

July 21, 2021

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. McDonald was absent. The meeting was officially noted on July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Matt Staley with Burns and McDonnell gave an update for the Wood County Solar project. Tree clearing has been completed. They are starting to pull cables into trenches for the panels. They are starting to contact people that are interested in wood chips. As soon as the new fence for the brush site is in place, wood chips will be available for people to pick up. Gail Kretschmer gave the SPARKS Committee report. They have applied for two grants through the Wood County CEED Committee.

Sarajane Snyder gave a report for the Saratoga Plan Commission. Three bike routes have been identified in the Town that will connect with surrounding communities. Three HEART Trail signs will be placed in Saratoga to identify the route. The Plan Commission along with the Town of Rome Administrator discussed a wastewater system using the Village of Port Edwards' existing system that would run through Saratoga to the Town of Rome. Rome is looking into possible DNR funding which could help fund up to 70% of the project. The Plan Commission would like the Town Board to work with them and find out more about the proposed project. The Plan Commission received a modified PUD plan for the proposed project along Silver Creek Trail. They requested more information before they will make a recommendation to the Town Board. The Plan Commission discussed possible projects for the REDI Grant and possible things the Town could ask for from Alliant Energy: an electric charging station or installation of solar panels on Town buildings.

The Constable's report was read.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. She is looking at different ways of investing Town money.

Lorelei Fuehrer and Josh Volz gave the Building Inspector's report. The Outpost Ranch is opening. They are applying for a second driveway.

Carrell made a motion to approve the minutes for July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Kretschmer made a motion to approve the business permit for Julie and Macey Shutter, 706 St. Hwy 73 S- Sweet Sip Coffee Company. It will be a drive up coffee shop. They plan to start with coffee and a few food items. Their anticipated opening date is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Two bids were received for crack filling and chip sealing of several roads in the Town. Scott Construction bid \$129,871 and Fahrner Asphalt bid \$105,524. Doug Passineau recommended the extra crack seal and cross crack dip-level that is included on the Scott Construction bid, but to remove the extra .14 mile that was included on the bid. Carrell made a motion to award the project to Scott Construction in the amount of \$126,322 for crack filling overband, seal coating, and traffic control for 1 mile on Rangeline Road from Hwy 73 to the south; 1.25 miles on Church Avenue from Hollywood Road to County Road Z; 1.25 miles on Tower Road from Hwy 13 to Bell Road; .75 miles on 64<sup>th</sup> Street from Tower Road to the south. Crack filling will begin shortly and the approximate start date for chip seal is mid-August. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrell made a motion to grant a sixty day extension of 2 storage containers for Fatheads RV-8410 Hwy 13 S. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

American Asphalt of Wisconsin submitted the only bids for 2021 Roadwork. The Board reviewed the bids with Doug Passineau and American Asphalt's representative, Jon Hagler. Kretschmer made a motion to award the roadwork projects to American Asphalt of Wisconsin; Tower Road from Deer Ridge Road to 52<sup>nd</sup> Street-\$92,808.42, 48<sup>th</sup> Street from Townline Road to Spruce Avenue-\$76,682.66, Spruce Avenue from 48<sup>th</sup> to 64<sup>th</sup> Street- \$126,134.99, Evergreen Avenue from Hwy 13 to Hwy 73-\$124,295.12, Deer Ridge Road from Tower Road to Hwy 73-\$38,248.02. The total for all projects is \$458,169.21. There are several concrete driveways located on the roads where the concrete will be removed in the right of way; they would be replaced with asphalt. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Leichtnam made a motion to approve the concrete waiver for Robert and Virginia Kosmoski at 7741 Greeler Lane contingent upon receiving their signed waiver. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrell made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-7; Amending the Town Fee Schedule. The amendments are to change Commercial New Construction, Additions, Alteration, and HVAC tracking fees to \$100 each. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The air conditioner for the town hall kitchen, hall, bathrooms, and EMS started leaking and running into the furnace system. The air conditioner is from 1995 and the furnace is from 1998. A replacement air conditioner and furnace system was ordered through ComfortAire for \$6,325.

The Board discussed items that could be purchased/projects that could be funded with the MFL withdrawal money received from the solar project. Several times the Town Board has discussed making sure all addresses in the towns have address tiles, but did not have the funds available. Having an address tile at each addressed property helps emergency services find a property when needed. A quote was received from Wood County Emergency Government for \$104,089.44 for the signs. The Town would also have to pay for shipping and mileage to install tiles at each property in the Town. The Town will check to see if the installation price could be negotiated. If the Town purchases the signs this year, the cost of each sign could be placed on any property that would need an address tile. The Town would have to look at adopting an ordinance that would require an address tile for each property if it was removed or damaged.

Other items discussed: 1. Since Town Board meetings have to now be held in the Town hall due to Covid and spacing, either updating the Town hall or adding onto the Town office building. 2. Earmarking money for economic development/marketing. 3. The sewer line through Saratoga into the Town of Rome. The discussion of items to purchase and projects to fund was tabled.

Doug Passineau stated that 14 dips were dug out and will be paved in mid-August. He will check to see if the Town can get credit for dips that were asphalted in the last few years, but will be fixed by 2021 Roadwork projects. He will also check to see if they can fix the rough patches that were put previously done dips/culvert replacements on 64<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

Carrell made a motion to adjourn. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk