

## TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday May 17th, 2023

**TIME:** 6:00 p.m.

**PLACE:** Saratoga Town Office

**PRESENT:** Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Bryan Peterson, Josh McDonald, Roger Wilcox  
This meeting was officially noticed on May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Lorelei Fuehrer officially called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Per Wis State Statute §60.62(4) Update Zoning Ordinance to change the size of the Plan Commission from 5 to 7 members, as well as addressing an alternate. No public comment was provided during the public hearing. **Motion (Peterson/Brockman) per Wis Statute §60.62 (4) move the Plan Commission from 5 to 7 members with an alternate. Motion passed unanimously.**

No Updates from the Constable, Building Inspector, Zoning Administrator, or Road Crew.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's report. Open Book will be this week Thursday from 12:30-2:30. Board of Review will be May 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. We were just notified that our Garbage Contract does not include large pick-up items. Residents will need to take bulky items to the Cranberry Creek Landfill for a fee. We are in the process of obtaining quotes to see what this would cost the town.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. The last dog license letters have been mailed out.

Supervisor Peterson has received calls regarding road weight limits and Ordinance related calls. Items that need to go to the Constable have been passed along.

Supervisor McDonald also received calls regarding the weight limits and the Plan Commission public comment session.

Supervisor Wilcox has been working on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan as well as working with the Road Crew to complete work in the Town Hall Basement.

Chairman Fuehrer has received complaints about ATV/UTV crossing the Highway by Roux's Roadhouse. This is not an approved route for ATV/UTV to cross. Safety and damage to the road are a huge concern. She has also been meeting via phone with the Town's Attorney and a rotating board member for updates on what is happening with the Solar projects in the town.

**Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the May 3 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to approve the May 5 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Dan Forbes and Christie Greening have been appointed to the Plan Commission. The Oath of Office was administered.

The Per Diem Policy was updated to clarify when a per diem may be taken.

**Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the business permit for SRTGMM Operations LLC, DBA Saratoga Mini Mart 8810 State Hwy 13 S, Parcel 1800159B. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the CSM for Steven and Heidi Brehmer Section 32, T21N R6E, Parcel 18-00556B on Ten Mile Ave. Motion passed unanimously.**

Lengthy Discussion ensued regarding the water filtration system for the Town Office and the Town Hall. **Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) to purchase the 5053 Hellenbrand Neutralizing system for the Town Office. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Dog Ordinance is under review. Potential changes will need to be reviewed and a public hearing will take place before being acted upon.

An Action plan was submitted on the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. This is a 5-year plan designed to lower the risk of Wildfire in the Town of Saratoga. **Motion (Fuehrer/Brockman) to adopt the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion ensued regarding the committees that have been created. **Motion (Fuehrer/Brockman) to stall the Personnel, Policy and Finance Committee until we can gather previous committee's results. Peterson-aye, McDonald-aye, Brockman-aye, Fuehrer-aye, Wilcox-abstain. Motion carries.** Discussion continued regarding the SPARKS committee and how it started originally. It was suggested that instead of this being a committee of the whole board, it could be citizen run. This re-configuration will be discussed at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Rob Borski is concerned with the amount of ATV/UTV traffic on Evergreen and HWY 73.

**Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve Operator's License for Tempest Schulke, Tracy Stele, and Chalsie Ermers. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

Items to be considered in future meetings would be developing a future 1- and 2-year plan. We need to plan for any roads that need to be repaired, building updates, equipment updates and repairs.

The next Town Board Meeting will be Wednesday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

**Motion (Wilcox/McDonald) to adjourn. Motion passes unanimously.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk