

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday January 17th, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

PRESENT: Bryan Peterson, Chase Brockman, Josh McDonald, and Roger Wilcox

EXCUSED: Lorelei Fuehrer

This meeting was officially noticed on January 11th, 2024.

Chase Brockman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to move item #10 to under item #4 on the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Brockman expressed gratitude for the time Brian Hamm has served as a member of the Plan Commission. A written statement was provided by the Chairman, Lorelei Fuehrer for the nomination of Adam Miller to fulfill the vacancy on the Plan Commission. **Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to appoint Adam Miller. Motion passed unanimously.**

Tim Miller from Waste Management apologized for all the frustrations involving the implementation of the garbage and recycling changes. A bulk item drop off day will be scheduled in the spring and the fall. The details will still need to be worked out. The town will share this information as soon as it is available.

Historic Point Basse has requested a donation from the Town of Saratoga to be used to move the old Town Hall to be moved to the Wakely property. This was approved by the electors at the November 15, 2023, Special Hearing to donate money. **Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) that the Town of Saratoga donates \$35,000 to the Historic Point Basse for the movement of the old Town Hall to the Historic Point Basse Wakely Nekoosa area. Motion carries 3 to 1. Peterson- aye, McDonald-aye, Brockman-aye, Wilcox-aye.**

Brandon Burroughs provided a written Constable's report.

Josh Volz provided a written Building Inspector's report.

Rose M Rose provided the Zoning Administrator's update. The email address we provided her with has been working great. A few residents with questions on building forever homes in Saratoga.

Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew update. They have been busy plowing snow, salting roads and upkeep of the town equipment.

Supervisor McDonald provided the Plan Commission update. They are working on the Camping and Driveway Ordinance. The next Plan Commission meeting will be February 7th instead of the 14th.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's update. Several calls are coming in regarding garbage and recycling. The Wisconsin Town's Association will be holding a variety of events this spring which include the Board of Review Training.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's update. Tax Collection is going well.

Supervisor Peterson received multiple calls regarding garbage and recycling.

Supervisor McDonald also received multiple calls regarding garbage and recycling.

Supervisor Brockman also received calls regarding garbage and recycling. He also confirmed that we will be hosting an Electronics recycling day on May 18th and September 28th. More details will be provided in the future.

Supervisor Wilcox also received calls regarding garbage and recycling. He also provided an update on the Community Wildfire Protection program.

Motion (Peterson/McDonald) to purchase pole saw and accessories with the Community Wildfire Grant. Motion massed unanimously.

Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to contract out the tree trimming services as part of the Community Wildfire grant for up to \$10,000 with Wood County. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion ensued to hire a back up driver(s) for assistance with snow emergencies. **Motion (Peterson/Wilcox) to hire Jeremy Call and Dustin Karcheski for \$25/hour and 1 hour call time. Motion passed unanimously. Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) to call Dustin Karcheski and Jeremy Call in for a 4-hour training session with Kasten Kester for plowing abilities in the town. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to approve the town board minutes for Wednesday December 20 4:30 minutes.

Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) to accept December 20th, 6:00 minutes as written. Motion carries. Peterson abstained due to being excused from the meeting.

Motion (Peterson/McDonald) to approve the CSM for 9331 Tate Hwy 13 S. Motion passed unanimously. This CSM was for DCKLOR, The Outpost Ranch.

Discussion regarding the update to the Building Code to clarify the use of Storage Containers in the town. **Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to approve section 8.2 of the building code as written. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Camping Ordinance will be tabled until the Plan Commission can review further.

Potential costs to have a streetlight were discussed. This will be tabled for a future meeting.

The Decommissioning Plan was reviewed for Wood County Solar. **Motion (Wilcox/Peterson) to accept Decomp Plan Wood County Solar Project, written by Stantec Project #193708068 for the Town of Saratoga Project #193708068. Motion passed unanimously. Motion (Wilcox/Peterson) to accept Decomp Plan for Wood County Battery Energy Storage System Project Wood County, WI as written by Stantec consulting. Project #193708972. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Town Board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk