

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, October 15th, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

PRESENT: Karl Greeneway, Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Josh McDonald

EXCUSED: Bryan Peterson

This Town Board meeting was officially noticed on October 9th, 2025.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Brandon Burroughs provided the Constable's report.

The Building Inspector provided a written report.

Lorelei Fuehrer, the Interim Zoning Administrators updates will be covered in the Plan Commission update.

Doug Passineau provided the Road Crew update. They have been continuing to work on shouldering, have started brushing and preparation for winter. The new truck is expected to arrive in December. The Town Road Improvement grants have been submitted, and we should hear back in the spring.

Josh McDonald provided the Plan Commission update. The zoning ordinance review is complete and will be sent to the Town Board for approval. They will be looking at Outdoor Recreation plan in the coming future.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's report. She just completed training at the Wisconsin Town's Association Conference as well as additional election training.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's report. She completed training on the new tax collection program as well as planning for the next tax season.

Supervisor McDonald also attended the Wisconsin Town's Association Convention and learned a lot of information.

Chairman Fuehrer has received inquiries about creating subdivisions in the town.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to approve September 17, 5:00 Closed Session minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Greeneway/Brockman) to approve the September 17 6:00 meeting minutes with the correction. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Brockman/Greeneway) to approve the Wednesday, October 1 4:30 meeting minutes. Motion carries. McDonald abstained.

Motion (Greeneway/Brockman) to approve the Preliminary Plat for Saratoga Commons Subdivision, Parcel #1800153 and #1800153AA. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Fuehrer will make note that the lot numbers on the CSM were switched so it can be corrected.

Laurel Downen was present from Invenergy to provide a status update on the Saratoga Solar. They will be starting to clear trees in November of 2025, with May 2028 target date to be in full operation. This project is approximately 1,000 acres and 150 megawatts.

Jason Gruszynski shared information on Nepco Lake depths as well as a peer reviewed research studies regarding the use of wake boats.

Discussion regarding the unique sign request for Pete Gilson, 8241 Cty Rd Z, Parcel #1800120B. Motion (McDonald/Greeneway) to approve the unique sign request for Pete Gilson. This sign consists of a guitar 5' wide x 15' long x 4' wide. The sign with the business name would be 2' x 4' Motion passed unanimously.

The Records Retention Ordinance was passed September 17, 2025. Signatures were obtained on the document.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave an update on the status of the Town Buildings. We are still working to determine if it will be a rebuild or remodel. Plans have been drawn by an Engineer. Once things are narrowed down, we can look at cost and bring it forward to electors. The town also had a soil test completed to determine the needs of the septic system and future construction needs.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve Resolution 2025-10 to Borrow Money for Fire Protection and Ambulance Contract. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Brockman/Greeneway) to approve the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee. Motion passed unanimously. This committee would be responsible for working on the Town Recreation Plan. It would consist of 2 paid members total from the Town Board and/or Plan Commission, as well as any volunteer citizens. The length of the committee would be for 1 year.

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

Items for future meetings would be: Town Building updates, budget, Wildfire protection.

The next Town Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Budget preparation discussion ensued.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 9:01 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk