

## TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**DATE:** Wednesday March 20th, 2024

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

**PLACE:** Saratoga Town Office

**PRESENT:** Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Bryan Peterson, Roger Wilcox

**EXCUSED:** Josh McDonald

This meeting was officially noticed March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Brandon Burroughs provided the Constable's report.

Josh Volz provided the Building Inspector's report.

Lorelei Fuehrer provided the Zoning Administrator and Plan Commission report. They are continuing to work on the Driveway Ordinance as well as developing the long-term plan for the Town Buildings and Kester Road.

Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew report. They are almost finished brushing. They are raking the ditch in front of the properties with a residence. They have been working on the piles by the woods. They are also starting to prepare for the upcoming snowstorm.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the clerk's report. The compost passes are not at the Saratoga Mini Mart. They will cost \$65 this year. The West side site is currently open, the East Side will be open mid-April, but we have not heard a date yet. Next Month, we are scheduled to go back to 2 meetings a month. The bulk item drop off date in June changed to June 8<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for someone to work at the Transfer and Brush site.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's report. Dog Licenses are due on March 31<sup>st</sup>. She also provided the board with a list of the delinquent personal property.

Supervisor Brockman is continuing to receive calls on garbage and recycling, as well as the brush clean up. He investigated applying for the ARIP grant, but this will no longer be feasible with the deadline approaching fast.

**Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to accept the February 21<sup>st</sup> minutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to accept the February 28<sup>th</sup> minutes with the change of absent to excused. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion regarding the property owned by Carter Jaecks, Parcel #1800752. He is wanting to live in the existing residence while a new house is built, and then raze the current house. Documentation was drafted by the Attorney, and will be recorded with the Register of Deeds. **Motion (Wilcox/Peterson) to accept the agreement as written between Carter Jaecks and the Town of Saratoga. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve the Mike Peterson business permit, Parcel 1800163F. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to approve the sign permit for Mike Peterson. Motion passed unanimously.** Peterson Movers is located on Hwy 13 S, Parcel #1800556E.

**Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to approve this permit and second permit for 1089 Ten Mile Ave with assumption that 2 business permits are filled out. Motion passed unanimously.** Business permits are for McMullen Brehmer Group Inc and Long Crow Inn at 1089 and 1099 Ten Mile Ave.

**Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to approve the short-term rental application. Motion passed unanimously.** The short-term rental application is for Long Crow Inn, 1099 Ten Mile Ave, Parcel#1800556B.

**Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to accept letter as written. Motion passed unanimously.** This letter was drafted for the Nepco Lake District to outline the process of how the Town of Saratoga is handling the fees, payments, and interest.

Discussion on the cell phone reimbursement for the full time Public works employees. Verbiage will be noted for when they are on vacation. Motion (Wilcox/Brockman) to accept verbiage as written in Employee Handbook for cell phone reimbursement with follow up phone call to attorney to review the verbiage. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the fee schedule and the various zoning fees. **Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to modify fee schedule to eliminate red writing and work consultation in the plan review. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to rescind previous motion. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to accept the new fee schedule leaving the red words crossed out but leaving in the preliminary plat review at \$300, and removing the work consultations in plan review consultation. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Brockman) to transfer \$150,000 into a cd of no more than a year for best rate between Nekoosa Port Edwards Ban, and Paper City Savings. Motion passed unanimously.**

Domtar would like to cross Church Avenue with heavy equipment. This will only be a crossing of Church, not traveling the distance of the road. This was part of an agreement that was made with the Town in 1979 but would need to be updated. **Motion (Brockman/Wilcox) to use the Road Use agreement with Domtar. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion ensued regarding solar batteries. Chairmen Fuehrer will be doing more research and will bring this information back to the next meeting.

Kester Road was discussed again. The town will need to plan and decide the best way to remedy the situation. More information to come.

**Motion (Peterson/Brockman) to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.**

The next town board meeting will be Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Chairman Fuehrer excused herself from the discussion. Discussion regarding the interim zoning rate of pay to change from hourly to a flat rate. **Motion (Peterson/Brockman) to accept agreement for interim zoning administrator with the change of salary. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion (Wilcox/Brockman) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk