

January 15, 2020

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 January 9, 2020.

Passineau made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 18, 2019 Closed Town Board meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to approve the minutes for the December 18, 2019 Regular Town Board meeting. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Ron Ebert, 7940 Pine Haven Court, has two 40' Stocor containers on his property while extensive water damage is being repaired at his home. The Town was just notified of the placement of the containers. Ron is requesting to have the containers on the property through May 2020. The Town Constable found that the containers are 5 foot within the Towns' right-of-way. Since the containers are within the right-of-way, Stocor will either have to move them or barricades will have to be placed around the containers, which Stocor would be responsible for the bill of renting and placing the barricades. Deputy Constable Burroughs will contact Stocor to let them know of their options.

Gary Gross and Mike Stimak would like the Town to consider transferring a "Class B" license to the Town of Rome for the business that they would like to buy; the former Three Lakes Bistro. They would like to support veterans and serve the community. The only license that could be transferred to the Town of Rome is a reserve "Class B" license that currently is set at \$10,000. The Board has discussed transferring the license in the past, but decided to not to because of the possibility of future growth in the Town of Saratoga. Once the license is transferred to the Town of Rome, it could not be returned if the business closed, it would be a Town of Rome license permanently. Forbes made a motion that he would be willing to transfer the reserve "Class B" license to the Town of Rome after working with the Town of Rome's attorney, Nick Flanagan. Heeg seconded it. Passineau voted no. Motion passed.

Heeg made a motion to appoint Brandon Burroughs as Town Constable effective February 1, 2020. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Forbes stated the Plan Commission worked with REGI to get a flag/logo design. A company out of Racine donated their time and created several designs and the Plan Commission made a motion to adopt one of the designs. A 3'x5' flag would cost \$100. Frank made a motion to continue to proceed with the flag they chose. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to approve the operator's license for Chelsea Knapp. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Nash Law legal fees spent in 2019 on Town Ordinance Violations.

Ken Jaecks -\$660.00
Luke Hilgers - \$272.00
Arnold Strangfeld - \$6,355.60
Leo Piatz -\$1,542.00
Ray Valiska - \$805.00
Mike Zurfluh - \$427.00
Alice Peterson - \$257.00
Barry Pio - \$2,785.00
Cody Trickle - \$2,395.50
Dennie Trickle - \$429.00
Adam Flatoff - \$475.00
Rod Ruder - \$160.00

Amber Hulke - \$405.00
Dean Folts - \$60.00
Dan McCrossen - \$870.00
Kenneth VanStedum - \$80.00
Miscellaneous Town Questions - \$2,280.00
Total spent in 2019 - \$20,258.10
The Town has received \$7,451.79 in law and ordinance violation fines from Municipal Court.

Deputy Constable Brandon Burroughs has looked into the Tracs program for writing municipal tickets instead of using paper citation tickets. It will not cost the Town any money to use the program. Wood County Emergency Government donated a Toughbook laptop to the Town to be used for the program. Frank made a motion to use the Tracs program for municipal violations. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town and Savion (Wood County Solar Project) have engaged in preliminary discussions about the terms that may be included in a developer's agreement between them related to the solar energy system Savion has proposed. The discussions are in their early stages. The list of discussed items will be placed on the Town's website so the public can view what is being worked on. Savion has given the Town \$10,000 to cover the legal fees associated with the development. Savion would be willing to put money towards the Town hiring an independent consultant to review the project to ensure concerns of residents have been addressed. Savion will be having a community open house on January 29th from 5:00-7:00 PM. at the Saratoga Town Hall.

The Mobile Home parks at 4730 and 3710 State Hwy 73 have a new owner. They have submitted license transfer paperwork. They will need to give each park its own name. According to the Town's mobile home ordinance there needs to be a manager onsite at each park so that residents can contact someone right away if there are issues at the park. The owner would like residents to call an off-site manager if any problems would arise. The off-site manager stated he would take care of problems even if they were in the middle of the night. The owner trusts the manager he has hired and doesn't want to just hire a resident at the park he doesn't know personally. The owner told the Board he would like to clean up both parks to make them look nice. Forbes made a motion to transfer the licenses for the two parks to the new owner, Keaton Schultz and to allow there to be an off-site manager for both parks through June 30, 2020. If it doesn't work well with an off-site manager, they would need to get one on-site. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report. Lorelei will be gone in February. She has notified contractors. Ethan Meddaugh will be covering for her while she is gone. Lorelei will contact the owner of the motel on Highway 13 to find out if they will be re-building or tearing down the motel after their fire. Lorelei has been in contact with the owners of 763 Hwy 73 South as they are doing extensive remodeling of the home.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer report.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report.

Town Court -12/6/19 – Kenneth VanStedum-violation of nuisance ordinance, pled not guilty.
Hearing – 12/11/19 – violation of nuisance ordinance – guilty-\$1450

Correspondences were read.

The movie "Right to Harm" will be shown for free at Rogers Cinema in Wisconsin Rapids on February 10th at 6:45 p.m.

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

Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk