

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, November 19th, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

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

This Town Board meeting was officially noticed on November 13th, 2025. The Public Notice for the Budget Hearing was posted on November 4, 2025.

Lorelei Fuehrer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Public Hearing was for the proposed 2026 Budget. Upon closing the Public Hearing, a special town meeting of the electors was held to adopt the 2026 local tax levy according to Wisconsin §60.10(1)(a), to establish the elected officials salaries for the term of office to begin on April 21, 2026 pursuant to Wisconsin §60.32, and to set the wage of elected official filling in for an hourly position vacancy pursuant to Wis Stat §60.31(4).

Motion (Bob Barteck/Doug Passineau) to approve the town local tax levy as provided. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Doug Passineau/Dan Forbes) to keep the elected official's wage the same. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Dan Forbes/Milo Banbury) to allow elected officials to be paid the same wage as the hourly employee vacancy. Motion passed unanimously.

A Public Hearing was also held for the proposed adoption of the Zoning Ordinance 11-19-25 pursuant to Wis Stat §60.41(4)(c). No public comment. Correction noted. The Public hearing is closed.

Brandon Burroughs provided a written Constable's report.

The Building Inspector provided a written report.

Lorelei Fuehrer, the Interim Zoning Administrator's report. Received complaints of possible zoning violations in the town. Also, potential business expansion.

Kasten Kester and Doug Passineau provided the Road Crew update. They are continuing to work on trimming in the road right of way. Shouldering is completed on Sandy Springs and Bainbridge Trail. Looks like the new truck would most likely come in January now. We did not receive the TRIP grant we applied for, we have not heard anything on the TRI-S grant.

Josh McDonald provided the Plan Commission Update. They have finalized the Zoning ordinance, continuing to work on the Town Building Updates and the Driveway Ordinance and Permit application as well as explore the possibility of an Operations Ordinance. They have also established an ad-hoc committee for the Town's Recreation Plan.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's update. She has been busy with training for Clerk College and well as preparing for end of year tasks.

Billie-Jo Kester was excused from the meeting.

Elizabeth Gebert stopped in to introduce herself. She is running for Wood County Circuit Court Judge in April.

Bob Barteck shared the loss of one of the Saratoga EMS members. He will be greatly missed by the Town.

Updates from Board Members:

Supervisor McDonald received inquire about home based automotive business. Supervisor Greeneway had inquiry about whether a business has a business permit.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to adopt the 2026 Budget. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the Wednesday October 15, 5:30 Closed Session meeting minutes. Motion passed. Peterson abstained.

Motion (Brockman/Greeneway) to approve Wednesday October 15, meeting minutes. Motion passed. Peterson abstained.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to approve Monday, October 27, 5:30 closed session meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Greeneway/Brockman) to approve the Monday October 27 Budget meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Greenway/Brockman) to approve the Zoning Ordinance with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Peterson/Greeneway) to approve the changes listed on the Fee Schedule. Motion passed unanimously.

Invenergy will be donating money to the town to assist in the purchase of radios for the Public Works department.

Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to purchase the radios for the Public Works department. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (McDonald/Greeneway) to allow Lorelei Fuehrer to sell the stove/oven that is no longer utilized in the town hall in the most advantageous way for the town. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the drawings from the proposed town hall and public works buildings. The next step is to go back to the architect with the changes and then we can move forward with finding cost. **Motion (Greenway/Brockman) to take the drawings back to the architect with the changes and obtain an updated set of plans to proceed to the next step. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Peterson/Greeneway) to approve the business permit for Cynthia Miller, dba The Old Crone's Cottage Bakery/Baked in the Pines at 3920 Evergreen Ave, Parcel #1800390A. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Items for the next meeting will be as follows: Building progress/updates, status of the new truck, dogs, and poll worker nominations.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk