

May 20, 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 May 18, 2020.

Heeg made a motion to approve the minutes for the May 6th, 2020 Town Board meeting. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Dennis Rogers owns a .74 acre parcel of land with two dwellings on it. Dennis would like to split the property so that there will be one house per parcel. The houses were built before the Town had an ordinance requiring at least one acre of land to split and only one dwelling per parcel. Since the Board does not want to create a precedence allowing the split, legal counsel was contacted. He said that the Board could either allow a variance, but there has to be hardship stipulations; or the Board could amend the zoning ordinance where the split could be allowed since it was in existence before the ordinance was in effect. The Zoning amendment would also have to be approved by Wood County. Passineau made a motion to allow Paul Kent to work on the amendment to the zoning ordinance. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed two storage containers that are located at 7940 Pine Haven Court. The Town granted an extension to have the containers until the end of May 2020. The property owners were requesting an additional extension until the end of June. Several complaints that the containers are an eye soar were received from neighbors. Passineau made a motion to deny the additional extension. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Ditching on Ranger Road was discussed. Wood County has an approximate start date of the end of July. There is quite of bit of utility work involved. There will be driveway culverts that will need to be replaced. The property owner will be responsible for the cost of the culvert under their driveway. If a bill remains unpaid at the end of the year, the amount could be placed on the property owner's tax bill. Heeg made a motion to move forward with the ditching project as long as the estimate from Wood County is reasonable. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to grant the operator's licenses for Jayna Schneider. Carrel seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Plan Commission recommended that Gordy Wipperfurth be appointed as Plan Comissionn Chairman, and Sarajane Snyder as Vice Chairman. Chairman Rickaby appointed Gordy Wipperfurth as Plan Commission Chairman and Sarajane Snyder as Vice Chairman. Chairman Rickaby stated that the Plan Commission does not make decisions, but is a recommendation committee.

The Board discussed a crosswalk from the north side of Highway 73 to the south side around Church Avenue area. It would be used to get to and from the walking/biking path on the bridge into Nekoosa. The Department of Transportation is planning to work on Highway 73 and would be able to add the crosswalk at the same time. The State would do the work, but the Town would be responsible for the cost of the maintenance of the crosswalk. Passineau will get the Towns' cost estimate from the DOT.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer report.

Passineau stated that the culvert under 64th Street is planned to be replaced by Wood County in October 2020.

The box on the town truck is starting to rust out. They are researching prices for new and used boxes.

McDonald stated that Kevin Lewis would like to get a business permit for his trucking business on Ranger Road. He came to the Plan Commission and they told him he would need to get a Conditional Use permit and return to the Plan Commission.

Kevin Lewis would also like the Town to place an autistic child sign on the road. The town board has not placed similar signs, including children at play, in the past. If the Town places signs, there could be a high volume of signs requested. That would add significant costs for sign for placement and replacement. The board is concerned that many drivers don't pay attention to many signs anyway.

McDonald also relayed that Kevin stated that there is a speeding issue on Ranger Road. Constable Burrough said the Town can request a speed board from Wood Count Sheriff's Department.

There was a sign damaged and replaced with a larger one on Hwy 13 around Critter's Bar. The larger sign was not put up in accordance with the Towns' Sign Ordinance.

Carrell wanted to make sure that any nuisances that may be encountered with the proposed solar array be addressed before construction was started. Chairman Rickaby stated that many things items would be covered in the developer's agreement that is being worked on.

Brandon Burroughs gave the Constable's report. Arnold Strangfeld trial has been scheduled for July 9th. Updated pictures were taken. Arnold requested a fence permit, but the building inspector will not issue a permit while they are litigation with the Town.

Barry Pio will fix his fence in June if there are no COVID delays.

Advanced Disposal is returning to regular pickup rules and large furniture pickup beginning May 18th.

Through the CARES Act, the Town will receive \$1.10 reimbursement for each absentee ballot for August and November 2020 elections. There has not been any reimbursement for the significant increase of numbers from the April 2020 election.

There was a posting on the Towns' facebook page regarding a mailbox being knocked down several times this past winter. The Town does not replace the mailbox when they are hit by the snow coming off of the snowplow.

Correspondences were read.

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

McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk