

February 3, 2021

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on January 28, 2021.

Heeg made a motion to approve the minutes for January 22, 2021 meeting. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town has received one resume for the Building Inspector position. The current contracted Inspector will be retiring in June 2021. Passineau made a motion to check references and set up an interview with the applicant. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The agreement for the Tower Road easement was not received in time for the meeting.

Lemmenes Hydrometric has been doing the well monitoring and submitting all information needed to the DNR for the landfill since its closure. The lab work costs have increased, which will increase the fees for the Town. The owner has researched different labs and found the most cost effective one available. The Town paid \$1560 in 2020 for the monitoring. The new contract that will run from 2021-2023 will be \$1770 a year. Passineau made a motion to approve the contract for \$1770 a year. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed employee vacations. Currently, new employees get 2 weeks of vacation after one year. Carrell made a motion to give 2 weeks of vacation after 90 days of employment. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to give \$200 to Wisconsin Rapids Safety Patrol from the Forbes fund. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Brandon Burroughs gave the Constable's report.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the treasurer's report. She would like to thank Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank for the help in collecting of taxes.

Ashley and Ben Karbowski, 1511 State Highway 73 South, would like to convert a Stocor container into a hunting shack on their property then move it outside the town to its permanent location. They have spoken to the Plan Commission and stated that the container would not be visible from the road. They weren't sure how long they would need the container. McDonald made a motion to allow the storage container on their property in the Town of Saratoga for 90 days. If they would need it longer than 90 days, they would need to request an extension. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill Leichtnam discussed some work that has begun by his property. He is concerned that things that are not been followed according to the Developer's agreement. Carrell has discussed some of the issues with a representative from Savion, which will hopefully remedy the problems. There has been some discussion on clarifying what is considered the start of construction. The Towns' lawyer has notified Alliant and Savion that before construction can begin, there needs to be five items that need to be completed. If a resident neighboring the project would like to discuss more of a buffer area that what is set in the developer's agreement, they would contact Wood County Solar Project directly and get a separate written agreement.

Passineau spoke to Wood County and they are planning for the replacement of the culvert pipe on 52<sup>nd</sup> in the spring.

Chairman Rickaby has been in contact with Roland Hawk, the County Highway Commissioner. In the spring, he will check the dips that have been done within the last few years and the culverts that were replaced on 64<sup>th</sup> Street. They will be fixed by the County if it is needed.

The DNR has done a flyover on the Five Mile and Seven Mile Creek east of Highway 13 to the County Trunk U. They could not find any brush piles or damming that was done that would create a backup of water along Ranger Road.

Wood County Emergency Government submitted a quote to order and install address tiles for 2383 properties in the Town. The address tiles are very important when emergency services are needed. The Town would have to pay for the tiles, then bill it back to the property owners. The quote was for over \$104,000 plus shipping and mileage. Any addresses that have already been purchased by property owners were not included in the quote. The Treasurer will check to see if there is a way to charge back to only the properties that get the new address tiles.

Correspondence was read.

Carrell made a motion to pay bills. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk