

March 17, 2021

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. Doug Passineau was absent. The meeting was officially noticed on March 12, 2021.

Carrell made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 3, 2021 meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Lori Jacobitz, for Lori and Friends Catering, discussed the possibility of renting the Town hall kitchen in order to make food for her business. Lori would pay for the work to upgrade the kitchen in order to be in compliance with the Wood County Health Department. She would purchase any equipment she would need and place any equipment and kitchen items she would not need in the hall basement. Lori requested a two year contract with a 60 day written notice by either party to end the contract for any reason. Lorelei Fuehrer, the Building Inspector, would like a building permit pulled for any remodeling that would need to be done. Heeg made a motion to allow Chairman Rickaby and Billie-Jo Kester to meet with Lori to get the rental of the kitchen started. McDonald Seconded it. Motion passed.

Bill Leichtnam gave a presentation covering the REDI Grant. Saratoga Parks (SPARKS) Committee has been working on development ideas. Once the grant becomes available, the Town would want to start applying right away.

The Certified Survey Map for David King was tabled until after it has been reviewed by the Plan Commission again.

Carrell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 3-17-21; Amending the Building Code Ordinance 9-7-16A. The amendment is to add a section to cover Camping Units. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-3; Amending the Fee Schedule. Camping unit insignias were added for a fee of \$35 and the word document was added to the Commercial new structures & alterations and additions. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to keep the Transfer site and Brush site hours the same as 2020. The Transfer site will be open the second and last Saturdays from 8AM-2PM and the Brush site will be open the 3rd Saturday each month from 8AM-12PM from April through October. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Compost passes can be purchased from the Saratoga Mini Mart or the Wisconsin Rapids City Garage for \$50. The site will be open in mid-April. Residents can get open dates and hours from wirapids.org.

Chief George Taub from the Town of Rome did a presentation for many municipalities in the area regarding creating a fire district in February 2021. The Town Board is happy with the service the Town is getting from each contracted Fire Department we currently have. Residents currently are benefiting with lower insurance rates since they are within a certain mileage area from one of the three different departments. The City of Nekoosa voted already to not be part of the district. Heeg made a motion to not be part of a newly created fire district as discussed by Chief George Taub. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the options of group health insurance plans for Towns' employees. McDonald made a motion to approve program option 4*/14 with the dental plan. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to approve Resolution for Inclusion Under the Wisconsin Public Employers' Group Health Insurance Program. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-2; Adopting the All Hazards Plan. The plan will allow hazard mitigation actions to be taken before disasters occur and obtain future grant funding to mitigation projects. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Joint Municipal Judge Dave Grace will be moving outside the area, so he will need to resign from the elected position. The Town of Grand Rapids has researched how to fill the vacancy. They approved hiring Judge Grace as the Reserve Judge until the vacancy can be filled at the 2022 Spring Election. The Towns could have a special election before Spring 2022, but they would be responsible for the full cost of the special election. McDonald made a motion to approve Judge Grace's resignation effective April 30, 2021, appoint him as the temporary Reserve Judge, and then fill the vacancy at the regular 2022 Spring Election. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to grant the operator's license for Jessica Luke. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

There was interest from a resident in the community to be part of the Aquatic Center in Wisconsin Rapids. The Town Clerk inquired what the fee would be for the Town to become a partner community. The fee has not changed since their initial letter was sent out in 2020. There would be a one-time construction fee of \$270 per person times the population of 5252; which would be \$1,418,040, and an annual operation fee of \$2.99 per person based on population (5252) for an annual total of \$15,703.48. McDonald made a motion that the Town Board is not interested in partnering at this time. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. The Town is waiting for quotes for insulating the Town hall.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the building inspectors report.

A date will be set for the Board to meet with Josh Volz. He will be replacing Lorelei Fuehrer as Building Inspector after she retires at the end of June. Lorelei will stay on for some time to help Josh with questions and make sure currently pulled permits are completed.

The American Legion Post 442 donated 3 American flags for use by the Town.

McDonald made a motion to pay bills. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to adjourn. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk