

April 3, 2019

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 March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes for the March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Andrew Berg, from the City of Nekoosa Police Department spoke to the Board about possibly giving funds for the yearly cost towards a police dog that they have already purchased through fundraising. The approximate yearly cost would be \$12,500. The dog would be used in the Town of Saratoga if needed for drugs, apprehension, or tracking. The dog would reside in the Town. The Board will discuss and possibly take on the next agenda.

The Board reviewed the ATV/UTV ordinance. The City of Nekoosa and Wood County would like Town of Saratoga to amend the current ordinance to add Hwy 73 from Church Avenue to the City of Nekoosa City limits. It would be part of connecting route system within Wood and Adams County. Passineau made a motion to adopt the ATV/UTV ordinance adding Hwy 73 from Church Avenue to the Nekoosa City limits to the current routes in the Town. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

William Cahak would like a variance to build a shed 5 foot from the side lot line. He got a letter from the neighbor, Phyllis Mason, 741 State Hwy 73 S, stating that she is ok with building closer to the lot line than the required 9 feet. The Building Inspector, Lorelei Fuehrer, said that with the law changes, a variance can only be granted if there is a hardship. There is concern that building closer to the lot line could create problems with different owners of the properties in the future. Passineau made a motion to table the discussion until the Board is able to get an explanation on why there is a need to build closer to the lot line. Lorelei will check with William on this. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The website updates are being completed and will be released April 18<sup>th</sup>. The website address will be the same, but the look will be more user-friendly.

Heeg made a motion to change the current fee schedule. All items will stay the same, except for the following changes; HVAC and plumbing permits were separated, change the wording razing fee to razing permit, and lower the commercial construction fee from \$.20 to \$.15 per square foot. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the condition of Kester Road and what changes would need to be done. There have been problems with water and ice on the road. The water has no where to go since the ditches have been filled in. The Town will need to see how the water flows to find the best way to remedy the problem, or the reconstruction and the raising of the road will lead to water problems in people's yards. Engineering would need to be done on the road since it is off center. The Board will see if they can get the road preliminarily staked to see where the road should be placed and check to see what poles would need to be moved. Kester Road will be placed on the road plan to be done in the next several years.

Frank made a motion to approve the operator's license for Jamie Sarver and Lynn Winters. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the building inspector's report. Posted road limits are normally up for 6-8 weeks. The Town follows Wood County's posting dates. People are able to check Wood County's website for updates about the postings. Building permits can be found in fillable form on the Towns' website.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report.

Municipal Court 3/27/19- Joseph Valiska-Violation of the nuisance ordinance-guilty \$754  
Joseph has cleaned up the property.

Barry Pio's court date was moved to next month.

The house that was owned by the estate of Nathan Dick was taken over by Wood County and the garbage in and around the house is still there. The property is supposed to be auctioned off. Passineau will check with Wood County for an exact date.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. There are only 2 businesses that have unpaid personal property from this year. There are still 138 dogs that are not registered from last year. All dogs are supposed to be registered by March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

The Town will apply for Culvert Aid through Wood County for 64<sup>th</sup> Street at 5 Mile Creek and Hollywood Road at 7 Mile Creek. With the Culvert Aid the County pays for half the replacement and the Town pays for the other half.

In 2019 the Town will work on Lexus Lane and Tower Road along with 15 of the worst dips.

When the Town does the PASER rating every two years, a number from 1-10 is assigned to each road. Then the worst and most traveled roads are done the soonest. There are 99 miles of roads in the Town, but the Town can only afford to fix a few miles of road every year since it costs about \$125,000 a mile. There are many other municipalities that are the same since there is not enough road aid given to municipalities. Many municipalities have had to remove asphalt and go back to gravel roads since they are cheaper to maintain.

Passineau will check into chip sealing Church Avenue from Hwy 13 to Hollywood Road. If the road is in the right condition, chip sealing will add 10-15 years of life to the road. It does cost approximately \$25,000 a mile to do.

The Village of Port Edwards will contact us when they are ready to start working on the satellite fire station on Townline Road.

The brush site is open until mid-May. Residents there was a way to separate the large pieces of wood from the brush. People would like to take some of the larger wood out of the site. There is no one at the site to police the separation.

There was a complaint about junk and cars at Ranger Road and Hollywood Road. Constable Ryun has worked on this in the past and as far as he knows, everything there is licensed and in compliance with Town ordinances.

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

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk