

April 21, 2021

A Public Hearing was held at the Town of Saratoga was held at 6:00 p.m. in the town hall. The hearing was to receive comments to consider the Town of Saratoga Comprehensive plan draft update. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. The meeting was officially noticed March 22, 2021. Three Town residents were in attendance.

State Statutes require the Comprehensive Plan to be updated every ten year. The updates were discussed.

Kretschmer made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing at 6:04 P.M. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:05 p.m. in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on April 15, 2021.

Carrell made a motion to approve the minutes for April 7th and April 12, 2021. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Leichtnam made a motion to adopt the updates of the Comprehensive Plan. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Zemke, 10430 Rangeline Road, requested a camper extension. Her house burned down. They are looking for other places to live, but would her family be able to live in 2 campers on property until then. Carrell made a motion to allow the 90 day camper extension for 2 campers. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Piatt, Grand Rapids Fire Department Chief, gave the 2020 annual report. They had 15 calls for the Town of Saratoga.

Kretschmer made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for David King. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Rickaby appointed Dan Forbes as Plan Commission Chairman for a 3 year appointment. After discussion 4 Board members opposed appointment. Appointment failed.

Chairman Rickaby appointed Gordon Wipperfuth as Plan Commission Alternate member for a 3 year appointment. 3 Board members approved, 1 opposed. Appointment was approved.

Chairman Rickaby appointed Lorelei Fuehrer as Board of Adjustment member for a 3 year appointment. 4 Board members approved. Appointment was approved.

Chairman Rickaby appointed Rhonda Carrell as Board of Adjustment member for a 3 year appointment. 3 Board members approved. Carrell abstained from voting. Appointment was approved.

Brandon Burroughs gave the Constable's report. He will check on junk complaints at 8531 County Road Z, 682 Highway 73 and the house at the corner of Highway 73 and Pine Street.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. The Town has received a check from MFL land withdrawl in the amount of \$1,076,881.20. 20% will need to be forwarded to the Wood County Treasurer for their portion.

There are still 76 dogs have not been licensed in the Town.

Leichtnam would like to Town to look at applying for the REDI Grant, look at adopting 9 tools of civility for Town meetings, say the Pledge of Allegiance before each meeting, and requested the Board consider several changes to the Town meeting agendas.

McDonald discussed updating the Towns' logo used for envelopes, letterhead and business cards. This will be added to the next Town Board agenda.

Carrell questioned Jim Levasseur with Burns McDonnell of construction hours for Wood County Solar project. Work hours are 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Jim stated that they will have a lot of wood chips available. They would need a location to take chips if the Town wanted them. They may have other items available, including wood pallets as land clearing and construction continues.

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

Carrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski
Town Clerk