

October 20, 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 15, 2021.

Public Comment. Two residents spoke of their concerns regarding the Ruesch Companies Planned Unit Development proposal.

Andy Remely discussed Wood County Solar project. They have completed the civil work on the West side of Rangeline Road. They should start getting materials for above ground equipment next week. They are in the process of final grading and seeding at the substation along Mill Avenue. They are planting the grass seed in the ground; they want vegetation growing before winter. Chairman Rickaby stated that the cameras along Tower Road going into the old landfill are still a problem. The pictures are not acceptable to the Town. This will need to be remedied. There was an issue with trucks working on solar project running on Evergreen Avenue after it has been paved. Mike Braley, representative with Alliant Energy, stated that the trucks were underweight. He told the drivers to not use Evergreen Avenue, but is not able to guarantee there won't be trucks using the road. He stated that the company would be responsible for any damage done to the road.

Wayne Coon gave the roadman report. Blacktopping on Evergreen Avenue, 48th Street, Spruce Avenue, Tower Road, and Deer Ridge Road has been completed. Shouldering should be starting the end of this week. The Towns' new plow truck is scheduled to be done by the end of the month. The Town loader is being fixed and should be completed by the end of the month as well.

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

Leichtnam made a motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2021. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrell made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2021. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Ruesch Companies is requesting a Planned Unit Development for a location at the corner of Silver Creek Trail and Highway 13. Shane Ruesch discussed his plans. He has a piece of property a little less than 10 acres. He would like to place 8 duplexes on the property. He stated that the duplexes would be wheelchair accessible and most would be 3 bedroom duplexes. He has been to many Plan Commission meetings; and stated every time the Plan Commission had a concern or requests, he would remedy it. He has a DOT approved driveway permit off of Highway 13 into the property. There seems to be a clerical error on the paperwork of where the road is located, but it does state there would be between 51-100 cars using the driveway per day. He has been in contact with the Rome Fire Department and they gave three suggested turn-around options at the end of the road running through the PUD. Shane stated that he builds many duplexes each year and they are normally built in residential areas. Aaron Vurwink, who is representing Ruesch Companies, stated that that he believes the PUD fits within the residential zoning. He wants to put up nice duplexes and try to keep as many trees and green space as possible. He stated in a 2018 community survey, that 74% respondents were ok with residential development. He believes with the housing shortage, this would be a good development. Supervisor McDonald stated the Plan Commission did ask for different changes over several meetings. At the October 13th Plan Commission they recommended the Town Board not approve the PUD. They had concerns over compatibility with the surrounding use, preservation of natural area, use of open space,

impact on properties in the vicinity, and the possibility of affecting Ten Mile Creek. There were several neighboring property owners who voiced similar concerns regarding the PUD. Board members stated they had concerns over the number of vehicles using the driveway and the safety at that location on the Highway 13. There was also concern about the amount of trees used as a buffer for the PUD, and the possible impact the development would have on the Ten Mile Creek. Leichtnam made a motion to disapprove the Planned Unit Development. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan, Inc requested a Certified Survey Map in the area of Bainbridge Trail and Highway 73. The CSM would take two acres away from Hickory Shade Mobile Home Park. According to the Towns' mobile home ordinance, a park needs to have 20 acres. Currently the park is at 16.97 acres and this would take an additional 2 acres off if it. Zoning Administrator, Lorelei Fuehrer will look into this further. Carrell made a motion to table the CSM. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Plan Commission will continue to work on an advertisement for the Zoning Administrator position.

The Board discussed addressing the entire Town. Supervisor Carrell stated that she has spoken to several other Town Supervisors throughout the State and they said that the County was responsible for addressing the Town. Lorelei Fuehrer said that she would check with Wood County Emergency Government. Board members also mentioned checking to see if the Town could the federal ARPA money could be used. The topic will be added to the next regular agenda.

Richard Grohloski, 7542 Oak Street, spoke to the Board by telephone regarding a mobile home that was brought on his property. According to the Towns' zoning ordinance, mobile homes are not allowed in a Rural Preservation District. He plans to build a house on the property, but needs a place to live while he is building it. He stated he didn't know the mobile home was going to be delivered and didn't know the septic was going to be installed until the last minute. He would like to have the Town Building Inspector to allow Adams-Columbia Electric Coop. allows installing and turning on the electric to the mobile home. Lorelei Fuehrer suggested Richard supply the Town with a plot plan, building plan, a timeline of how long it would take him to build a house. Once all of these things have been met, the Town could consider allowing the approval of the electrical to the mobile home. Richard also has a personal storage container unit that was delivered to the property. He would like it on the property in order to keep his tools and building supplies in. The Towns' ordinance does not allow the storage containers on properties in the Town. Richard stated that he will have the storage container removed within 30 days.

Kretschmer made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-9; Amending the 2021 budget. \$120,000 was added to the revenue from the Equipment fund in order to pay for the new Town plow truck. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board tabled discussion of future projects, including ARPA funds to the next agenda.

Leichtnam would like the Town to meet with North Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission to see what things they could help the Town is awarded the grant that was applied for. He would like to see what other grants they could apply for.

Carrell made a motion to approve the operator's licenses for Karlie Phillips. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Board members gave informational announcements.

Kretschmer stated that Sarajane Snyder is serving as Acting Chairman for the Plan Commission. Chairman Rickaby will need to appoint the Chairman.

Leichtnam would like to document the solar project with photos. No one can be on the site without permission.

Rickaby has been working on the camper extension wording to ensure that the waste water is being removed correctly.

The Board worked on the 2022 Budget.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Clerk