

July 31, 2013

The Saratoga Town Board met at 6:00 p.m. in the Alexander Park Shelter House in Port Edwards. The meeting was called to order. Chairman Rickaby was absent. The meeting was officially noticed.

A Public Hearing was held regarding the boundary agreement between the Town and the Village of Port Edwards. 33 people were in attendance. Connie Anderson, special council for the Town, went thru the 10 year agreement. Some concerns from the June Public Hearing were incorporated into the agreement. Village land use, zoning, and subdivision ordinances would apply. The Village would also do the fire and EMS service. Speeding violations would be handled by Wood County.

Chris Renner explained the land that was included in the agreement. The only land included in the boundary agreement is larger undeveloped developable properties.

The difference in the tax rate between the Village and the Town is pretty significant and the Pavloski's could sell their lots a lot faster at the Town's tax rate. Joe Terry, for the Village of Port Edwards, went over the tax analysis report.

The property will be taken out of MFL before it is transferred to the Town of Saratoga in order for the Village to receive all the payment for the withdrawal.

The developers would give the Village of Port Edwards a piece of land and a building for a satellite fire station which would benefit residents from the Village and the Town. A location would be chosen based on recommendation from the State for the best ISO rating and by the Village of Port Edwards. The developers would also provide a piece of land for a compost site.

Buyers would be told about the agreement and that they would be at the Villages' rate after the agreement expires. The agreement would be binding as soon as it was signed by both municipalities.

The Revenue Sharing agreement was reviewed. The Village of Port Edwards would receive \$2,000 per lake lot sold up to 150 lots with \$100,000 up front and the Town of Saratoga would receive \$500 per lake lot sold up to 150 lots with \$25,000 up front.

The properties in the boundary area would pay the Town of Saratoga's local tax. 80% of the tax would go to the Village of Port Edwards and the Town of Saratoga would retain the remaining 20%.

Attorney Rick Schmidt was retained by 4 Village of Port Edward's properties owners that live right outside the boundary agreement area. They would like to be included in the boundary area so they would be able to pay the Town of Saratoga's tax rate for the next 10 years. Village of Port Edward's board members stated that they are looking out for the Village and would not want to do something that would hurt the Village and raise everyone else's taxes.

The State of Wisconsin Department of Administration did a voluntary boundary review since it is not required in this type of agreement. They stated that the agreement appears to be clear and meets all requirements. They would like to receive a copy of the agreement once it is approved.

Ed Saylor from the Village of Port Edwards called the public meeting closed at 7:05 p.m.

Passineau made a motion to postpone the voting until the next regular scheduled meeting on August 7, 2013. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

The Village of Port Edwards will vote on the agreement on August 13th.

Acting Chairman Dan Forbes called the Town of Saratoga meeting to order.

The Protect Wood County group would like to use the Saratoga Town hall for a few meetings on August 21, 2013. They would like to use if free of charge. Passineau made a motion to

allow the group to use the hall free of charge since we have let other groups use the hall free of charge in the past. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Heeg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk