

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, November 20th, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

PRESENT: Bryan Peterson, Josh McDonald, Karl Greenway, Chase Brockman

EXCUSED: Lorelei Fuehrer

This Town Board meeting was officially noticed on November 11, 2024. The Proposed Budget Hearing and meeting of Town Electors was noticed on November 4th, 2024.

Chase Brockman opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. Supervisor Brockman provided a summary of the proposed 2025 Town of Saratoga Budget. No questions from the audience. **Motion (McDonald/Greenway) to close the public hearing. Motion passed unanimously.**

A Special Meeting of the Electors was called to order pursuant to Section 60.12(1) of Wisconsin Statutes by the town board to approve the local tax levy according to Wisconsin Statutes 60.10(1)(a) and to establish the elected officials' salaries for the terms of office to begin April, 2025 pursuant to Section 60.32 of Wisconsin Statutes. **Motion (Doug Passineau/Dan Forbes to approve the tax levy). Motion (Dan Forbes/Doug Passineau to keep the elected wages the same as last year. Motion (Dan Forbes/Doug Passineau) to adjourn the meeting of the electors.**

The regular town board meeting to follow starting off with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion (Greenway/McDonald) to adopt the levy. Motion passed unanimously.

Brandon Burroughs provided the Constable's report.

Josh Volz provided a written Building Inspector statement.

No Zoning Administrator report.

Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew update. The trucks are ready to salt, if needed. They have been working on additional right of way trimming and the base around the electronic sign is complete.

Josh McDonald provided the Plan Commission report. They are working on updating a few ordinances and will bring them to the board when they are ready.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's report. The November election went well. Over 900 in person absentee voters. Overall, there was a very high turnout.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's update. The tax letter is now posted on the website with the dates and times of collection as well as the different payment options. The tax statements will be printed early December.

Motion (Greenway/Peterson) to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Works would like to have a bucket/loader attachment. Cost was provided. **Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to purchase loader attachment for Case 3230 tractor with 1 attachment of \$15,000 or less. Motion (McDonald/Greenway) to purchase other 2 attachments for Case 3230 tractor after 1st of year for \$5000 or less-whatever most advantageous to the town. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (McDonald/Peterson) for 1 time reimbursement to Tom Bauer for use of equipment and tools for \$505. Motion passed unanimously.

The Business Permit and Mobile Home park license for Wisconsin Rapids Properties LLC, 899 Hwy 73S, Parcel #1800135 will be tabled until the next meeting.

Richard Groholski, 7542 Oak Street, Parcel #1800617 is seeking extension to keep his mobile home on his property longer. Discussion ensued. **Motion (McDonald/Greeneway) to grant 1 final extension with date of June 1, 2025 or prior. It will be a \$150 day or maximum allowed in the fee schedule after June 1st until the trailer is removed. McDonald-aye, Greeneway-aye, Peterson-nay, Brockman-nay. Motion fails. Motion (Peterson/Greeneway) to table for 1 month to research further. Brockman-nay, Peterson-aye, McDonald-aye, Greeneway-aye.** The next town board meeting is December 18th and Mr. Groholski is aware of the documentation the board is requesting.

Motion (McDonald/Greeneway) to approve Change of Agent for Schierl Sales Corporation, DBA The Store #90, 9630 State Hwy 13 to Lisa Villatoro. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Peterson/McDonald) to approve the poll worker nominations for John Kinzel, Christine Kinzel and Linda Weinfurter. Motion passed unanimously.

Keller Planners met with the Plan Commission to discuss options on what we could possibly look at doing for either repair or expansion of the Town Hall. They would be willing to give the town ideas on what this would cost so the planning process could start. **Motion (Greeneway/Peterson) to accept Keller for design project for town hall, garage and facilities. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mike Zurfluh requested to discuss animals in mobile home parks with the town board. He was not present.

Ledger Properties LLLC, #1800929A, 14014 County Road Z wanted to discuss a special request to have a storage container on his property. The storage container policy was discussed. He will be taking out a permit for the temporary storage container but would like to be able to utilize the container until construction can be completed on a new building.

Motion (Greeneway/Peterson) to approve the Evergreen condo site plan review as noted in the Plan commission determination. Motion passed unanimously. Parent Parcel #1800354, Hwy 13 S. Conditions are: Water retention areas to be shown on the state submittal plans, and driveways will be a minimum of 5' from lot lines.

Motion (Greeneway/Peterson) to accept the site plan review as referred from the Plan Commission. Motion passed unanimously. Embers Motel Alteration, Parcel #1800160A, 9210 Hwy 13S

Motion (Greeneway/Peterson) to approve as referred from the Plan Commission for phase 1 and 2. Units A&B, C&D. Motion passed unanimously. Self-Stor, Parcel #1800159F, 8952 Hwy 13S.

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

The next town board meeting will be Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter -clerk