

June 1, 2022

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 pm in the Town Board Room. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. All board members were present. The meeting was officially noticed on May 26, 2022.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The written Constable's report was submitted by Brandon Burroughs.

Josh Volz gave the Building Inspector's report. Town residents inquired about the sanitary permit process for the prospective Ruesch Company duplexes. Josh explained that he has spoken with the Town's Attorney who stated the permit request was filed online before the town had the moratorium in place; therefore Ruesch Company has 60 days to rectify any necessary corrections. Josh is unable to issue building permits until the sanitary permit is complete and approved.

Raymond Bossert provided the Zoning Administrator Report. He also recommended the Town look at the language regarding the size of a garage and accessory buildings in the Comprehensive Plan. He also shared the updated Town of Saratoga Future Land Use Map. This map is more general, but will provide clarity as to which land is commercial, light commercial, or residential. Kretschmer made a motion to approve the Future Land Use Map v4 June 1, 2022. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Board members reviewed the properties where re-zoning occurred at the Town, but were not filed with Wood County. Carrell made a motion to approve filing the historical property zoning decisions with Wood County for final approval. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick Nowicki, from Alliant Energy provided the solar update. The substation on the 7-mile creek is now complete. They are in the process of finishing testing of the equipment. They are tentatively planning to turn power on part of the grid by July 10. As of June 1, they have around 330,000 of the 380,000 solar panels have been installed. The grass is growing well. October 4 is the tentative completion date.

Joe Palm gave the Roadman Report. The town just purchased a used 1 ton bucket truck.

Gail Kretschmer gave the SPARKS committee update. They would like to have a few extra meetings over the summer to work on writing and submitting grants. They received estimates from engineering firms for the engineering at the Nepco Public access; these estimates are over \$25,000. The committee is seeking out other less expensive options. Leichtnam stated the deadline for the CEED committee grant is July 8th.

Paulette Weinfurter gave the Clerk's report. The Town has given a list of address tiles that have already been purchased in the town have been submitted to the County. Wood County Emergency Government will be working on compiling a list of address tiles that will still need to be purchased. They hope to have the order placed in the next couple weeks. No specific timeline on when the address tiles will be installed.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. Warning letters have been sent to the owners of the 36 dogs in the town that have not been licensed.

Information Announcements by the Board members-

Kretschmer questioned who we were using as a Municipal Judge. Nicholas Abts was the write-in candidate.

Leichtnam is concerned about the underserved broadband population in the Town of Saratoga and Wood County. He encourages everyone to participate in a broadband speed-test at www.ncwrpc.org/ncwrpc2021/broadband-speed-test.

Leichtnam and other members of the RFP Review Committee participated in virtual interviews with consultants that would help create a Town Sustainable Energy Economic Strategy. Leichtnam would like to discuss what we can do with grant money as well as how we can show progress on the Nepco Lake Public Access.

June 9th from 12-2 is the Board of Review. Open book will be on June 2 at the Town Office. Carrell has been in contact with town residents in the area of 52nd Street and Church Ave over safety concerns. She is in the process of creating a document for the landowners to sign so a vision triangle can be created. The road crew recently placed flags on the stop signs. Carrell has been made aware of a mailing that some residents received that own over 25 acres regarding a solar company out of Florida. This is separate from the current solar project in the Town.

McDonald shared that part of County Trunk Z was opened for ATV use from Hwy 73 to Ranger Road.

Carrell stated that according to an email she received from the DNR, Saratoga is now a top priority for Wastewater line.

McDonald made a motion to approve the May 18, 2022 minutes with corrections. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

McDonald made a motion to approve Operator's licenses for: Trent Menne, Shannon Golden, Karen Kalata, Bradley Weber, Joseph Rendmeister, Tara Rendmeister, Mary K VanAlstine, Jennifer Arndt-Boon, Tara Martin-Boo, Angel Lucas, Jennifer Lange, Desiah Hodge, Kristi Stublaski, Rebecca Baker, Michelle Hizer, Cheyanne Sampson, Ethan Harlan, Casey Glynn, Dan McCarville, Darci Nowak, Alexandra Harmsen, Gina Webb, Jennifer Estrada, Wayne Vandenberg, Robert Murphy, Wayne Nichols, William Elliot, Richard Rawson, John Wilke, Allen Witt, Timothy Ward, Thomas Sorenson, William Nieman, Bruce Rosenthal, Angelique Sachs, Jeffery Wunrow, Leandra Schneider, Rachel Krause. Cigarette Licenses for: Saratoga Mini Mart, Schierl Sales Corporation, Critter's House. Short Term Rental License for: River Cottage. Mobile Home Park Licenses for: Hickory Shade Mobile Home Park, PIRCO Mobile Home Part, Estates on 73-South, Estates on 73-North, Kester Court Mobile Home Park, Five Skies Mobile Home Park. Junkyard License for: Nekoosa Iron & Metal. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Kretschmer suggested the Town look at a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan. It is recommended that the Town have a plan as this will help in obtaining additional grant opportunities. McDonald thought that this was already in our Comprehensive Plan. Leichtnam made a motion to have Gail Kretschmer look into the cost to create a Comprehensive Outdoor Recreational Plan. Carrell seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Carrell made a motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to purchase the ES&S Expressvote. McDonald seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Leichtnam provided a handout with committees he would propose the Town create for completing various tasks. He stated the committees would be advisory to the Town Board. The Board discussed creating one committee to begin. Kretschmer made a motion to approve the Town Hall Ad Hoc Committee; which would be comprised of Town Supervisors, Town Board Chair, Zoning Administrator, Building Inspector as needed, Planning Commission member, citizen member, and additional members as needed. The Committee would meet as needed to develop a site plan, design or re-design, find contractors. This committee would be staffed with a chair, vice chair and secretary. Leichtnam seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

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

McDonald made a motion to adjourn. Kretschmer seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Paulette Weinfurter, Deputy Clerk