

## TOWN OF SARATOGA MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday February 1, 2023

TIME: 6:00PM

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

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

This meeting was officially noticed on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Chairman Carrell called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dennis McNamara of H&S Protection presented a potential map of security camera placement on the property and said the updated pricing will be available and sent to the Town by Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

John Gethers presented and explained 3 different quotes for video surveillance and control systems. Options for the ability to record meetings to be posted to the Town website were also discussed.

No public comment. No Constable report.

Josh Volz gave the Building Inspector report. January was a slow month with only 2 permits and some home inspections. The Census Report was recently submitted. In that report, 21 new single family homes and 4 duplexes were permitted in 2022.

No Wood County Solar Project report or Road Crew report.

A written report from the Zoning Administrator was given for review.

SPARKS, Plan Commission, and PPF Committee gave short reports stating the dates of their next scheduled meetings.

Clerk and Treasurer were not present to give reports.

Supervisor Wilcox discussed the citizen survey results. Unlicensed plow trucks, larger families with numerous vehicles, and wood piles were questioned and some residents are concerned. Roger attended the WTA meeting hosted by Port Edwards and shared some news from that meeting including roads and public safety reforms. Supervisor Wilcox met with Jessica Plainer, a grant writer, about potentials for the Town. He also met with Wisconsin Power Company regarding future improvement plans at the boat landing on the County line of Adams and Wood. The Town Hall basement was visited with the Road Crew and plans to begin improvements were discussed.

Supervisor Leichtnam handed out a County Wide Nitrate Study done from February of 2017 through 2022 to be reviewed by the Town Board. Bill noted that of the 3706 wells tested in Saratoga, 91 of them had more than 10 ppm of Nitrate for a percentage of 2.5%. He would like this information shared with the Town residents and feels the best way to share this information would be in the form of a mailed newsletter. Supervisor Leichtnam advised that the deadline for proposals for grants from the County will be in early to mid-July and the Town Board and Committees should begin thinking about that. Leichtnam went on to share that the Historic Point Basse group wants to express their gratitude for the help the Town provided in their successful securing of Grant they received to begin building their new pavilion.

Supervisor McDonald stated that after researching the Specs of the Patrol Trucks, neither truck was factory equipped with Bluetooth radio capabilities and will bring pricing to convert the truck's radios if the Town would choose to go that route.

Supervisor Kretschmer asked Supervisor Leichtnam if the well data he shared earlier was based on the testing the Town collected in the past. He believes it likely was the same data. Gail stated the Knowles Nelson and Stewardship grants have a June 1<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the recreational boating facilities, specifically for a boat ramp and should be researched to make sure we don't miss any other deadlines.

Chairperson Carrell shared The Wood County Citizens Community Groundwater Group updates and stated the next groundwater meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup> as the group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Rhonda said the Public Meeting with Savion is tentatively planned for February 27<sup>th</sup> but data has not yet been sent and 2 other meeting will have to take place before the public hearing. She also stated she attended the JDA meeting regarding battery storage on the solar site and she has received great positive response from all local fire departments and encourages Saratoga EMS to be involved as well. Rhonda finalized her informational announcement by informing the Board that Alliant Energy is looking forward to participating in future public projects in the Town.

**Motion (Leichtnam/Kretschmer) to approve the January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023 minutes with 3 corrections. Motion passed unanimously.**

Sign Permit was reviewed for All Above Storage. **Motion (Kretschmer/Wilcox) to approve All Above Storage Sign Permit for parcel# 1800316C/Doff of Hwy 13 and Evergreen Ave. Motion passed unanimously.**

Self Stor LLC Sign Permit was reviewed. **Motion (Carrell/Leichtnam) to approve Sign Permit for Self Stor LLC contingent upon confirmation that the fine for putting up the sign before an issued permit and Sign Permit fee is paid in full by the Butlers. Motion passed unanimously.**

Michelle Strauss and Amy Ralidak of The Horton Group submitted a quote for the Town Insurance Policy. Proposed Insurance Policy packet was handed out and explained. Total Annual Premium quote submitted with the inclusion of Worker's Compensation is \$21,962.00 **Motion (Kretschmer/Wilcox) to approve the amendments to the Town Insurance Policy through The Horton Group and accept the submitted quote. Motion passed unanimously.**

Lake District information was given to the Board by Jeff Manor. Questions previously asked by the Town Board about the Nepco Lake District were answered in a handout including the number of Saratoga parcels included in the District, the sharing of monthly updates, and the exemption of Turtle Bay Access from District Taxes. **Motion (Carrell/Kretschmer) to approve Resolution # 02-01-2023 SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEPCO LAKE DISTRICT FOR TAXING PURPOSES AND LAKE MAINTAINENCE OPERATIONS. Motion passed unanimously.**

Turtle Bay Access bids were discussed. All information will be revisited and put on a future agenda.

Item #16 was moved ahead of #14. Josh Knock was present to discuss the possibility of a transfer of a reserve beverage license. The Board concluded that more information would need to be obtained for an informed decision. This item will be tabled and a list of the Town's used and available licensed is compiled.

Commercial Building Inspector list was discussed. This will be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Firewise and Amy Penn with the WI DNR were discussed. The Fire Chiefs from Nekoosa, Rome, and Grand Rapids along with 2 residents will be meeting and assessing the Town for potential fire hazards. Grant options and availability will be investigated in February.

**Motion (Leichtnam/Wilcox) to approve Operator's Licenses for Cheyenniah Kolosso and Jennifer Wilson. Both for The Store. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Wilcox/Carrell) to pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

Next meeting is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6:00pm. Review of Security System Quotes will be on the next agenda. Commercial Building Inspector options will be on the next agenda as well.

**Motion (Leichtnam/Carrell) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.**

Josh McDonald-Town Supervisor