

November 6, 2019

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town office. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. Forbes was absent. The meeting was officially noticed.

A Public Hearing on the 2020 proposed budget for the Town of Saratoga was held at 6:00 p.m. in the town office. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. The meeting was officially noticed October 22nd, 2019. Nineteen town residents were in attendance.

Chairman Rickaby explained the proposed budget. After discussing the budget, John Frank made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Patty Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rickaby called the Special Meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Doug Passineau made a motion to accept the 2019 local tax levy stated in the proposed budget. Patty Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The local tax levy is set at \$667,751.

Wages for the elected officials were discussed. Two supervisor positions are up for election in April 2020. Frank made a motion to not raise the wage for the positions for the year beginning in April 2020, but to increase the monthly wage by \$50 for the year beginning April 2021. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rickaby at 6:15 p.m.

Patty Heeg made a motion to adopt the 2020 proposed budget. Doug Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau made a motion to approve the October 16, 2019 meeting minutes. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to grant the business permit for HHA Sports, 7222 Townline Road. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The business permit for Cornerstone Storage, 9551 State Hwy 13 S, was tabled until the business got the inspections required by the building inspector.

Frank made a motion to grant the business permit for Evergreen Market, 6054 Evergreen Avenue. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to grant the short-term rental license for The Gambrel Guesthouse, owned by John Cyboran, located at 10210 Rangeline Road. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map, job number 90212H, for Quinn Properties. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The County Platt of Rangeline Subdivision was tabled until it is reviewed by the Plan Commission and brought back to the Town Board with their recommendation.

Frank made a motion to appoint Paulette Weinfurter as Deputy Clerk. She will assist the

Clerk with responsibility and duties. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the developer's agreement with the proposed solar array in the Town. Frank made a motion to authorize the Town's attorneys to begin work on the developer's agreement with Savion in conjunction with the Town Board, Plan Commission, and residents. To promote transparency, moving forward updates must be presented to the entire Board. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to approve a 5 year contract with the South Wood County Humane Society. \$2,500 would be the annual rate beginning in 2020. The terms of the contract remained the same as the current contract. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to refund \$300 and retain \$50 for a cancelled hall rental date for November, since there has been no other interest in the date being rented out. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau discussed the water issue along and around Ranger Road east of Highway 13. Water monitoring data has shown that this year's water level is the highest since 1938. That high water has impacted not only our Town, but the entire state of Wisconsin. Wood County, the DNR, and the Town met to discuss the elevations that were done on 64th Street. The elevations show that the ditch is functioning how it was intended to. The culvert under Ahles Avenue will be replaced, there are a few driveway culverts that need to be cleaned out, and there needs to be a culvert installed. The property owner where the culverts need to be installed will be notified; since they would be responsible for the cost of the culvert. The Town is ensuring the ditches on 48th and 64th are clear and the water is running freely to the Five and Seven Mile Creeks. When the water has been high, the water has been running in the ditches. Elevations will be taken on Ranger Road to make sure that the ditch is working the way it was intended to also. Brad from the DNR stated that the water within the wetlands from County Trunk U to 52nd Street is meant to run West and East not North and South.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report.

Circuit Court

10/4/19- Arnold Strangfeld-violation of the nuisance ordinance-Town will label photographs as to what needs to be removed from the property. Strangfeld was to rebut those findings and reconvene in court 11/22/19.

10/22/19-Cody Trickle-Contempt of Court-Trickle plead guilty to the charge. The defendant is found to be in contempt of the court's Interim Order by his admission that he failed to abide by its terms. Cody is ordered to serve ten(10) days in the Wood Count Jail subject to purge provisions. He may purge his contemptuous conduct by removing all Walker Hounds from his premises no later than midnight, October 25th, 2019. He must notify the court of the dogs location by writing no later than close of business, October 28th, 2019. He just obtain the proper building permits for the building referred to in the courts Interim Order and once it the building is complete, the Constable will inspect the building. Upon satisfactory inspection, the Walker Hounds may be returned to the premises. If the dogs are returned to the premises for any reason between midnight, October 25th and the date of completion of the aforesaid building, the ten-day jail sentence will be immediately imposed. The court awarded costs of \$475 in attorney's fees to the Town, to be paid by Cody no later than close of business, October 28th, 2019.

Dave has done the 8th inspection on Barry Pio's property. There has been no change in six weeks.

Allen Thurber, 2150 Church Avenue, has not cleaned all the junk out of the high lines

within the 30 days of receiving the clean-up letter.

The owner of 508 Hillcrest has gotten the property 90% cleaned up and has another week to complete.

Ken VanStedum, 2540 Ranger Road, had 23 race cars on his property. He has removed 7 and plans to have another 6 removed shortly. They do entertainment at race tracks with the cars. He would like to be allowed to have the remaining cars on his property. The Town ordinance does not allow him to have non-running and/or unregistered cars on his property longer than 10 days. He will have to either remove them from his property or store them inside a building.

Dennis Trickle, 1551 Branding Iron Court, has until next week to have his property cleaned.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. Tax bills will be sent out the middle of December. They will be available on the Wood County Treasurer's website by the end of November. The first day of collection at the Town will be December 16th. Tax payments may also be paid at the Nekoosa-Port Edwards State Bank.

Correspondence was read.

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

Heeg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk