

December 18, 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 December 12, 2019.

Forbes made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 4, 2019 Town Board meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Ray Lowell submitted a letter surrendering his license for Boone's Saloon and Eatery effective January 1, 2020 pending a successful application for a license for Daniel Lowell for Boone's Saloon and Eatery effective January 1, 2020.

Passineau made a motion to grant the Class B Beer and Liquor license for Daniel Lowell - Boone's Saloon and Eatery, 8010 Highway 13 S, Wisconsin Rapids, effective January 1, 2020. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Forbes made a motion to grant the business permit for Cornerstone Storage located at 9551 Highway 13 South Wisconsin Rapids. The building inspector stated a few things need to be completed in the spring but otherwise okay. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the possibility of a sewer line running from the City of Wisconsin Rapids through the Town and down to the Town of Rome. There has been no commitment by the Town of Saratoga, but an engineering company working for the Town of Rome has submitted paperwork to the DNR to see if any grants would be available for the project. If the project would proceed, the Town would need to look into setting up a utility district. Frank made a motion to allow Rickaby or Forbes to discuss this with the Towns' attorney. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Frank made a motion to set the Deputy Constable's wage to \$15/hour. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to appoint Brandon Burroughs as Deputy Constable. Brandon has had several years of experience in law enforcement which will be a great asset for the position. Constable Dave Ryun will retire effective January 31, 2020. Brandon will work with Constable Ryun until his retirement. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau along with Steve Kreuser from Wood County, several DNR Representatives, and water committee member Tom Kann met and discussed the water issue along Ranger Road east of Highway 13. The water flow leaves 28<sup>th</sup> Street and runs to the West and goes underground. The DNR wants the water to be cool before it goes into the stream, since the stream is a trout stream. The ditching and culverts on Ranger Road will be looked at in 2020.

There will be a panel discussion on January 6, 2020 at the Nekoosa High School at 6:30 PM. It will be discussing Groundwater Contamination Science and Solutions.

There was a viewing of "Right To Harm" on December 5<sup>th</sup> at the McMillian Library. It is a documentary following five communities fighting to protect its citizens exposed to the devastating impact of factory farming. There will also be a showing at Rogers Cinema in January 2020.

Rickaby, Forbes, and the Towns' attorney, Larry Konopacki, met with representatives from Wood County Solar Project to discuss a developer's agreement. They went through lists the Town received from Protect Wood County, Saratoga Concerned, and items brought up at the solar community meeting. They discussed each issue and whether it could be included in the

developer's agreement. They agreed to give the Town \$10,000 to be used for the Towns' legal fees regarding the solar project. Any money remaining in the account after the project is completed would be returned to Wood County Solar Project. The representatives were very cooperative and understanding of the residents' concerns. The Town may possibly look at getting an impartial 3<sup>rd</sup> party consultant to review the Wood County Solar's plan. There will be a community meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, and they would like there to be a beginning rough draft of a developer's agreement available so the community can continue to stay involved in the process.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer report.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. Barry Pio had municipal court. He has not cleaned up his property yet. He did receive approximately \$1700 in fines and court costs. The judge has referred his case to Circuit Court. Barry has also put up a fence that is not in compliance with the Towns' fence ordinance, so a ticket will be sent.

Arnold Strangfeld's court case has been moved back to January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

Ken VanStedum plead not guilty to the nuisance ordinance.

Cody Trickle does not have his dog house built yet. The dogs that were barking constantly are not back on the property. He has until February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 to finish the dog house.

Passineau has met with Alliant Energy. They would like to move rebuild their power lines on Church Avenue. The road is not centered so Passineau stated they could have their line 4 foot closer to the right of way. When the road needs to be redone, the town can look at putting in curb and gutter.

Correspondences were read.

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

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk