

July 22, 2015

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

The Board met with the Towns' attorney, Robert Kryshak, to discuss changes to the Nuisance Ordinance and Court procedures. The Board would like the properties to be cleaned, not just have a fine paid.

Mr. Kryshak suggested several changes:

Increasing the fine amount for each citation issued.

Encouraging the Municipal Court Judge to higher forfeiture fines if the case goes to trial.

If the property owner does not contest the citation, they have to work with the Town and submit a clean-up plan.

If an owner does not show up for a court appearance, the default fine should be increased.

Mr. Kryshak will work on changes to the nuisance ordinance and present them to the Board at a future meeting.

The Board reviewed the case the Town has against Dean Folts. Mr. Kryshak has taken the case to trial. The court date is August 19th. If the judge declares the property a public nuisance, a receiver will take control of the property to get it cleaned up. The Board would like Mr. Kryshak to ask Scott Brehm to possibly be the receiver for the Town. Mr. Kryshak will also work on getting an order that would allow the Town to sell any items of value so the Town could re-coup some of the money that they will have to pay the receiver.

If Dean would sell or refinance his property, the Town will get the forfeiture amount he currently owes the Town.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk