

June 2, 2021

The Board of Review was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Carrell made a motion to immediately adjourn the meeting until re-evaluation is completed, which will be approximately in August, according to Wisconsin Statute 70.47 (3) (aL). McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:01 P.M.

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:01 p.m. in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on May 28, 2021.

Bill Clendenning thanked the Town of Saratoga for hosting the Wood County Unit of the Towns Association meeting on May 21, 2021. A special thank you to the Saratoga Clerk for taking the meeting minutes. The next meeting will be held by the town of Seneca June 18<sup>th</sup> with dinner at 6:30, the meeting at 7:00.

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

McDonald made a motion to approve the May 19, 2021 minutes, with noted corrections. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

One bid was received from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for the routing, rubberized crack filling and traffic control for the Town Hall parking lot, 64<sup>th</sup> Street, Young Street, Silver Canoe Drive, Northwood Drive, South Shore Drive, Star Lane, Nature's Way, and Branding Iron Court. There was a question about the material to be used. This will be tabled until the next board meeting.

Paul Field requested to place a mobile home on his property on a temporary basis. The insurance company is having trouble finding suitable lodging while his home is being rebuilt after a fire. He would like to have the mobile home on his 45 acre property, not visible from the road. This would tie into existing septic and well. The mobile home would be removed as soon as construction on his new home was complete. Carrell made a motion to approve the request to place a mobile home on his property for 2 years. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Mauersberger, Development Director for Savion, shared general information in regards to a second solar project within the Town of Saratoga. The second project would be approximately 150 megawatt. It would be called the Saratoga Solar project and will be located east of the current project being developed in the town. More details will be shared on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm during the Savion Community meeting at located at the Saratoga Town Hall.

A town resident asked when the funds would be received from the first solar project. Typically, the funds will be sent a year after the operation of the project starts. Jim LeVassuer, the Project Manager from Burns McDonnell stated that they plan to have the project operational by September 2022. Tentatively September 2023 is when the first payment should be received. Chairman Rickaby said the money that the town received from land being taken out of the managed forest land has not been formally allocated. A large portion is expected to go to fixing the roads.

Bill Leichtnam mentioned a town resident on Blue Ridge Lane being in contact with him regarding the traffic and the road past her house. The resident would like to see a similar

buffer around the project on Blue Ridge Lane as what is on Hillcrest Ave. Bill is going to reach out to Mark Mauersberger and provide the contact information of the town resident. It was also shared with the residents that Savion has paid for all of the town's legal fees regarding the first solar project. The town was able to use our attorney of choice, not one selected by Savion.

The following licenses were requested for July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022.

Class A Combination-Beer & Liquor

Saratoga Mini Mart-Argil Jackson

The Store-Diane Lease

Kretschmer made a motion to grant licenses. Carrell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Class B Combination-Beer & Liquor

Boone's Saloon & Eatery-Ray Lowell

Lad-U-Ron Enterprises-Evergreen Lanes-Vernon Laduron

Junk Yard Bar and Grill-Ronald Ebert

Critter's House-Jessica Sachs

Lake Aire Supper Club-KathLynn Sedevie

The Branding Iron Supper Club-Jeff Powell

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

Class B Beer

Heart of Wisconsin Sportsman Club-John Wilke

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

Cigarette License

Saratoga Mini Mart

The Store

Critter's House

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

Mobile Home Park License

PIRCO-Mike Zurfluh

Estates on 73 – South

Estates on 73 – North

Kester Court

Hickory Shade

Leichtnam made a motion to grant licenses. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Junk Yard License

Nekoosa Auto and Iron-Carl Keinbaum

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

Short Term Rental License

Gambrel Guesthouse – John Cyboran

River Cottage – Tim Wolfe

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

Operator's licenses for Brad Weber, Karen Kalata, Tara Martin, Mary VanAlstine, Jennifer Arndt, Tara Rendmeister, Joseph Rendmeister, Jennifer Estrada, Gina Webb, Mary Knuteson, Angeliqe Sachs, Jeffery Wunrow, Rachel Krause, Leanda Schneider, Alexandra Schneider, Alexandra L Harmsen, Casey Glynn, Daniel L. McCarville, Amber Manthey, Brittani E. Schwartzman, Kali P Henry, Susan L. Rucinski, Sarah Kucharski, Diane Lease, Douglas Warmann. McDonald made a motion to grant licenses. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Nick and Martha Karris were requesting use of the Town Hall Parking Lot on July 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate and honor our community and the accomplishments achieved to maintain clean water within the Town of Saratoga. They would like to have a band and local food and beverage. They would like to have the bathrooms open to the hall. It was also suggested to rent porta potties. This is also the same weekend of the state water ski show, and the state trap shoot. This wouldn't impact the town's insurance or liability. The town also has a marquee sign if needed to advertise this. Carrell made a motion to approve the use of the town's parking lot to celebrate the clean water accomplishments. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Palm gave the EMS (First Responders) update. She is still waiting to hear back on the cost of the defibrillators. They would like to purchase 7 of them if possible. They just received 5 of them from a grant. They may also be able to refurbish some of the existing units. Last year the Saratoga First Responders had 99 runs and 14 fire calls. The Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department has been a great resource for them, which is greatly appreciated.

#### Department Reports:

Plan commission - no updates

Constable was absent, but provided updates on citations issued and warnings sent.

Clerk - The Heart of Wisconsin Chamber of Commerce is looking to have volunteers to help at the Dairy Breakfast on Friday June 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-10:30 am. If anyone is interested, please we would need to notify the Chamber. June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm there will be a Savion Community meeting at the Saratoga Town Hall.

Treasurer - 43 dogs in the town are not currently licensed. June 7<sup>th</sup> letters will be sent out. CD rates and terms were looked into for the funds received from the Solar Project land being taken out of the MFL.

Building Inspector - No bids were received to insulate the Town Hall. It was suggested to reach out to Joe Ruesch for an estimate. He does most of the commercial work in the area and specializes in this. Lorelei Fuehrer will work with Billie-Jo Kester to write up the wording for a bid.

Lorelei has 28 days left before her retirement. She will be staying on to finish the projects she has stated and will be guiding the new building inspector Josh Volz as he gets started. She stated that the town will need to find a new Zoning Administrator, since she will not be continuing. She is still a town resident and will still be involved with our community.

Road Crew-Wayne Coon provided information on mailbox safety. If they mailboxes are not properly installed, the town could be liable as well as the property owner. Supervisor McDonald asked how we enforce this. The documentation provided showed a sample letter. The town's equipment has had minor damage in the past due to mailboxes not being installed properly.

Jim LeVasseur, Project Manager from Burns McDonnell, said a pre-construction report will soon be posted. Rangeline Road and Evergreen Avenue will be on this report. They are not using these roads as a part of the route they use. He has no control over the logging trucks because they are contracted. He said they are learning as they go and are working hard to do preventative work. Because some of the trailers are 40' long, they need to make wider turns, therefore they have to widen the access to the road. He will keep us posted on the updates.

A resident contacted Supervisor Carrell in regards to Indian relics and burial grounds in the solar project area. Jim LeVasseur stated that they do a property report that checks with the historical register. This area came up negative for findings. If they find anything in the process, they will mark off the area and have this looked into further.

Jim LeVasseur also stated that they would be happy to look into supporting the Cranberry Blossom Fest. Also stated that a few job openings coming in July for administrative positions as well as site security. They would like to hire local.

Bill Leichtnam would like to have Nancy Turyk attend the next board meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. She has lots of information and experience with the REDI Grant. She will also be helpful to help with “branding” of the town. Bill also shared information on the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (NCWRPC) and how he feels that this would be beneficial to the town. July 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline if the town would want to take part in applying for the CEED Committee grant. A sample was shared of a community ask. This money is for economic development and recreation facilities. Bill would also like to see something set up for Jason Grueneberg from the Wood County planning and zoning talk to the town. Bill mentioned that Governor Evers is going to be looking at setting money aside to expand broadband. He feels that this could be beneficial for Saratoga, and it should be looked into further.

The board brainstormed ideas for the CEED committee funding. They talked about the boat landing on County Trunk Z, and the public access at NEPCO. They are thinking to ask for \$10,000. Josh McDonald will get this item added to the next Plan Commission agenda.

Rhonda Carrell spoke with Sarajane Snyder prior to the meeting in regards to emails from the Town of Rome. The Town of Rome is wanting to discuss waste water. Rhonda will be attending the meeting with them on June 9<sup>th</sup> to listen to what they have to say. Chairman Rickaby will check his schedule to see if he can attend as well.

The board also discussed the size of lots for a dwelling. This is something that the plan commission is going to be reviewing. The board is concerned with the number of septic systems and the creek that is in the area of Silver Creek Trail. Josh McDonald is also on the plan commission and he stated that the proposed building for duplexes via Ruesch Company has not been approved or denied. The plan commission needs to have more specific information before they can give recommendations to the board.

It was requested to have the following items added to an upcoming meeting: a zoning administrator, ditching on Ranger Road, and allocation of funds from MFL withdrawn.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Paulette Weinfurter-Deputy Clerk