

February 20, 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 February 15th, 2019.

Passineau made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 6, 2019 meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

20 people were in attendance at the meeting, including Candidates Demski, Rickaby, McDonald, Passineau, and Heeg. Jason Joling drew the order of candidate's names for the Chairman and Supervisor positions on the April 2, 2019 ballot.

Scott Young and Jason Joling from Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, gave an annual report. There were 215 EMS calls to the Town of Saratoga. They are providing 2 hours of training each month for Saratoga First Responders. The current contract is due to expire in July. If both parties are willing to extend the contract a four year extended contract can be made. This will be placed on a future agenda.

Rick Bakovka, President of REGI, spoke about many different projects that are happening in the surrounding areas. REGI would like to work with all municipalities with economic development, especially if they don't have a municipal planner. He would like to help the Town of Saratoga's Plan Committee review the action items that are in the Comprehensive Plan, including getting Wisconsin River Access from the Town of Saratoga side.

The Town will purchase complete sets of chainsaw safety equipment for the two Town roadmen. They will be taking chainsaw safety classes this year.

The Town had to replace the engine on the newest plow truck. It broke down and there was material in the oil pan. The truck only had about 80,000 miles on it, so it was more cost efficient to replace the engine instead of buying a new truck. It cost the Town between \$20,000 - \$25,000. The Town received it back today and should be out on the roads tonight plowing snow again.

The Board reviewed the different items that the Town Advocacy Council has worked on in the past for the Towns in Wisconsin in the legislative lobbying. Within the last few years the work that they have done has added at least another \$17,000. Passineau made a motion to send the membership fee of \$1291.25. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

There were no items to discuss with the Constable, Dave Ryun.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. Becker Signs, Jeremy Schmidt Snowplows, Lake Aire, and Vertical Bridge are all delinquent on their personal property bills. Billie-Jo has sent all 4 businesses late notices. She is working on splitting taxes for the Village of Port Edwards Boundary Agreement area.

After checking with the insurance company there will be no decrease in insurance premiums for this year. They did take the camera information and have it on file.

The town has received calls regarding mailboxes being knocked over during snowplowing.

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

The Board reviewed and answered the Wood County Natural Hazards Preparedness and

Mitigation Questionnaire.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk