

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday April 2nd, 2024

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

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

This meeting was officially noticed March 29th, 2024.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No Constable's or Building Inspector's report provided.

Lorelei Fuehrer provided the Zoning Administrator update. A Commercial building permit was withdrawn. She is also working with the Plan Commission on the Driveway Ordinance.

Josh McDonald provided the Plan Commission update. They have continued to work on the Driveway Ordinance. They also have 2 open seats to be filled in April.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's update. The election went well. Special thanks to the Deputy Clerk, and the great group of poll worker for making the day go smooth, this couldn't have been done without them. Also very appreciative for the help from the Public Works crew to keep the sidewalk and parking lot as safe as they could with the weather.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's report. 134 dogs are not licensed yet. If residents have a dog that passed, they can notify the Treasurer to update records. She also transferred the money from \$150,000 from Economic Development to a cd.

Supervisor Peterson has received calls regarding Kester Road and why the Town would be spending money on a dead end road. He has also received calls about the battery storage and water contamination issues if a fire were to happen.

Supervisor McDonald has received calls regarding downed mailboxes. He also received calls thankful for the good job the Public Works Department doing to maintain the winter roads.

Supervisor Brockman received calls regarding the brush clean-up, and debris in the woods. Also handled complaints of trucks hauling solar batteries traveling down un-approved routes.

Supervisor Wilcox received similar concerns from residents. Right of way clearing and CWPP are conversations he would like to see continue.

Chairman Fuehrer wanted to clarify that the discussion about Kester Road is just a beginning. This would be a long-term project that would span over the course of 3-5 years. When she learned of the possibility of funding from an outside source to possibly help, she wanted to make sure it was investigated to see if the town could benefit from this. She also had received a suggestion to look at doing meeting with other towns, fire departments, Wisconsin Town's Association, legal counsel to discuss and learn further about battery storage. The purpose would be to learn more, and then follow up with an additional meeting to inform residents.

Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to approve the minutes with typo fixed. Motion carries. Supervisor McDonald abstained due to being excused from the previous meeting.

Discussion on sending out the road bids to potentially open the 1st meeting in the month of May. Supervisor Brockman and Road Oversight Manager Passineau will be working on this.

One of the components of the CWPP Grant was to have brush grinding done at the Brush site. A list of contractors and approximate cost was compiled by a member of the committee. Currently, the grant is overbudget. We still have room

for brush so we could do the grinding next year. **Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to not do the brush grinding this year. Motion passed unanimously.**

Lengthy discussion regarding battery storage and the need to understand more on fire suppression, ground water contamination. The goal is to have towns, fire, legal counsel to meet for open house/learning experience April 25th at the Town Hall. This would be a learning and information gathering, not public comment debate. **Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to invite local officials and emergency response teams to a meeting to discuss solar projects on April 25th at 6:30 p.m., including legal counsel. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

The next town meeting will be the Annual meeting, April 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall at 1116 State Hwy 73 South. The next town Board meeting will be held immediately following the Annual meeting on April 16th at the Town Hall.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Town Clerk