

November 3, 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 October 28, 2021.

Josh Volz and Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report. There are three new house permits. Richard Grohloski, 7542 Oak Street, has submitted site and house plans; they are continuing to work with him. The owners of the house that burned down at 6020 State Highway 13 South would like to remodel their garage into a house; they will work with them on what is allowed. There has been contact with a person that is interested in turning the burned motel on Highway 13 into long term rentals. Luke Hilgers, 824 Church Avenue, was served papers on razing the dwelling at the property. Lorelei will get estimates to get the mobile home with addition removed. Lorelei has checked with Wood County Emergency Government; they are checking on possible grants that may assist in getting the whole Town addressed.

Andy Remely discussed Wood County Solar project. They are done with all the civil work. They continue to put in pilings. They are finishing underground utilities. They are beginning above-ground work. Fencing will be completed in 2-3 weeks. The Town would have to go through Alliant Energy, to see if pictures of the progress of the project could be shared with the Town. There was a question as to a driveway off of Highway 13 from a privately owned property; Mike Braley, representative from Alliant Energy, said that the driveway is temporary, and will be removed after project after completed.

Chairman Rickaby spoke to Wayne Coon, lead roadman. The road crew is currently shouldering. This year's blacktopping has been completed. The Town's new plow truck has been completed and delivered to the Town.

The next SPARKS meeting will be Monday, November 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski gave the Clerk's report. Raymond Bossert from the Village of Port Edwards would like to order the community signs for the Town of Saratoga. He would like to know what logo the Town would like placed on the signs. McDonald stated that the Plan Commission have been and will look at the logo, what points of interest in the Town will be on the signs, and where the signs will be located in the Town. The discussion and approval of the logo for the signs will be placed on the next Town Board meeting.

Carrell made a motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2021. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

William Klafka, 5045 Church Avenue, has a current camper extension until November 15th, 2021. He would like to have the extension until December 1st, 2021. Kretschmer made a motion to approve the camper extension until December 1, 2021. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Richard Groholski, 7542 Oak Street, has moved a mobile home and privately owned storage container on his property; which is zoned rural preservation. He would like to live in the mobile home until he has a house built on the property. He has been working with Lorelei Fuehrer, and has submitted site and house plans. Since storage containers are not allowed in the Town, he has told Lorelei that he will have storage container removed by November 22nd, 2021. Carrell made a motion to allow Richard Grohloski live in the manufacture home for one year. If substantial progress is made by October 22, 2022, he could be granted an extension of time to finish the dwelling. If substantial progress is not made or an extension is not

granted, he would need to be removed the manufactured home from the premises within an allotted time frame, if this was not done a fine could be imposed of up to \$100 per day. He will need to need to fill out a special exception application, and obtain a manufactured home installation permit application, and electrical permit, and a building permit which must be logged with the state of Wisconsin by April 1, 2022. The building permit allows 2 years for the construction of a home. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Plan Commission recommended the Town Board approve the business permit for Todd Oberg for Fat Head's Rapids RV, 8410 Highway 13 South. McDonald made a motion to approve the business permit. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrell made a motion to approve regular operator's licenses for Kristi Stublaski, Raquel Hess, and Thomas Sobek, and the provisional operator's license for Jessica Schwabe. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the American Rescue Plan Act funds. According to the Towns Association and ARPA's calculator, the Town does not have a revenue loss. For any use the Town decides to use the funds for; it has to qualify for the rules set up by the Treasury and have written justification for the yearly reporting. The Town may want to have special community meetings specifically for spending the ARPA funds. The Board would like to contact the Towns' attorney to get specifics on what the money can be spent on.

Leichtnam made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-10; A resolution to borrow money from Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank. The amount borrowed is \$308,288. There will be a \$500 bank charge for the loan. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed a list of possible projects ideas that could be funded with unexpected MFL withdrawal money or ARPA Funds. The Plan Commission order 10 items 1-10 and added a few projects they viewed as important. The Town Board ordered the 10 items as well. The vote total will be tallied and brought to the next regular meeting. Items listed were; Administrative Assistance-specifically a grant writer, Town Beautification ("blighted" areas), Broadband expansion, Equipment upgrades, Affordable Housing, Improvements to Town roads & bridges, Acquisition of Land for whatever purpose, Marketing the Town, A recreation area of some sort, Renovations to Town Hall/Administrative Building.

Leichtnam submitted a possible agenda for the upcoming community relations meeting on November 8th at 5:00 p.m. with Alliant Representatives. Leichtnam will send the agenda to Alliant Representatives. The agenda will be posted and put the Town website.

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

Board members gave informational announcements.

Leichtnam stated the grant though NCWRPC for \$30,000 was approved on November 1, 2021. He would like a meeting soon to start the process of working on the Comprehensive Plan. He will try to set a meeting up at the Plan Commission's December meeting.

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk