

December 7, 2016

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

Heeg made a motion to approve the minutes for November 16<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Doug Dannen from Pearl Engineering discussed the Towns' safety program with the Board. \$200 will be given to full-time roadmen and \$100 will be given to part-time employees each year to purchase safety equipment. He will continue to work on the program with employees and start to get training set up.

Bill Leichtnam, Wood County Supervisor, discussed his frustration with the County Board regarding their non-involvement with Town issues. Bill would like to speak to the Towns' attorney to see if there is anything that can be done to make them more aware of Town issues.

The Board discussed the lawsuit regarding Lamar Outdoor's existing sign in the right of way on Nature's Way. According to the Towns' sign ordinance they would not be allowed to move the sign to another location in the Town without reducing its size significantly. The Towns' attorney said they should have been notified in writing once the sign was found to be within the town's right of way in 2009. They would have been able to move the sign at its current size before the Sign Ordinance went into effect. Passineau made a motion to follow our attorney's recommendation and allow them to move the sign at its current size to another location within the Town. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Town employee's wages were reviewed and discussed. Heeg made a motion to increase the Lead Roadman's wage by \$.75/hour and by \$1.10/hour for Second Roadman for 2017-2018; the increases will make the pay gap between the two positions smaller. Frank seconded it. Motion passes 4 to 0.

Passineau made a motion to increase Transfer site, Hall Attendant, Custodian, and Election positions by \$.50/hour for 2017-2018. Frank seconded it. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Frank made a motion to approve the operator's license for Michelle Derry. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed 4 to 0.

The Ambulance contract with the City of Wisconsin Rapids was signed.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. In Municipal Court, Ed Hardwick was found guilty of the violation of the Nuisance Ordinance and was fined \$1951. The Towns' Attorney is working on the Handke, Strangfeld, and Jaecks cases.

The Town is going to start brushing on some roads within the Town. Although it may not look very good this winter, the bushes and trees will come back looking fine in the spring.

Correspondence was read.

Heeg made a motion to approve the bills paid. Frank seconded it. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Heeg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed 4 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk