

April 7, 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 April 5, 2021.

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

Brenda Sweet, Roux's Roadhouse 73 - 784 State Highway 73, requested an amendment to her Class B Beer and Liquor license to include her parking lot area. She would like to have outdoor music along with craft booths in the parking lot. She would like people to be able to take their drinks with them as they are viewing the craft booths. McDonald made a motion to allow the amendment of the Class B Beer and Liquor license to include the parking lot. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Brenda Sweet, Roux's Roadhouse 73 - 784 State Highway 73, requested an outdoor music permit. On June 26 and June 27, 2021 she would like to have a craft fair music/fest weekend. The latest the outdoor music would play on Saturday would be 11:00PM and until 8:00PM on Sunday. Brenda has spoken to her neighbors and has been working on other areas for parking. Heeg made a motion to grant the permit. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town Board discussed a possible easement off of Tower Road going into the old Town landfill. If the Town takes the gate down at the entrance of Tower Road and grant an easement off the end of Tower Road to the property owned by Daniel Spaulding, Wood County Solar will install a fence starting at the south west side of the Towns' property spanning all the way to the east. It would be located on the North side of the road. They would also install a new gate to get into the landfill site as well as signs and cameras. There were questions about the maintenance of Tower Road and ownership of the easement. After some discussion with Mark Mauersberger with Wood County Solar and Daniel Spaulding, the land owner requesting the easement, the Town Board agreed to table the discussion until they were able to view the final agreement and questions could be answered by Larry Konopacki, the Towns' attorney.

Arne Nystrom, Town of Grand Rapids Chairman, has asked if the Town of Saratoga will go together with them and the Village of Port Edwards to chip seal Townline Road this year. He has an estimate of approximately \$34,000/mile. The Town of Saratoga has 2.26 miles of Townline and would only pay for that portion. Supervisor Passineau recommended when they get bids for the work they look at getting CRS2P with fractured granite and contract the painting separate from the chip seal bid. McDonald made a motion to put the project out for bids and allow Grand Rapids to take the lead. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-5; Amending the Town of Saratoga Fee Schedule. The amendments set the tracking fees for Commercial electrical and plumbing to \$100 each. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed updates on the Town hall. We are waiting for quotes for putting metal on the outside of the town hall and insulating it. The Building Inspector suggested we also look at efface, which is a sprayed insulation that has a finished look. She also suggested putting windows in the Town hall. The election equipment has to be rolled across the parking lot for each election; which could damage the equipment. Chairman Rickaby suggested taking the cooler out the Town hall which would allow for a locked room to store the election equipment.

If the cooler could be removed and sold, it would need to be put on the Wisconsin Surplus website. There are a few items that need to be fixed in the kitchen before Lori and Friends Catering will be able to start using it. The toilets are very slow flushing and should be replaced to handicapped height. The Town should be getting some money from the federal government from the American Rescue Plan Act. Since the Town meetings have had to be moved to the Town hall, we may be able to use money from that for the updates.

The Board discussed the Roadwork for 2021. Ditching for Ranger Road was supposed to be completed last year, but Wood County was waiting for the permits through Wisconsin DNR to be approved. That should be done in 2021. There are some boxes that will need to be moved back off of the right of way. Wood County was going to look at some rough dips on Spruce, 48th and 64th Street that were fixed within the last few years. They could re-shape them so they wouldn't be so rough. Those should be fixed at no cost to the Town. Other projects that are planned are 52nd Street Culvert and Hollywood Culvert replacements, which are 50/50 projects with Wood County, chip sealing at Townline Road and getting 15 dips fixed on Blue Ridge Road. With the amount of money that is budgeted for the roads, there isn't enough to do road reconstruction projects. The Town will have to look at doing some crack filling and chip sealing to try to extend the life of roads in the Town.

The Town reviewed a contract from an Independent Consultant to review the solar project per the Developer's Agreement. Wood County Solar will pay up to \$5,000 for the third party impartial review of the project. Kent Syverson, Syverson GeoConsulting, LLC, was recommended by the Towns' attorney. He would go through all the information and look at the entire life of the project and make sure the environmental impacts are as low as what we have been told. The Board tabled the decision to hire Syverson GeoConsulting until it has been discussed with the Towns' attorney, Larry Konpacki.

Heeg made a motion to grant the operator's license for Angelique Sachs. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Heeg made a motion to approve the concrete waiver for Robert Skerven for 531 Pine Tree Drive. They will be responsible for the cost of removing and replacing the concrete within the right of way if the road would need to have work redone on it. The waiver will be submitted to the Register of Deeds to be attached to the property deed. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The SPARKS Committee would like to move forward with collecting information of creating a town park. Carrell made a motion to make inquiries as to the possibility of the purchasing of leasing of acreage for the Town park at possible locations under the Knowles Nelson Stewardship Program and other grant programs. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The next SPARKS Committee will be held on April 14th at 6:00PM.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the building inspectors report.

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

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk