

July 6th, 2022

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the Town Board Room. Heidi Kawleski, the Town Clerk called the meeting to order. All board members were present. The Town Chairman, Terry Rickaby resigned effective June 30th. The meeting was officially noticed on June 30th, 2022.

Larry Konopacki, the Town's Attorney provided assistance via phone on the process of appointing a new Town Chair. Larry stated that the board received a resume submitted by Chase Brockman. He also stated nominations could come from the audience, or the current board. SaraJane Snyder nominated Rhonda Carrell. No other nominations were made. Carrell and Brockman were given time to share information about themselves on why they felt they would be a good candidate for the position. The floor was open to current board members as well as audience members for comment. Kretschmer made a motion to have Rhonda step in and fill out the remaining term as Town Chair. Leichtnam seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Kawleski-nay, Kretschmar-aye, Leichtnam-aye, McDonald-nay, Carrell-aye. 3 yes, 2 no. Appointment confirmed with Rhonda Carrell as new Town Chair fulfilling remaining term until April 2023.

Carrell signed and read the Oath of Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment:

Ray Peterson wanted to know about doing a Town Audit. Chairman Carrell stated this could be added to a future agenda.

Tom Zwicke, a resident from PIRCO Mobile Home Park heard of changes coming to the storm shelter area at the parks' clubhouse. Residents stated that having a storm shelter was in their contract with the MHP owner. He, along with other MHP residents are very concerned about not having access to a storm shelter. Ray Bossert stated that in Wisconsin, no state law currently requires the MHP to have a storm shelter. The town also does not have an ordinance requiring this. Carrell apologized for their frustrations. Gail Kretschmer suggested they contact legal counsel.

Brandon Burroughs provided the constable's report.

Chairman Carrell called a 5 minute recess.

Josh Volz provided the building inspectors report.

Ray Bossert provided the Zoning Administrators report. He stated that business keep moving forward. Demolition started at 824 Church Ave they are still waiting for some debris to be removed. They are starting work on property at 10430 Rangeline Road. He also stated that the Town needs to do a review of the business permits and how they are tied to the zoning of that parcel.

Rick Nowicki from Wood County Solar stated that the project is anticipating to wrap up around the 3rd week of October. He stated that they energized the substation from the 7 mile. They have done testing and are ready to go online. They have been doing cold testing, then test circuit by circuit. Then they do the hot test. This takes about 2 weeks per circuit to test and they have 6 circuits. Then capacity testing for about 4 days, then performance testing (7 days). If something goes wrong in the process it starts over. Last week the last panel was installed. They are putting the land under the T lines back to the way it was before it was disturbed. Trailers and work areas are being demobilized. They are following Best Management Practices to complete the process. They could possibly have power on at the end of this month.

Doug Passineau, Road Oversight Manager stated the fiscal year for the DOT's chip seal program starts on July 1. This is a 5 year cycle to complete.

Kretschmer gave the SPARKS committee update. The next meeting will be July 18th at 6:00 pm. They have submitted a CEED grant for NEPCO. She also spoke with NCWRPC for the Comprehensive Outdoor Plan. She would like to discuss this as well as the Bike and Pedestrian Trail at the next board meeting. She state once the Comprehensive Outdoor Plan is complete, this would open up additional grant opportunities for the town.

McDonald gave the Plan Commission update. They have reviewed the first 4 chapters of the Comprehensive Plan.

Heidi Kawleski requested when a board member is making a motion, they will need to write the motion exactly as it was stated in the meeting and submit it to the Clerk.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. Currently 26 dogs are unlicensed in the town where no response was received from the owner. A few dogs are awaiting appointments in July and August and will be taken care of at this time. Those in violation have been turned over to the Constable.

Chairman Carrell stated that residents on Hollywood Road by the landfill are concerned about the easement for the Spaulding property. They are noticing damage to the road. They have been using this area to pulp off MFL land. They are going to be pulping for approximately 3 more weeks. The Road Oversight Manager, Constable and Road Crew are all aware and watching for any more damage to the town's road.

Carrell stated that the Historic Point Basse/Wakely group will be attending the SPARKS meeting on June 18th. Carrell sent a waiver to the residents on the corner of Church Avenue and 52nd Street. She has spoken with Alliant and trees by the powerlines will be trimmed next week.

McDonald asked about the Historic Point Bass/Wakley meeting with the SPARKS committee if Gordy Wipperfurth has been invited to attend. Carrell stated Mr. Wipperfurth is welcome to attend SPARKS meetings, but the SPARKS committee was invited to the Historic Point Basse meeting.

Leichtnam shared a publication he received from NCWRPC that highlighted Saratoga. Leichtnam also shared information for the Wisconsin Towns Association and the Town Advisory Council's listening sessions. Leichtnam also shared a map highlighting the unserved and underserved broadband population in Wood County. He strongly urges residents to take the speed test at www.ncwrpc.org/ncwrpc2021/broadband-speed-test. He also stated that the County Planner Adam Dekleyn, that the county is receiving a lot of inquiries on solar development and wireless towers.

Doug Passineau, the Road Oversight Manager discussed the dips on 52nd Street. He would like to use rubber tire backhoe but has trouble finding a company that has one. Chairman Carrell was ok with him asking the County if they could use theirs. He will get in touch with the county. Hoping to do this the 2nd week of August.

Leichtnam made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. McDonald seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

A bid notice was published for cross-crack leveling and chip sealing and traffic control for approximately .35 miles on David Drive from 64th to the end and cross-crack leveling and chip sealing and traffic control for approximately .3 miles on Rosewood Ridge from 64th Street to the end. Both roads are 22 foot wide. Spray rate .38 gallons per square yard, using CRS2-P emulsified asphalt and 3/8 chip to be completed before September 30, 2022. Fahrner Asphalt Sealers bid was for a total of \$24,794. Scott Construction was contained prices for FA2 Wozniak Dart \$32,245 or 3/8" Tork \$33,764. McDonald made a motion to accept the Fahrner bid for cross crack leveling/chip seal on David and Rosewood Drive. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

A bid notice was published for crack-filling over band, chip seal and traffic control for Church Avenue from 36th Street to 52nd Street; approximately 1 mile and Chip Seal and traffic control for Young Street South from Highway 73 to end of existing asphalt; approximately 1 mile. Both roads are 22 foot wide. Spray rate .38 gallons per square yard, using CRS2-P emulsified asphalt and 3/8 chip to be completed by September 30, 2022. Fahrner Asphalt Sealers bid was for

a total of \$69,843. Scott Construction bid was \$62,311 for FA2 Wozniak Dark and \$65,890 for 3/8" Tork. Leichtnam made a motion to accept the Scott bid. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

A bid notice was published a bid for Lexus Lane from Young Street to end; .54 miles. Work includes placing crushed 1 1/4" aggregate-3 inches deep by 22 foot wide on existing asphalt surface and pulverizing full depth, grade, shape so base is crowned to a 2 percent from centerline, compact, pave 2 inches thick placed in 1 lift. Place compacted 3/4" crushed aggregate for shoulders 2 foot wide by 2 inches deep with shoulder machine. Project shall include all signing. All work and materials shall be in accordance with Wisconsin Department of Transportation Standard Specifications for Highway and Structure Construction to be completed by October 30, 2022. American Asphalt of Wisconsin submitted a bid for \$123,419.51. McDonald made a motion to accept the American Asphalt bid on Lexus Lane from Young Street. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Bossert stated that the Town needs to address the process of business permits being issued and how the parcel is zoned. SaraJane Snyder stated that they come to the Plan Commission. Ray recommended to amend the permit ordinance for the process we put in place, or checklist of the order the permit will be viewed before final approval. Heidi will sent to Town Attorney to review the ordinance for changes.

SaraJane Snyder stated that she is hearing lots of noise in her area. She stated that they have heard fireworks for 3 solid days. She is aware the campground had a permit, but can hear them from different directions. She is also hearing fan boats on the river, loud music, and speeding 4 wheelers. Chairman Carrell stated that a noise ordinance is hard to enforce. Discussion also took place as to who has jurisdiction over atv/utv.

Carrell made a motion to approve Tom Grygo as Plan Commission Secretary and Josh McDonald as a Plan Commission member for a 3 year term. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The appointments for board of adjustment member will be on the next agenda. Positions for the alternates are posted online.

The Board approved using ARPA funds to have Wood County Emergency Government place address tiles on all addressed properties in the Town at a previous meeting. Wood County Emergency Government informed the Town that post prices have increased. McDonald made a motion to move forward with the installation of address tiles and reimbursement to properties owners of address tiles already purchased with the total cost of up to \$105,000. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

A sample ordinance was shared for the purpose of the address tiles in the town. Adjustments were made and it will be reviewed by the Towns attorney and added to a future agenda.

Discussion took place on the business permits for Mike Peterson at 9320 52nd Street, 4775 Mill Ave, 7976 Hollywood Road, and 9051 Highway 13 South. All 4 properties listed the exact business uses, many of which would be a zoning problem. Issue tabled. Ray Bossert stated he will try to reach out to Mr. Peterson again for more clarification on what he is intending to do at each specific parcel.

Schierl Sales Corp- DBA The Store #90 submitted a change of agent from Angel Lucas to Rebecca Baker. McDonald made a motion to accept the change of agent. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Kretschmer made a motion for approve operator's license for Montana Stauts, Keith Calloway, and Jaime Baggs. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to approve the consultant agreement with Graef for the Town's Sustainable Energy Economic Strategy. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Leichtnam made a motion to pay bills. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Leichtnam had questions about the well testing. Information was shared on the results of the testing.

Items requested by members the next agenda- audit, Outdoor Recreation Plan and Bike routes, Board of adjustment members, revisit the personal and finance committee, define the role of the Road oversight manager, stop sign policy, Town's role in collaborating with Historical Pointe Basse, Sign Ordinance, and Business Ordinance. Leichtnam would like to have "set date of next meeting and future agenda item" on the bottom of agenda before adjournment. It was discussed that all agenda items must be submitted to the clerk on the Thursday before the meeting.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Leichtnam seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Paulette Weinfurter
Deputy Clerk