

January 5, 2022

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present; Kretschmer by Zoom. The meeting was officially noticed on December 30th, 2021.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Josh Volz gave the Building Inspector's report. There are three new houses in the Town. Josh has had several questions that should be forwarded to the Zoning Administrator. Lorelei Fuehrer's last day was December 31st, 2021. There has been one resume submitted and several other people that have shown interest. Lorelei said that she would be available to stay on until the end of February while the Town continues to look for a person to take her spot. Supervisor Carrell will contact the interested people to set up interviews. Carrell made a motion to contract with Lorelei Fuehrer as the Zoning Administrator for January and February 2022 for \$50 a month and 80% of any fees received by the Town to be payable in December 2022. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Coon gave the Roadman report. There have been some shifting issues with the 2005 truck. Mid-State Trucking is working on it; not sure how long it will take to fix. Doug Passineau has been helping with snowplowing when needed. It helps to shorten the time it takes to do round for each roadman.

Bill Leichtnam gave the SPARKS Committee report. Wood County had done some planning on the parking lot for the Nepco Lake public access. SPARKS would like to get quotes to put in the parking lot. The roadmen will need to see if they would have time in the spring to work on the project. A couple SPARKS members will be meeting with Wood County Planning and Zoning next week.

Heidi Kawleski gave the Clerk's report. There was no paperwork submitted for the joint Municipal Judge for the April election. Leichtnam will ask Peter Kastenholz if he would know of someone that would be interested.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. The first month of tax collection has been completed and the Town has matched with the County. One out of seven invoices that have been given to Burns McDonnell has been paid. They are working on getting the remaining \$8730.01 paid to the Town.

Leichtnam made a motion to approve the minutes of December 15th, 2021. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rickaby would like to discuss positions on the Plan Commission before appointing a new member. The appointment was tabled to the next meeting.

The Board reviewed Town logos created by Botham Ink in different color options. McDonald made a motion to approve the use of a new Town of Saratoga logo. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed whether they would like to continue testing the 10 Town wells for 2022. Data has been taken of samples since 2014. August Mack is doing testing for Wood County Solar in five of the wells within and around the solar array. Kretschmer made a motion that the Town should continue to do our own testing for another year. A quote will be requested from Collier Consulting for 2022. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to approve provisional operator's license for Angel Lucas and the regular operator's licenses for William Elliott and Michele Christy. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Board members gave informational announcements.

Leichtnam stated that a representative from Bug Tussell will be at the next Town Board meeting. He said the Town may want to talk to other providers. Bill talked about Lynn Markham with UW Extension; she has talked at different County meetings.

Rickaby has been contacted by a company that would like to purchase the Towns' cell tower lease. The Town would lose money by accepting a lump sum payment.

North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will be attending the Plan Commission meeting in February.

Leichtnam made a motion to adjourn. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk