the high lines on Church Avenue.

Troy Durst on Hillcrest Avenue has cleaned up his property.

Ken VanStedum on Ranger Road has removed cars, but has around six cars left on the property. He is still not in compliance. A ticket was sent.

Trial for Arnold Strangfeld will be held at 9AM on November 22nd.

A letter was received with a complaint about items in violation of the nuisance ordinance at the end of Esox Trail.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer report. Tax bills will be sent out in mid-December. They can also be viewed and printed out from the Wood County Treasurer's website.

Passineau discussed the progress on 64th Street ditches. The culvert under Ahles Avenue was replaced. All other existing culverts were cleaned out where needed. A letter was sent to the owner of the property at 7941 64th Street informing them they will need to install at least a 15" culvert under their driveway. The DNR will not allow the Town to divert the water in the wetlands from the direction it naturally flows. Wood County will be doing elevations on Ranger Road so ditch work can be done in the spring.

Bill Leichtanam would like the buffer areas to be considered in the developer's agreement with Savion, so

the fencing wouldn't be so visible through the rows of pine trees. There hasn't been an end date set for the agreement. The Board would like the developer's agreement to be in place before any trees are cut or construction started on the project.

The first Wednesday in January is the 1st. That meeting will be cancelled. The only meeting in January will be the 15th unless something important comes up for a special meeting to be called.

There will be no Plan Commission meeting in December.

The Plan Commission needs to find an alternate member. The alternate would need to attend the meetings, but would only vote if a regular member was not present at the meeting.

Forbes worked with the Wisconsin DOT to get the Town of Saratoga added to the Wisconsin map. Town of Saratoga unincorporated signs should be posted on roads coming into the Town in mid-December.

Correspondences were read.

Since our assessed value is down to 84%, the Town will have to get a re-evaluation done. The assessor will do the work in the fall of 2020 and spring of 2021. The amount for the re-evaluation will be \$64,000.

Frank made a motion to approve the bills paid. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk