

April 18, 2012

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the town office. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. Passineau was absent. The meeting was officially noticed.

Frank made a motion to approve the April 4, 2012 minutes. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Greg Mallek, 13967 Forest Hill Drive, requested a variance to build closer to the road. He wanted to build a carport off a shed that would be 35 feet from the center of the road. The front of the shed to the center of the road would be 63 feet. The board is concerned with stretching the setbacks that are in the current ordinance. Forbes made a motion to not grant the variance. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to accept a contract with Nekoosa Iron and Metal for picking up metal and appliances at the transfer site. They will not charge the Town for taking out refrigerant from appliances and the Town will require no payment for the metal. The contract will be ongoing and can be cancelled at any time with a 45 day notice. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

The board discussed a Memorandum of Understanding for the Hwy 13 and South Shore Drive intersection with Great Northern Timber Company. The Towns' attorney and the DOT were consulted and were okay with the agreement. Forbes made a motion to accept the agreement. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

A donation for the Wisconsin Rapids Safety Patrol was discussed. They provide rewards and incentives for students. Forbes funded the donation account and would like to donate \$200.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. She just sent out over 100 letters for residents that have not re-registered their dogs for this year.

Patty Heeg told the board that the Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank would help sponsor the Towns' Association meeting that will be held in June at the town hall.

John Frank was interested to see if the Town would be able to put a time limitation on things that are for sale along the side of the road. The board would have to check into it further.

The board discussed the building code ordinance. The entire ordinance needs to be looked over to be sure that it is correct, especially with all the code changes that were just done. Lorelei Fuerhrer, the building inspector, and Tom Grygo, a member of the Plan Commission, will review the ordinance and bring the changes to the board. The board would need to adopt the Wood County Planned Unit Development in order to serve the Towns' immediate need for the two proposed PUD's. Adopting the County's plan would not change the lot requirements for the entire town. It would only add the Planned Unit Developments to the ordinance.

The Plan Commission will meet on May 9th, 2012. They will discuss the changes that need to be done to the County's PUD in order for the Town to adopt it.

Lorelei Fuhrer gave the Building Inspector's report. She has issued 24 building permits for the year. She has issued a raze order on a mobile home that has no roof, and plans to issue a raze order on a house on Mill that has had a cessation of building for over 2 years.

Correspondence was read.

Frank made a motion to approve the bills paid. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Town books were audited.

Heeg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk