

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday August 16th, 2023

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Hall

PRESENT: Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Bryan Peterson, Josh McDonald, Roger Wilcox

This meeting was officially noticed on August 11th, 2023.

Chairman Fuehrer called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Waste Management was present to share the options they have for garbage and recycling pick-up. Sealed figures were provided from Harter's Disposal. The Town Board would like to have additional information regarding the Fuel Surcharge and will be back at a future meeting. Both proposals included going to an automated service with a 96-gallon container with weekly pick-up for garbage and every other week for recycling.

No Constable or Building Inspector report provided.

Lorelei Fuehrer provided the Zoning Administrator report.

Doug Passineau and Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew report. Rangeline Road has been shouldered. The Chip-seal will tentatively start on Friday. The Ranger Road project will start next week.

Supervisor McDonald provided the Plan Commission update. They have been working on the Zoning Ordinance, the Mobile Home Ordinance, and the Land Division Ordinance.

Paulette Weinfurter gave a reminder that when requesting an item to be placed on the agenda to be clear and specific. The Chairman has official control of the items that are on the agenda.

Billie-Jo Kester will bring information, when calculated on the garbage rate that is included on the 2023 property tax bill.

Chairman Fuehrer and Kasten Kester just completed the PASER rating training. Chairman Fuehrer stated that a wall in the Town Hall will be dedicated to the Solar Projects in the town, which will include a solar panel and pictures.

Supervisor Wilcox shared information on grant funding that will would be beneficial for the CWPP program, resident emails, as well as updates on work being done with trying to save the Old Town Hall for the Wakely site.

Supervisor Peterson received road complaints on Hollywood Road and Hwy 73 and well as Yorkshire Court. This information was shared with the Road Oversight Manager.

Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the previous minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

The August 2nd meeting a motion was made to have the paving completed on Ranger Road. **Motion (Peterson/McDonald) to use ARPA funding to use as payment of Ranger Road Paving. Motion passed unanimously.**

Mike Goryl was present representing the Nepco Lake District. They have 2 weed machines that they are wanting to find a place to store for the winter. Suggestions were made on areas to explore for storage. They will investigate and come back to a future meeting.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to rescind original motion made at the last Town Board meeting to have a joint meeting with the Attorney, the Plan Commission, and the Town Board. Chairman Fuehrer abstained. Motion carries.

The contract with the Wisconsin Rapids Ambulance service will be coming due at the end of the year. Information was provided on the services. This will be revisited again with updated figures.

The Employee Handbook is currently being updated by the Town's Attorney. The Grievance Policy and Signature of Acceptance will be added and brought back to the board for approval.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the Certified Survey Map for Tammy Krause, 1321 Highland Ave. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to approve the sign permit for Auto Xtra's, 9404 Hwy 13 S. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the 3CX Cloud Phone system and how this could impact the town. A suggestion was made to see what types of options our current phone carrier can offer. This will be brought back to a future agenda.

Supervisor Brockman had done research on another type of recording system so the equipment can be accessible in either the hall or the office. A suggestion was made to check into our current phone system carrier as well. This will be researched further and brought back to a future agenda.

Discussion ensued to replace the hot water heater at the Town Hall. Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to accept the proposal for 50-gallon power vent water heater with big blue sediment filter from Williams Plumbing. If 40-gallon power vent is under \$2000, if over \$2000 get the 50-gallon water heater and inline filter. Motion carries. Supervisor Brockman opposed. Supervisor McDonald would like to rescind his motion. **Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to replace Town Hall water heater with inline filter for less than \$3100.00 Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to make direct deposit mandatory effective November 1, 2023, for all persons receiving a payroll check from the Town. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve Operator's License for Christopher Yauck, The Store. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan Forbes inquired on the ordinance for the engine breaking. This will be passed along for enforcement. He would like to know if a permit was applied for the sign on the corner of Hwy 13 and Hwy 73. The sign is out of the right-of-way and is an informational sign, so a permit was not needed.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.

The next town board meeting will be Wednesday, September 6th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Supervisor Wilcox requested to be excused since we had a quorum.

The audit of the Town's books took place.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk