

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday February 21st, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

PRESENT: Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Bryan Peterson, Josh McDonald, Roger Wilcox

This meeting was officially noticed on February 15th, 2024.

Lorelei Fuehrer called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Jim Bena, Superintendent of the Port Edwards School District shared information involving the upcoming referendum that the Port Edwards School District will be voting on.

Sealed bids were received for the Patrol Truck. The Town board will review the bids and discuss on February 28th.

Bids were also received from Rural Mutual and The Horton Group for the Town's Insurance. The bids will be discussed again on February 28th.

Brandon Burroughs provided the Constable's report.

Josh Volz provided the Building Inspector's report.

Rose M Rose provided the Zoning Administrator update.

Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew update. They are still in the process of doing clean up from the tree trimming in the road right of way. The clean-up is expected to take a few weeks. They were able to purchase a new rake to help with the clean up of the smaller debris.

Josh McDonald provided the Plan Commission Update. They have continued to work on the driveway ordinance. The Camping Ordinance is ready for the board to review.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's report. Operator's licenses have been issued for Diane Barkey, Michell Hove, Janel Tepp, Cindy Krohn, Rachel SeEVERS, and Tiffany Seavecki.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's update. Tax collection is completed. All 2nd Installment payments will be made directly at the Wood County Treasurer's office. March 31st dog licenses are due.

Chairman Fuehrer shared the dates of the bulky item drop off with Waste Management. This will take place on June 1 and October 5. More details to come. May 18th will be the Electronics recycling event for Saratoga residents. Saratoga residents will need to sign up in advance. More details will be shared online.

Supervisor Wilcox received calls on the garbage collection, and well as kept in touch with the road crew.

Supervisor Brockman received calls about the garbage and brush calls. He did attend and received certification for the Board of Review. He is also going to look into the ARIP program further.

Supervisor McDonald and Supervisor Petersons also received calls regarding garbage and tree trimming.

May 18th will be a Electronics Recycling event for Town of Saratoga residents only. More details to come on how to sign up for this event.

The State is requiring inventory to be completed on culverts that range in size from 6' to 12'. They will reimburse \$100 per culvert to have this completed. We can have our Public Works do this, hire the County, or another outside agency. We will be using Wood County to have this completed.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the business permit for Palm Septic. Motion passed unanimously. Business located at 7940 Church Ave.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve business permit for Kody Kickland. Motion passed unanimously. Business is Tri-City Motors located at 1410 State Hwy 73S.

Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to adopt Ordinance for Ward Division and Designating a Polling Place. Motion passed unanimously. Ward 9 will now be voting back in the Village of Port Edwards.

Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the previous minutes from February 17th, 2024. Motion passed. Chairman Fuehrer abstained due to not being present at the meeting.

Motion (Peterson/Wilcox) to increase the cost of the Operators License and renewal to \$20.00. Motion passed unanimously. This increase will affect renewals for the period July 1, 2024 to June 30th 2025.

Discussion on implementing a refund policy for Tax Overpayments that are less than \$5. **Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to implement a refund policy for nominal overpayments contingent upon advice of attorney. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Wilcox/Peterson) to go with a Utility Permit Application for Adams Columbia Cooperative. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on what to do with the materials that were purchased, but never used. If the County is not interested in material, we can list on the Online Surplus site.

Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to adopt the Camping Ordinance as written. Peterson-aye, McDonald-aye, Brockman-nay, Fuehrer-aye, Wilcox-aye. Motion carries. Supervisor Brockman is concerned that this is too loose and open to being misused.

Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools Safety Patrol is requesting a donation. **Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to donate \$200 to WRPS Safety Patrol with funds from Forbes donation fund. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion regarding the newsletter sign up tab that is on the website. We will discuss with IT the best way to handle this.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to remove the front property line fence to be done by Town of Saratoga Employees. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The Town of Saratoga open house will be discussed at a future meeting.

The next town board meeting will be Wednesday, February 28th and Wednesday March 20th at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wilcox noted that we had a quorum, and excused himself from the meeting.

Internal Audit of the Clerk and Treasurer books was completed.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter, Clerk