

June 9, 2021

The Saratoga Town Board met at 5:00 p.m. in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on June 7, 2021.

Lakeside Fire Campground, 13846 County Road Z, requested a fireworks permit for their 4th of July celebration. They would have a licensed pyrotechnic shooting the fireworks off behind a concrete barrier over Ross Lake. They would provide their insurance paperwork to the Town. Nekoosa Fire Department would have fire trucks at the event. Leichtnam made a motion to grant the fireworks permit for Lakeside Fire Campground for their 4th of July celebration. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Rickaby stated that the Plan Commission would be discussing a fireworks ordinance. He would like them to look at adding the stipulations that requiring fireworks to be shot off by a licensed pyrotechnic, over water, and with fire trucks present.

The Town has received \$861,504.96 due to the MFL withdrawal from the Wood County Solar project. The Board discussed what equipment could be purchased and what work could be completed with this extra money. The money will need to be added to the budget as a revenue, then put in expense categories either to be spent in 2021 or carried over to be used for a specific purchase or project in the future. The Town could use an end loader. Our current loader is 22 years old. When the Roadmen are working on projects, two loaders would allow them to keep one in both locations where they are needed instead of running back a forth with one. Miller Bradford in Marathon has a loader with 115 hours on it that would cost \$154,400. A brand new one would cost \$187,900 equipped with the same upgraded tires. Carrell made a motion to put out an ad to find a new or slightly used end loader. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Another item that the roadmen could use would be a boom truck or trailer lift in order to safely cut trees. The Town will continue to look into these.

Chairman Rickaby stated that the Town has never borrowed money for a piece of equipment. Money has always been set aside in each budget when possible and added to an equipment fund to purchase future equipment needs.

Carrell suggested the Town look at addressing all properties within the Town in order to aid emergency personal in finding addresses where they would be needed.

Kathy Palm, First Responder Chief, stated that they have fifteen defibrillators from 2005 and four from 2016. They would like to get eight new defibrillators to replace some of the 2005 models. It would cost \$19,777.44. They would also need to get four new batteries for their 2016 models at a cost of \$1167.00. That would allow them to have a good defibrillator for each First Responder member. They could also just get twelve new batteries at a cost of \$3,501, but they would still have eight 2005 models that need to be replaced not too far in the future. This purchase of these items will be placed on the next Town Board meeting for discussion and possible approval.

The Town has almost 100 miles of roads. For reconstruction of a road, it has to be ground, gravel added, and asphalted. Each mile costs approximately \$130,000. With the amount the Town is able to budget for roads each year, not many roads can be reconstructed. The extra money could help the Town fix some of the worst roads in the Town. The Board reviewed a list of these roads. The list contained 7.63 miles of road that were rated as 4's on the road rating report. If the Town wanted to work on some of these roads this year, they would need to be bid out fairly quickly, or the money could be put into a reserve fund to be used for the roads next year. If the Town bids out a larger amount of roads, it is possible we could get a better

deal since they wouldn't have to move their equipment so far. Kester Road reconstruction was discussed. Kester Road would be a larger project because the road would need to be moved and curb and gutter may need to be installed. Burns McDonnell may be able to help the Town with engineering on the project.

Leichtnam would like the Board to get a list of needs/wants together to discuss what other projects or things the money could be used towards.

Carrell made a motion to adjourn. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk