

May 21, 2014

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.

Heeg made a motion to approve the May 7, 2014 meeting minutes. Forbes seconded it. Motion passed.

Jason Vechinski, 9940 Carousel Court, would like to put a concrete driveway all the way to the road. It is against Town ordinance to have concrete in the road right of way. Jason signed a waiver stating that he would have to pay for the expense of the removal and replacement of the driveway if the road would need to be fixed. The Board discussed if the waiver would legally go with the property if it was to be sold. The Board will need to look into whether they would like to issue waivers in the future. Forbes made a motion to approve concrete in the right of way for 9940 Carousel Court. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Mark Pechinski gave the EMS report. They currently have 15 members. He reviewed the training that they have been doing. They are looking into getting EPI pens for everyone. The pens are very expensive and expire if they are not used. July 26, 2014 is their Ride 4 Life fundraiser.

Otto and Irene Pavelec would like to have a 60th anniversary party at the town hall. They have lived in the Town for over 50 years. Forbes made a motion to allow them to use the hall free of charge as a gift. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

A company has approached the Town about buying out the lease for the cell tower at the 1116 property. They would pay the Town a lump sum of \$63,000. With the current rent that we are receiving each month, it would be about 7 years of payments. Frank made a motion to deny the contract and keep the monthly payments that we are currently receiving. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the building inspector's report. She has over 40 permits for the year including 2 more house permits. She discussed that there is a permit and fee for moving a mobile home within the Town even at a mobile home park.

The Board discussed Townline Road rumble strips since a complaint has been received about them. With the Tri-D grant that we received we had certain safety enhancement criteria to follow. The rumble strips were part of those enhancements. All the information about the road was at the Public Informational Meetings that were held before the project was started last year.

Repairs were done on Townline around 32nd Street and 80th Street as part of the agreement with American Asphalt. They have repainting to do and fencing to take down before final payment will be made.

Frost heaves that were on the road this winter have leveled out.

There is a property at the corner of Townline and 64th Street that would like a culvert. Passineau will check on this.

There are weight limit signs on Townline from 32nd Street to 80th Street. Forbes checked the Town of Grand Rapids ordinances. According to their ordinance, the road should be a class B road. The Town roadman will check with the Town of Grand Rapids to get the weight limit signs removed.

Passineau wanted to know if there were minutes that stated the Town of Saratoga would not take over South Shore Drive until it was up to the Town's specifications. Forbes had five previous meeting minutes that the Pavloski's had been notified of this. The Town will do no plowing or upkeep on the road until it is accepted by the Town.

Forbes received a complaint that Gary's Towing is using a trailer as advertising at different locations in the Town. The Plan Commission was concerned that this was against the Sign Ordinance. Dave Ryun will let Gary know that it is against the sign ordinance and that he can come into a Board meeting to discuss it with them if he wanted.

The Board discussed the Implements of Husbandry. It will be put on the next agenda.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. He wanted to know what the Town was going to do with Dean Folts property. He already owes the Town money from the last case the Town brought against him and is bringing more garbage onto the property. The Town's attorney and the Towns Association attorney will be asked what our next steps should be.

The Board talked about businesses with dealer's licenses that have junk vehicles on their property and discussed whether they could have the license removed if they did not sell vehicles. The Town's attorney and the Towns Association attorney will be asked about this also.

Bill Leightnam asked about the business at the corner of Hwy 73 and Hollywood. He said that customers will park their cars in the ditch on Hwy 73 and when he tries to pull off of Hollywood he has no visibility and it is very dangerous. The DOT has been notified of things being parked in the right of way. The Board told him to call the Sheriff's department if he encounters the problem again.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report

Correspondence was read.

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

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk