

October 17, 2018

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town office. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on October 11, 2018.

Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 3rd, 2018 meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Forbes made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-2; Resolution to Borrow money from Nekoosa Port Edwards for the fire and ambulance contracts for 2018. The amount borrowed is \$263,250 for a length of 1 year at an interest rate of 2.25%. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. Heeg abstained for conflict of interest.

Heeg made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-3; Resolution to Amend the 2018 Budget. The budget was reduced by \$34,040, and money was moved from General Government to Public Safety and Public Works. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Scott Brehm with Stealth Solutions discussed the abatement he worked on at 456 Hwy 73 South for Ken Jaecks. Ken had 24 vehicles on his property on October 3rd, 2018. After researching registration and ownership of the vehicles, 6 of vehicles registration could not be found. The 6 vehicles have also been on the property over 60 days. License plates had been put on the wrong vehicles and the VIN numbers were covered up. On October 12th when Scott came back to the property, 2 cars had been removed from the property by Ken and he had registered 2, which left 2 vehicles. Those vehicles were removed from the property, with one being returned once the proper paperwork was given to Scott. As of the 12th, there were 19 vehicles on the property all registered to Ken Jaecks. The Town received a bill in the amount of \$1,150 for Scott's work and towing of vehicles. \$183 was received from Nekoosa Iron and Metal for the 1 vehicle that was taken in. Ken Jaecks will be billed \$967.00 for the abatement. Ken is still running a business without a Business License from the Town. The ticket has been issued and is in the court system at this time.

The Board reviewed the updated quote from Ascent Contruction, from Rudolph, for the installation of the Town hall doors. The installation was reduced to \$3,105. If the Town wants to install a new mullion lock, it would add \$415, and to install two new panic bars would add \$2,292. The Board wants to re-use the current panic bars and do not want a new mullion lock. Passineau will check with the company to make sure they can install it for the lowest price, if they can, he will tell them to go ahead with the installation.

Frank made a motion to approve the one day wine and beer beverage license for the American Legion spaghetti feed. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the results of the Community Survey. Over 78% of the returned surveys said that recreation would be a potential development that would be acceptable to them. The Board would like to move forward with looking into the possibly of obtaining land in the Town to start developing into multi-use recreational land, possibly tying into other municipalities and Counties. The Board also discussed the possibility of getting Wood County involved since they could apply for grants the Town is unable to. The Town will seek legal advice on how to proceed.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. Nathan Dick's property on County Road Z was to be taken over by Wood County on October 16th. The County's lawyer said that the property won't be cleaned up right away, but should be boarded up and closed. Dave will check on the status of the property next week. The property on Pixler Court that is in violation of the nuisance ordinance is owned by Mike Zurfluh, so the clean-up of the property is his responsibility. It

will need to be cleaned by the court date of November 7th. Dave measured the distance of the trailer off the road at Tony Berger's property at the corner of Townline Road and Hwy 13. It is within the Towns' right of way and Tony stated he will have it moved outside the right of way. There are 4 trials scheduled for November municipal court.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Work on 64th Street has been completed. Gravel will be taken to several properties where the driveway angle is steep.

As long as a second meeting is not needed, there will only be one meeting in November because of the Thanksgiving. The meeting will be held on November 7th.

Frank made a motion to approve the bills paid. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk