

March 3, 2021

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. Doug Passineau was absent. The meeting was officially noticed on February 24, 2021.

Heeg made a motion to approve the minutes for the February 17, 2021 meeting. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program was discussed. It may be too late to apply for a project for this year, but it would be good to have the committee created and project(s) in mind for next year. Three Town residents have signed up to be part of a committee. Rhonda Carrell would like to part of the committee as well. Carrell made a motion to form a committee to work on the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program and continue to inform the Board of those who would be interested in joining and helping that; they would work with PC and include the efforts they have working on. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The following licenses were requested through June 30, 2021;
Operator's licenses Spring Ebert.

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

Constable was absent. No updates provided.

An account was opened at Portage County Bank in 2017 in case there was a need for a second location for tax collection. Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank has been working with the Town to collect taxes for the last several years and they have been great to work with. There is no longer a need to have the account at Portage County Bank. Carrell made a motion to close the account at Portage County Bank and move the fund to Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Rob Borski talked on behalf of a group of concerned neighbors on Silver Creek Trail. They have concerns including traffic, water usage, and lot sizes regarding multiple duplexes possibly being built on nearby parcel of land. This will be discussed at the next Plan Commission Meeting.

Billie-Jo Kester discussed insurance for the eligible town employees. Options were shared on the plans and the various carriers. The Town Board will have to choose a plan option, have to approve a resolution, and send it to the State for the insurance to start October 1st of this year.

The Town has had to move all the Town meetings to the town hall. Video and sound equipment has been purchased and installed for these meetings; so the Town will no longer be renting the Town Hall. Billie-Jo Kester received interest from Lori and Friends catering to rent out the hall kitchen for her catering business. The kitchen would have to be inspected. Lori would bring in all of her own kitchen equipment. The Town will check to see if any additional insurance would be required for this use.

Billie-Jo Kester will be reaching out to obtain quotes to insulate the town hall.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the building inspectors report. She is going to talk to the Plan commission in regards to adopting Wis. Admin Code Chapter SPS 327 to the current building

code. This will allow for inspection and further monitoring of cabins being built at campgrounds.

Four new houses are also being built in the town.

Chairman Rickaby and a road crew member met with an Engineering firm that would help monitor the condition of the roads and signs. They provided great information and detail that they would like shared with the entire board at a future date.

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

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk

Typed from minutes taken by Paulette Weinfurter, Deputy Clerk