

August 21, 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 August 19, 2019.

Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 7, 2019 meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Saratoga ATV/UTV Club is having a fundraiser ride on Saturday, September 14th. They would like to add 2 roads in the Town as temporary routes for the ride. The Town has been looking at opening all roads as ATV/UTV routes; but waiting to see if the Town of Grand Rapids and Village of Port Edwards would allow ATV/UTV on Townline Road, which is a shared road between the municipalities. The Town of Grand Rapids responded that they would not consider opening the road unless it was requested by a Town of Grand Rapids resident, and the Village of Port Edwards has given it to a Village committee and we have not gotten a response back yet. Saratoga could open all roads in the Town with the exclusion of Townline Road. The Board will consider opening all roads in the Town as ATV/UTV routes at the next regular meeting.

Bradley Betthausser from the DNR met with Passineau, Forbes, Joel Ortman from Wood County Highway Department, the Town roadmen, and water committee member Joshua McDonald to discuss what things could be done to try and remedy the high water problems residents are having along Ranger Road east of Highway 13. The area in Town along Ranger Road has been affected several times in the past; with the latest time in 1993 when several residents were given money to either raise their house or build another room to replace their basement space. Bradley supplied the Town with information. The last several years have been very wet for all of Wisconsin, so there are water problems all over the state. He stated that if the Town were to ditch along County Trunk U or 64th Street to run the water away from Ranger Road, it could create civil liabilities for the Town if it affected any people negatively along that area or along the Five Mile Creek with the extra water flow. There are also wetlands in the area that you can't drain without creating more wetlands to replace them, which cost approximately \$80,000 an acre. Passineau will have Wood County check the elevations on 64th, County Trunk U, and 64th Street in the next couple weeks and plans can start to be created after those are done. The culvert pipe under 48th Street was replaced with a larger diameter pipe, so that should have a faster water flow. The water committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4th to discuss the issue further.

After viewing the area with the DNR, the culvert under Pine Ridge Trail will be replaced since it is falling apart.

Heeg made a motion to approve the business permits for:

Nekoosa Memorials-Jerry & Deena Capek-8811 State Hwy 13 S

Deer Trail Park Campground-Sharon & Rob Rose-13846 County Road Z

Octane Bar & Grill-Mike & Kelly Osborne- 9051 State Hwy 13 S

Tom-Lin & Sons, Inc-Thomas Szelagowski- 5320 Spruce Avenue

Lake County RV Sales & Service, Inc-Karl&Dawn Knuteson,Kathy Bruner-964 St Hwy 73 S

Wright's Cap, LLC-8540 Hwy 13 S

Randy O'Keefe Trucking- Randy O'Keefe-5011 Tower Road

Tri-City Motors-Randy & Jeff Schneider-1410 Hwy 73 S

Domtar AW LLC-405 Church Avenue

Branding Iron Supper Club-Jeff Powell-9721 Hwy 13 S

Jerry's Outboard Motor Repair-Gerald and Diane Blanchard-3150 Ranger Road

Shutter's Garden Center- Julie Shutter-722 Hwy 73 S

Misty's Menu-Brian & Misty Nelson- 9311 St Hwy 13 S

Powell Plumbing&Pumps, Inc.-Kevin Powell-6541 St Hwy 13 S

Lorelei's Inspection Services-Ken&Lorelei Fuehrer-640 Ranger Road

Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Tony Berger applied for 830 Townline and 6421 Hwy 13 South on one application.

Heeg made a motion to approve the business permit for:

Tony A Berger LLC- 830 Townline Road-Tony A Berger, but deny the permit for 6421 Highway 13 South for

Beers, Bikes, and Babes. The last business permit for the building at 6421 Hwy 13 South was D&S Collectibles so

Tony would have to apply for a new business permit.
Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Richard Rogers applied for a new business permit for Mary Rogers Enterprize at 1110 Church Avenue to be used as storage buildings. The Plan Commission will have to review the business permit before the Board is able to motion on the permit.

Frank made a motion to grant the operator's licenses for Kali Henry. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Forbes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-3; to amend the Towns' fee schedule to add the Annual Short-term rental Application fee to \$300. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to approve the new business permit for Florentino Gonzalez, using office space at 8841 Hwy 13 South. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report. With the water problems some of the residents along Ranger Road are having, Lorelei said that she would waive her inspector fees for them. She wants to make sure people are hiring licensed contractors to do their work, so it is done correctly.

Lorelei would like to not have office hours on Saturdays. She will keep her hours on Wednesday nights and will also meet by appointment other days of the week.

Chairman Rickaby would like to have Lorelei check with Jim Kraft on the removal of the dilapidated house on Church Avenue. Jim had told the Town he would have it removed this summer, but it is still there. The Town would like it removed by the middle of September.

Complaints have been received regarding the Folts properties on Hwy 73. The County is in the process of applying for the tax deeds on both properties since he hasn't paid the taxes for 3 years. The Town will check where they are in the process to see if we are able to get the property cleaned.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. 3630 Ranger Road has not made any progress in the cleaning of the property. Another citation will be sent. It will be the second offense.

Adam Flatoff received a very large fine for not cleaning his property and not appearing in court. Many of the items that are in violation of the nuisance ordinance have been put behind buildings and not removed from the property; there are at least four unlicensed vehicles. The Board would like the property cleaned, so Dave will confer with the Towns' attorney to get it referred to circuit court.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. The Town has received the August tax settlement from Wood County.

The paving of the dips has been pushed back a few weeks.

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

Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk