

## TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday, October 16th, 2024

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

**PLACE:** Saratoga Town Office

**PRESENT:** Bryan Peterson, Josh McDonald, Karl Greeneway, Chase Brockman, Lorelei Fuehrer

This meeting was officially noticed on October 10, 2024

Lorelei Fuehrer called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Constable provided a written report.

Josh Volz provided a written report.

Lorelei Fuehrer provided the Zoning Administrator report. Information was shared on the condominium plat review, as well as information learned at the Wisconsin Towns Association Conference.

Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew Update. They have been finishing up the mowing for the year, the trailer sold on the auction site, the dips are completed on 52<sup>nd</sup> and Hollywood, concrete was poured to slope away from the Town Hall, shouldering is completed on Wilderness. He would like to see the garbage cans at least a foot off the road.

Dan Forbes provided the Plan Commission update. They have reviewed the condominium plat that will be coming up on the agenda as well as continue to work through various ongoing projects.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's Update. Election preparation is underway. In-person absentee voting will be starting October 22.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's report. She is in the process of updating the tax letter.

Supervisor Brockman attended the Wisconsin Town's Association Conference. He received an idea of the cost to rent a boom mower.

Supervisor Peterson received compliments on the pavement patches on Hollywood Road.

Chairman Fuehrer expressed gratitude to everyone that helped with the Electronics recycling event and the bulk item drop off. Many compliments were received on how well the events were organized. Changes will be coming in 2026 for the Humane Society contract in 2026.

**Motion (Brockman/Greeneway) to approve the Wednesday, September 18 minutes. Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion (Brockman/Greeneway) to approve the October 2 Budget Meeting minutes. Motion carries. Peterson abstained.**

Paperwork was completed for the 2024 Fire and Ambulance Loan to be taken out later this year. The loan is for \$485,395.46 with a \$500 bank fee. **Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the fire and ambulance loan. Motion passed unanimously.**

Documentation provided for the Evergreen Condominium Plat on Hwy 13 S. This was reviewed at the Plan Commission. The Plan Commission would like to see a site plan before construction begins as well as the following conditions met: The expectation that prior to buildings being constructed, a Site Plan is to be presented to the Town of Saratoga, and the applicant will follow the recommendations of the responding fire department for emergency vehicle accessibility.

**Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to approve the condominium plat for Al Wondzell. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to adopt the Wisconsin Administrative Camping Code SPS327 and apply it to the Building Code. Motion passed unanimously.**

Direction was needed for the storage containers for Dan Inc, 9536 Bainbridge Trail, Parcel #1800135D. Permits were obtained 2.5 years ago, and the project has not been completed. **Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to send a removal notice to Dan Inc, 9536 Bainbridge Trail for the storage containers for failure to comply. Motion passed unanimously.**

The 2024 Community Wildfire Protection Plan grant allotted tree trimming to take place in the town's right of way. More trimming will be completed this fall. Wood County has a different trimmer that will be used, and the public works employees will clean up behind them. **Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to continue the tree trimming schedule as part of the Community Wildfire Protection Program 2024 for \$7,000 to be spent with the County and the clean up process to be handled in a timely manner by our road crew. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the Class B Combination Beer and Liquor License for BTM Properties LLC, DBA, The Branding Iron, 9721 State Hwy 13S, Parcel #1800299D. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Greeneway) to approve the transfer site fee schedule with adjustments tires to tire. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Greeneway) to approve the business permit for Ground Up Tree Care, LLC Parcel #1800065C. Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairman Fuehrer would like to continue exploring the municipal buildings. Along with the Plan commission, they will meet with developers to see what options we may have and where to go long term. She would also like to host an open house for the residents to tour the facility in the future.

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

The next Town Board meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The budget was reviewed again and will be presented to the electors on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

Motion (Greeneway/Brockman) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk