

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, October 19th, 2022

TIME: 6 p.m.

Place: Town of Saratoga Board Room

PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Josh McDonald, Gail Kretschmer, Rhonda Carrell, Roger Wilcox

The meeting was officially noticed on October 15, 2022.

Chairman Carrell called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Carrell stated in the interest of time, public comment would be limited to 3 minutes per person. There was no public comment.

Constable Burroughs provided a written report of complaints.

There was no Building Inspector Report.

There was no Zoning Administrator Report.

Rick Nowicki provided the Wood County Solar project update. Mechanical completion has been reached. Friday will be testing commission of plant performance. Capacity will be second test.

Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew update. The dips are all paved on 52nd Street. The slightly higher ones will settle. Emergency Management started placing the fire numbers. The board will discuss lowering the speed limit to 35 mph on Ranger Road. The board gave the approval to change the thermostat in the office building.

Gail Kretschmer gave the SPARKS Committee update. The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 21, 2022, at 6 p.m.

Josh McDonald stated the previous Wednesday was the Plan Commission meeting, and he will be discussing items from that meeting as they come up on this agenda.

There was no Clerk Report. The board discussed at this time hiring of someone to shovel snow in the winter. Suggestions would be appreciated.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's Report. Tax preparation begins soon. Waste cost has gone up for the residents. The fuel surcharges made an impact on the cost.

Roger Wilcox gave an update on condition of the hall and patching project. He stated handicap signs need to be up on our handicap parking.

Rhonda Carrell will be meeting with Alliant Energy pertaining to battery storage. Additional public meeting to come.

Gail Kretschmer reminded everyone the public input meeting will be Wednesday, October 26, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the Town Hall. This meeting will be discussing surveys results and public input is desired.

Bill Leichtnam mentioned he liked the 3-minute public comment idea and would like to see 'rules may apply' added back on the agendas.

Approval of the previous meeting minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

Andy Simon was present to discuss and answer questions on the Town of Grand Rapids -Town of Saratoga Fire Protection Agreement. A lengthy discussion ensued on the language of and costs in the contract. There will be follow up on this. The name of the Town Clerk must be changed to Paulette Weinfurter.

Meghann Ingalls and Madison Rafter were present to discuss the Humane Society Contract. The Humane Society Contract will be updated to include cats. Humane Society accepts no feral cats. **Motion (Gail Kretschmer/Rhonda Carrell) to include cats in Humane Society Contract with notification when we get close to the 2500 cap. Motion passed unanimously.**

Josh McDonald stated Boz is constructing a map of landlocked parcels in the town. This discussion will be tabled until the next agenda.

The town board will be working with the zoning administrator to amend ORDINANCE NO .09.30-__

Billie-Jo Kester made an announcement that the Budget Meeting will be on Monday, October 24, 2022, at 6 p.m.

The Winter Market will be in Wisconsin Rapids. The hall is not being rented at this time.

Pete Gilson is seeking approval for a sign and business permit located at 8241 CTH Z. Discussion followed on the size of the sign. It does not comply with the Town's ordinance. **Motion (Rhonda Carrell/Bill Leichtnam) to approve business permit for Pete Gilson. Motion passed unanimously. Motion (Rhonda Carrell/Bill Leichtnam) to deny the sign permit for Pete Gilson. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Bill Leichtnam/Rhonda Carrell) to approve CSM for Johnny Hanneman parcel 1800249. Motion passed unanimously. Motion (Bill Leichtnam/Rhonda Carrell) to correct the parcel number by taking the '5' off the end of the number listed on the agenda, and it will be identified in meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Eddie and Tanya Krause presented their plans to the board for storage units on two parcels at the NW corner of Hwy 13 and Evergreen Avenue. They are proposing 18 buildings. Josh McDonald stated that they are asking to have permission to have the business. A discussion followed on the ideal uses for the Hwy 13 corridor. **Motion (Josh McDonald/Roger Wilcox) to approve business permit for storage units along Hwy 13 and Evergreen Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.** They will need to apply for building permits through the state.

Duane Hardy's variance located at 1181 Silver Creek Trail was discussed. Josh McDonald/Plan Commission stated because the building already exists, a fine is suggested but felt this should be a board decision. In a lengthy discussion, the board and Duane Hardy shared views on the process and communication channels. Gail Kretschmer and Rhonda Carrell both stated that Saratoga, as a town, is careful about setting precedent. **Motion (Bill Leichtnam/Josh McDonald) to give exception with penalty to be determined and imposed upon legal consultation to table item 15 until legal consultation is completed. Motion passed unanimously.**

Parcel numbers will be on sign permits and business permits. Sign permits do have building numbers. These permits will go Tom Grygo for final alterations. **Motion (Gail Kretschmer/Josh McDonald) to approve new sign and business permits with the amendments. Motion passed unanimously.**

Estimates for security system and amplifier quote will be tabled due to no new estimates.

Paulette Weinfurter, Town Clerk, will write the new authorizing resolution for DNR Recycling Grant. **Motion (Josh McDonald/Roger Wilcox) to approve changes on the DNR Recycling Grant. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Bill Leichtnam/Roger Wilcox) to approve camper extension of Randal and Michelle Leigh. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Josh McDonald/Rhonda Carrell) to approve concrete waiver for parcel 1801678 on Nature's Way. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Josh McDonald/Gail Kretschmer) to approve Christine Kuehl-The Store and one-day beverage license for Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce operator permits. Motion passed unanimously.

Reviewing and updating Dog Ordinance Language will be tabled until information is received.

Motion (Bill Leichtnam/Josh McDonald) to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

Motion (Josh McDonald/Roger Wilcox) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting --adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Mary Hasenohrl-Deputy Clerk