

October 21, 2020

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on October 19, 2020.

McDonald made a motion to approve the minutes for October 7th, 2020 Town Board meeting. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

John Chrystal requested to postpone the discussion of the Zoning request change for Parcel 1800519BD. It will be added to the next Plan Commission agenda before coming back to the Town Board.

The Certified Survey Map for Dennis Rogers located at Church Avenue and 24th Street was reviewed. The Board discussed the property split. Currently there are two houses on a parcel smaller than one acre. The drain field from one home is on the other parcel. The Plan Commission recommended approving the CSM that allows the split as long as there is an agreement between the seller and buyer noting that they are okay with the septic drain field from one parcel is on the second parcel. McDonald made a motion to table the discussion until there is a legally signed document between Dennis Rogers and the buyer stating that they are aware of the septic drain field from the home along Church Avenue is located on the property along 24th Street and that they are okay with it. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Hidden Chapel Subdivision Plat located off of Church Avenue. All the parcels are over one acre. The cul de sac is over 100 foot radius for snow plowing. The road within the subdivision currently has the name Voit Trail. The Board would like it to have a different name than a Trail since most of those are private roads. After discussing the road name with the property owner, it will be changed to Voit Lane. Carrell made a motion to approve the subdivision plat with the name change to Lane. Voit Lane will have to be up to Town standards before the Town would accept the road. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Old Spruce LLC, located at the corner of 48th Street and Spruce Avenue. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Passineau made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Townline Club LLC, located along 48th Street. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for 48th & Goal LLC, located along 48th Street. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed items that could be purchased with funding from the Routes to Recovery Grant. The items purchased would need to be as a result from the COVID-19 pandemic. A bid from Tech Pros for \$15,000 includes everything needed to have online and videoed town meetings and trainings. The bid only has 6 microphones, but would have to be 9 for Town meetings. \$3,000 would be added for the additional wireless microphones; for a total of \$18,000. \$2,999 is a quote from Tech Pros for a new laptop computer and projector and screen for the EMS department in order to do online trainings and meetings. Due to the increase of absentee voters for this year and going forward into 2021 a second DS200 election counter would be needed to keep the flow of voters going on Election Day. A quote of \$6,165 was received from ES&S for the second machine. Several other items including PPE for the EMS department and sanitizing and protection supplies, including plexi-glass dividers, for the office and Election were discussed for purchase that would qualify under the grant. Heeg made a motion to approve the purchases of the items due to COVID and request for

reimbursement from the Routes to Recovery Grant. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town will check to see if the purchase of a one-ton truck would qualify under the grant.

The Village of Biron requested Routes to Recovery funds from surrounding municipalities if they had unused funds. The Town will check to see if the purchase of a one-ton truck would qualify under the grant, or if some of the money could be given to the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department for training Saratoga First Responders or PPE supplies, before transferring any funds outside the Town.

The following licenses were requested through June 30, 2021.

Operator's licenses for Patricia Kniprath and Javrian Koskela.

Heeg made a motion to grant licenses. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town discussed placing an ad for the Building Inspector position that will be open in 2021. The Board would like someone that is in the general area so they are able to do inspections in a timely manner. The Town will ask the current Inspector, Lorelei Fuehrer, with help in making the ad and it will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer report.

Correspondences were read.

The Board discussed the placement of the dead end sign on Hasa Lane. Passineau will look at the placement again.

The stop sign at the corner of Highway 13 and Townline Road no longer flashes. The sign will be replaced with a regular stop sign and the flashing one will be checked to see if it can be fixed.

The Plan Commission will work on updating the Comprehensive Plan.

Carrell has looked into who is responsible for cleaning corners during the winter along State Highways and Town roads. She received information from the DOT that starting in June 2020 the Town is responsible for cleaning the intersections. The Town would like to know who is responsible for cleaning the snowbanks that are not in the intersection, but along the right-of-way in the corners that are a vision safety issue. The Town will check with the Wisconsin Towns Association.

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

McDonald made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk