

## TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday October 18th, 2023

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Saratoga Town Office

**PRESENT:** Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Roger Wilcox, Bryan Peterson

**EXCUSED:** Josh McDonald

This meeting was officially noticed on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Brandon Burroughs provided the Constable's update. Pictures were shared reflecting the progress of the clean up on a property in the town.

No Updates provided from the Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator.

Kasten Kester and Doug Passineau provided the Road Crew update. They have been working to finish up the mowing of the ditches, filling the potholes, and hauling in scrap metal. Ranger Road is now complete. An application was also submitted for Blue Ridge on the TRIP program. Reimbursement was requested for the Rangeline Road TRIP program.

Dan Forbes provided the Plan Commission Update. They have gone over the Mobile Home Ordinance and is ready for the board to review. They have also been working with the camping, driveway, and land division ordinance.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's update. She has been working on the budget and working with the Road Oversight Manager on the TRIP application and reimbursement.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's report. The fire and ambulance loan is ready to be taken out in December. She was also made aware that the tax statements may be delayed this year due to numbers being turned in later than anticipated.

Supervisor Wilcox has been involved with the CWPP program and looking at the different grants for fire protection. He also assisted in the removal of a tree from the town property.

Supervisor Brockman assisted in the installation of the new camera system to record meetings in the town office.

Chairman Fuehrer painted the sign board outside the Town office. The new utility pole running power for the Town of Saratoga sign was installed.

**Motion (Wilcox/Peterson) to accept the minutes for the 4:30 Closed session minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to accept the 5:00 October 4 minutes discussing budget. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Wilcox/Brockman) to accept the October 4<sup>th</sup> 6:00 minutes as written with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Wilcox/Peterson) to accept TRIP application for Blue Ridge Road from Hwy 13 to Rangeline Road. Motion passed unanimously.**

We received 0 bids from the advertisement for the purchase and installation of a sign for the Town Hall. Alliant Energy is willing to donate funds toward the purchase of a sign. **Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to accept the \$39,950 quote for the sign from Graphic House using ARPA funds. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to adopt Resolution 2023-10 to Borrow Money from Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank for the Fire and Ambulance Loan. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of offering Long- and Short-Term disability Insurance. This will need further investigation and will be back on a future agenda.

The Plan Commission has worked to update the Mobile Home Ordinance and have brought forward the recommendation to adopt. **Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to adopt ordinance 10-18-2023 Mobile Home Ordinance. Motion passed unanimously.**

A quote was received to purchase a new lawnmower for the Town Hall.

Supervisor Wilcox excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

Discussion resumed on the quote for the lawnmower. Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to table this until the spring. Motion passed unanimously.

More research will need to be completed in order to have uniform address tiles in the Mobile Home Parks.

No Operator's License to approve.

**Motion (Peterson/Brockman) to pay Octobers bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

November 1, 2023, will be the next town board meeting.

The 2024 Budget Planning process continued. The budget was reviewed, and funds allocated in the necessary areas.

**Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk