

June 16, 2021

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. Supervisor Kretschmer was absent. The meeting was officially noticed on June 11, 2021.

Brandon Burroughs gave the constable update. A suit is being filed against Amber Hulke for dogs at large. The property of Ed Hardwick will be reviewed in the future. Supervisor Leichtnam asked Brandon to check on the property 1 house west of Roux's Roadhouse due to large amount of garbage.

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

Carrell made a motion to approve the June 2, 2021 minutes. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to approve the June 9, 2021 minutes. Carell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Nancy Turyk from the Wood County UW Extension office shared information on the REDI Grant and the CEED Committee. She discussed ideas on what counties and towns are looking at to establish a role in economic development, quality of place, needs for housing, branding strategies, a central place initiative, mapping and outdoor attributes, and a support system for a local entrepreneurial ecosystem. Nancy Turyk and Jason Grueneberg from Wood County Planning and Zoning have more information on the REDI Plan and its implementation. Leichtnam wants the board to become proactive with economic development. Nancy stated that it is easier to obtain funding if a plan is already developed and set in place.

Tracey Stratton was present to discuss the ditching that is supposed to take place along Ranger Road. She has talked with many of her neighbors in the area and they do not feel that the ditching would help. They no longer want the Town to do the ditching. Currently, they are not having issues with the ground water. The town has replaced culverts on 48th Street, 52nd Street, and 64th Street to help with the water flow. Doug Passineau, Road Project Oversight Manager, stated that ditching Ranger Road would help to move water away from the area quicker, by allowing the water to flow freely to the new culverts and into the creeks. Chairman Rickaby would like to have a form filled out by the residents explaining that they no longer wish for the town to pursue the ditching. Tracey Stratton will talk to neighbors to obtain the documentation.

Robert Steckbauer requested a business permit at 1109 Nature's Way. He is a residential contractor and most of his work would take place offsite. Leichtnam made a motion to approve the business permit. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Travis Demski requested a business permit for Demski Trucks, formerly Leo's Tractors located at 6540 State Highway 13 S. They would be reselling former Schwann's trucks. Carrell expressed concern about the oil and the coolants inside the units. They stated that the oil is placed into a barrel and the freezer boxes are removed. Since the freezer boxes are completely self-contained, they do not deal with the refrigerant. The boxes are sent to a scrap yard to be disposed of properly. Travis stated that they only sell parts to people that have bought a truck from them, and needs a replacement part. The board asked about an exemption that was between Leo Tractors and Trucks and the Town in 2019. The town board would like to have a list of the current inventory located on the property. . The board would also like to have a visit to the business site. Travis Demski was fine with that. Chairman

Rickaby is willing to visit the property. They need a Dealership License; they will need to follow the regulations required by the state. McDonald made a motion to approve the business permit, dealership license, and exemption agreement for Demski Trucks but wants to have checks and balances in place. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

One bid was received for the routing, rubberized crack filling, and traffic control for various roads in the town from Fahrner for \$13,650. Carrell made the motion to accept the bid from Fahrner Asphalt for the routing, rubberized crack filling, and traffic control for the Town Hall parking lot, 64th Street from Mill Ave to Tower Road, Young Street South of Hwy 73, Silver Canoe Drive, Northwood Drive, South Shore Drive, Star Lane, Nature's Way, and Branding Iron Court. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

A slightly used end loader with 115 hours was found. It includes warranty, plow, wing, hydraulics, and coupler to work with other attachments that town already owns. Leichtnam made a motion to finalize the purchase of a 2021 Case 621G wheel loader for \$167,800 from Miller-Bradford & Risberg, Inc. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Doug Passineau reviewed roads that were in the some of the worst condition in the Town. He suggested some road projects that could be completed in 2021. These projects would be approximately 3.7 miles in the Town. The approximate cost will be \$130,000 per mile. He recommends to have 3 inches gravel underneath, then pulverize and gravel, to then be shaped and paved. In order to do this, we would need to bid out and amend the budget. McDonald made a motion to bid out Tower Road from Deer Ridge Road to 52nd Street South, 48th Street from Townline Road to Spruce Ave, Spruce Ave from 48th Street to 64th Street, Evergreen Avenue from Hwy 13 to Hwy 73, and Deer Ridge Road from Tower to Hwy 73. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Other roads that should be considered in the future are Ranger Road from County Trunk Z to Hwy 13, Lexus Lane from Young Street going East, Oat Street from Hwy 73 to County Trunk U, and Wilderness Lane from Hwy 73 to the end.

Lorelei Fuehrer is resigning as the Town's Zoning Administrator. The board will check to see if the new building inspector, Josh Volz, would be interested in the position.

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

Class B Combination-Beer & Liquor

Dogs with Wings LLC dba Roux's Roadhouse, Brenda Sweet agent

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

Operators Licenses

Darcie Conklin, Patti Kniprath, Kristen Repta, Jamie Carney, Benjamin Eggen, Michaela Grosskuretz, Heather Wigstrom. Leichtnam made a motion to approve the operator licenses. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Grand Rapids has been working on the chip seal project of Townline Road. They received two bids; one from Fahrner Asphalt for \$134,297.75 and the other from Scott Construction for \$113,659. The Town of Grand Rapids suggested to go with Scott Construction, but would like the approval to be from the Town of Saratoga and the Village of Port Edwards. This project will be paid based on each Town's portion of the road. Town of Saratoga has 2.26 miles of the 4.5 mile road. Painting and crack filling will be in addition to this bid. McDonald made a motion to accept the bid from Scott Construction for \$113,659.00. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Saratoga First Responders received a quote for purchasing new defibrillators. The quote included units for both Nekoosa and Saratoga because of a bulk discount. Nekoosa will reimburse the Town for their portion. Saratoga EMS would like to have 10 units. The cost for Saratoga will be \$23,242. McDonald made a motion to approve the purchase 14 total defibrillator units (10 Saratoga/4 Nekoosa). Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a fireworks ordinance. According to the Wisconsin State Statutes, the Chairman or his designee could sign a fireworks permit, so an ordinance would not have to be adopted. The Town would like to have several items required in order to get a fireworks permit; the fireworks would have to be shot over water, fire trucks would have to be present, and they would have to be shot off by a licensed pyrotechnic.

Department Reports:

Rhonda Carrell shared that the next SPARKS Committee meeting will be held on Monday, June 28th. There were 2 parcels of land that the committee was interested in looking at further. One parcel wouldn't be viable, and the other was recently purchased.

Billie-Jo Kester was able to obtain quotes to replace the windows in the First Responder's office at the town hall from Northwood's Windows. This will be added to the next agenda for further review.

If the Town would want to pursue addressing the whole Town, the County Treasurer stated the fee could be placed specifically on the properties where the address tiles were installed.

Wayne Coon gave an update on the roads. They are currently working on fixing dips throughout the town.

Jim LeVasseur from Burns McDonnell gave an update on the Wood County Solar project. They are going to be placing some pre-construction signs. They are requesting the town to reduce the speed limit on Rangeline Road. They are concerned as they get closer to the middle of construction about the amount and speed of the traffic.

Jim met with Chairman Rickaby and Wayne Coon at the old dump site to review as possible pick up location for the wood chips. It will take about 5-6 weeks for the fencing to arrive to secure the area. The woodchips should be ready in about a week. Jim also brought in 2 sample sizes of woodchips for those interested in viewing.

WPL also has a member of their team onsite now. Drew Powers and Matt Staley were also present from Burns McDonnell. Substation and T lines should be coming in soon. They do have some areas that they cannot complete until after July 15th for oak wilt and some creek areas that cannot be done until after October. Jim stated that he is working with the specific landowners and easements that are being used.

Supervisor Leichtnam wants the Town to submit paperwork for grant money from the Wood County CEED committee. Since he is part of the CEED Committee he is unable to take part in the Town submitting the grant. Items the Board discussed to possibly apply for are the NEPCO public access area and the boat landing on County Truck Z. They will check with the Plan Commission to see if they have more information on the areas.

Bill has been in contact with the North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and learning ways that they could possibly be helpful for the town to work with.

Supervisor Leichtnam discussed the June 23rd community meeting with Savion. He would also like to see the town host a meeting to discuss this as well and to work with the Plan Commission to see what additional requests we have of Savion, with the intent of having a more intense developer's agreement.

Supervisor McDonald asked if Sarajane Snyder was appointed as the Plan Commission Chair. Chairman Rickaby stated she is currently the acting Plan Commission chair.

Supervisor Carrell met with the Town of Rome regarding the wastewater line. She would like to have this topic added to the Plan Commission agenda.

Supervisor Carrell wanted to make sure that the town's documents were secure and safe from ransomware issues and cyber security. The town currently has an IT company that we are working with and they monitor our systems for suspicious activity.

Chairman Rickaby shared that the board, 1-2 members at a time would be able to tour the Wood County Solar project with Jim LeVasseur. This may be something the board does at different times during the construction process.

Heidi Kawleski will be putting out a bid for insulation for the Town Hall.

The next Town Board meeting will be July 7th at 6:00 P.M. On the next agenda will be discussion about possible projects and purchases for the town.

Rob Borski attended the last Plan Commission meeting. He is concerned about the transition of the building inspector. He wants to make sure that things are still followed through on. The current building inspector will be finishing up any permits she has issued.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Paulette Weinfurter
Deputy Clerk