

May 18, 2022

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the Town Board Room. Acting Chairman McDonald called the meeting to order. Rickaby was absent. The meeting was officially noticed on May 12, 2022.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public comment:

Dave Carrell would like the one ton truck to have the Town of Saratoga indicated on it.

Tanya Krause inquired if the brush site will be open the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in May.

Ken Alft would like either flags to be installed on the existing stop signs at the intersection of 64<sup>th</sup> Street and Mill Avenue or make the intersection a four-way stop. Carrell checked with Wood County Highway Department and Wood County Sheriff's Department. She requested a 10 year accident report for the intersection. She stated the two departments said to look at reasons for any accidents to see if a stop sign wouldn't have prevented the accident, or whether was human error. She stated that people are trying to look for thru roads and installing more stop signs may add to other problems including noise issues. Kretschmer made a motion to put flags on the existing stop ahead and stop signs at the corner of 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Mill Avenue as soon as possible. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Andy Remely gave the Wood County Solar Report. Andy will be done with the project next Friday. He introduced Rick Nowicki who will be the construction site manager for WPL. The target finish date for the project is September 2022. They have been delivering pallets to the brush site for residents to pick up; and will continue as needed. They do have some wooden spools available by request.

Joe Palm gave the Roadman Report. They have been doing a lot of patching on the roads. Joe stated while they are doing the roadwork, some people are not slowing down. They do have the lights on the truck and are wearing their hi-visibility clothing. They will be looking at purchasing road work ahead signs.

Gail Kretschmer gave the SPARKS report. They are reaching out to engineering firms for the design of the steps down to the water at the NEPCO public access site. They will need to amend and re-apply for a permit through Wood County in order to work on the parking lot. They would like to have toilets, an open air pavilion, bike rack, and safe steps down to the water. They are looking at applying for different grants, but stated that they would be able to go further if the Town would adopt a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan. She has inquired with NCWRPC, who said that they would be able to do it in about 6-8 months for a fee.

Josh McDonald gave the Plan Commission report. They worked on Chapters 3 and 4 of the Comprehensive Plan with Dennis Lawrence from NCWRPC at the last meeting. With Ray Bossert they looked at the future land use map and zoning design standards in the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance; once they finalize these, they will forward to the Town Board. The Plan Commission will continue working on an ordinance covering crypto currency mining.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. Sixty-seven dogs still remain unlicensed from last year.

Board members gave informational announcements.

Leichtnam reviewed a press release from Bug Tussel regarding towers that were put up in Dexterville, Nasonville, and Pittsville. Leichtnam stated that the County has an initial authorization of eleven million dollars towards wireless upgrades.

Carrell made a motion to approve the minutes of May 4, 2022 as amended. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Kretschmer made a motion to adopt Ordinance 5-18-22; Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 9-4-19; All Terrain and Utility Terrain Vehicle Route Ordinance. The ordinance takes out the exemption of Townline Road; so all Town roads will be open in the Town as ATV/UTV Routes. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrell made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for New Horizon Properties Inc., Parcel 1800328 - 9641 Rangeline Road. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrell made a motion to adopt Ordinance 5-18-22B; Ordinance Imposing a Moratorium on Construction of Multi-family Residential Structures Pending the Updating of the Town Comprehensive Plan and Study of Possible Related Legislative Action. The Moratorium is to create the opportunity for the Town to complete a review of and update its Comprehensive Plan and study possible legislative action related to regulating the construction of new multi-family dwellings and to promote meaningful implementation of the principles outlined in the Town's updated Comprehensive Plan. For the purpose of this Ordinance, "multi-family" means two or more families. The moratorium shall be in effect from the date of adoption of this ordinance until November 1, 2023, unless terminated earlier or extended further by an ordinance duly adopted by the Town Board. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Carrell stated that the Town would need to check with the Towns' attorney to see if the ordinance would affect Ruesch Development's applied duplexes.

The Board reviewed and amended the draft employee evaluation forms to be used at future employee evaluations. Leichtnam made a motion to accept evaluation form with amendments. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Leichtnam made a motion to approve the operator's licenses for Michelle Hizer and Rebecca Baker. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Leichtnam made a motion to adjourn. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk