

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday September 20th, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

PRESENT: Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Roger Wilcox

EXCUSED: Byran Peterson, Josh McDonald

This meeting was officially noticed on September 14th, 2023.

Lorelei Fuehrer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Larry Konopacki, and representative from Savion were present to answer questions and address changes to the Joint Developer's Agreement for the Saratoga Solar Project. The Town Board requested to have updates made for the damage to the roads, fire protection clearances as well as a temporary slowdown lane, flashers for traffic on Hwy 13 and Blue Ridge. **Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the Developers Agreement for Saratoga Solar project with the understanding changes are made to the to Hwy Use Agreement. Motion passed unanimously.**

No Constable report was given.

Doug Passineau gave the Road Report. He met with a resident regarding concerns with the construction on Ranger Road. The paving of Ranger Road is anticipated to start the first part of October. The equipment posted on Wisconsin Surplus site has sold.

No Building Inspector Report was given.

Rose M Rose is the new Zoning Administrator for the Town of Saratoga. Lorelei Fuehrer is assisting with the transition. She stated that Rose was requested to help update the Mobile Home Ordinance.

Lorelei Fuehrer provided the update on the Plan Commission meeting. The updated amended Zoning Ordinance was posted online today. This will be voted on at the October 4 Town Board Meeting.

No new information from the Clerk.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's report. Budget is coming up along with tax collection.

Supervisor Wilcox shared information regarding the Ruesch development and the CWPP Meeting.

Supervisor Brockman discussed adding a 1-foot bump-out on Ranger Road to protect from erosion.

Chairman Fuehrer shared information about the following: the new water heater was installed in the Town Hall, the town is needing to figure out a way to fix Kester Road and grant residents access to their property, the sign for the town and an update on the new phone system.

Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the minutes for September 6th. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the Kevin Foley CSM, Parcel #18-00402AA, Tower Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the Shawn Weber CSM, Parcel #18-00671C, Hollywood Road. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the per diem paid for back-to-back meetings. **Motion (Brockman/Fuehrer) to adopt new rules concerning taking a single per diem for back-to-back meeting lasting less than 3 hours combined. Combined meetings longer than 3 hours would continue to be eligible for multiple per diems. Brockman-aye, Fuehrer-aye, Wilcox-nay. Motion carries.**

Chairman Fuehrer is planning future needs of the Town Hall, Public Works Maintenance Shop, and Administrative Office. Remodel/repairs are needed for the hall and the shop. She reached out to a company to get an idea of what could be done at various stages. No timeline for when/if a project of this nature would move forward.

Discussion regarding the purchase of a second recording system so equipment does not have to be moved from the Town Office to the Town Hall. **Motion (Wilcox/Brockman) to purchase a camera system for recording town hall meetings to not exceed \$2000 that is most advantageous for the Town of Saratoga. Motion passed unanimously.**

Billi-Jo Kester is looking into options for Long- and Short-Term Disability. She has reached out to multiple vendors, awaiting a response.

Motion (Wilcox/Brockman) to approve the Temporary Class "B" License for American Legion Post 442 on October 21st. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the Operator's License for Kristen Hoffman-Roux's Roadhouse and Arianna Kennedy-Saratoga Mini Mart. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input:

Bill Leichtnam has questions on the remodel/repairs. It was explained that this was in the initial thought process. No timeline has been established.

Bruce Dimick had questions on how we will be sharing information on the Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance was posted online for residents to view. Dave Carrell suggested to post this in the Wisconsin Rapids City times.

Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Town Board meeting will be October 4th at 5:00 p.m. for budget planning, followed by the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter, Clerk