

August 18, 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 noted on August 12th, 2021.

Brandon Burroughs gave the Constable's report. A warning letter was sent to Dennis Trickle for violation of Junk/Nuisance Ordinance. A contempt of court motion has been filed for Arnold Strangfeld; receivership is being worked on in order to get the property cleaned up. Carrell questioned 760 State Hwy 73 S. Brandon is working with the owner to get the property cleaned up.

Josh Volz gave the Building Inspector's report. He was approached about restoring power to a trailer within the Five Skies Mobile Home Park that has been without power for a year. He inspected the trailer and said that it is habitable.

Mike Braley and Andy Remely discussed the solar project. They stated that even with the 35 mph signs installed on Rangeline Road and Blue Ridge Lane, there are a lot of people that are speeding. Wood County Sheriff's Department will be notified. Grass has started growing on the east side of Rangeline Road. They are putting in underground cables and driving piles. Panels are scheduled to start arriving in October.

Wayne Coon gave the Road Crew report. Chipsealing sections of Rangeline Road, Church Avenue, Tower Road, and 64th Street is scheduled to begin next week. The County will be asphaltting the dips that were dug out this summer, and the culvert that was replaced under Beppler Road. The Towns' new plow truck was delivered to Monroe Truck Equipment. It is scheduled to get the equipment on it starting mid-September.

Gail Kretschmer gave the SPARKS report. They will continue their meetings on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00PM.

Heidi Kawleski gave the Clerk's report. Redistricting will be worked on at the County and the Town will have about a month to review, make changes if needed, and approve it. The Town should receive a tentative plan on September 22nd. The Board would like the Plan Commission to review it at their October meeting. The Town hall's wifi is working, so a meeting will be set up with iWorQ; a company that has a system to track town roads and sign.

Carrell made a motion to approve the minutes of August 4th. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Claude Riglemon discussed the status of the Towns' re-evaluation. He has completed a market study with over 300 sales. He stated that there is an average aggregate increase of 30%. In order to try to avoid another re-evaluation within a few years, he has tried to go on the lighter side of the sales within the last twelve months since most are significantly over market value. He will be sending out notices to all property owners in early September. He plans to hold Open Book at the Town hall on September 27th from 9AM-5PM, and Board of Review on October 7th; time to be determined by Town Board availability.

The Certified Survey Map for Roger Peterson was reviewed. The two parcels being split are both over 1 acre in size and met Town requirements. McDonald made a motion to approve the Certified Survey Map for Roger Peterson. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Certified Survey Map for Ruesch Land Development VIII was reviewed. The 4 parcels being separated meet Town requirements. Carrell made a motion to approve the CSM for Ruesch Land Development VIII. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to approve the Concrete Waiver, to be filed with the Wood County Register of Deeds, for Allen Covey and Lynn Moquin, 7621 Carillon Drive. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Leichtnam made a motion to approve the provisional operator's license for Gabriel Newton and the regular operator's license for Lynn Winters. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Managed Forest Land money that was received from the solar project. Items discussed were fixing Kester Road, addressing the whole Town, and funding future economic, land preservation and recreation projects. The Board will check to see if addressing the Town could be done with the American Rescue Plan Act money the Town received. Kretschmer was at the last Wood County CEED Committee and discussed the grant application for improving the public access to NEPCO Lake. If the grant is awarded to the Town, the Town does have to pledge money to the project. The Town would look at graveling the path, toilets, and checking with the DNR to see if the hill going to the lake could be cut down. The board discussed promoting cleaning up properties in Saratoga and assisting residents by looking for available grants. There are times when unexpected expenses come up and the Towns Association recommends that Towns have a contingency fund for those expenses. Kretschmer made a motion to put \$100,000 in a contingency fund; \$200,000 in a reserve fund to be used for future Economic Development, land preservation, and recreation; and \$181,238 in a reserve fund for future road projects. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Town Books were audited.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk