

November 20, 2013

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.

A Public Hearing on the 2014 proposed budget for the Town of Saratoga was held at 6:00 p.m. in the town hall. Chairman Rickaby called the meeting to order. The meeting was officially noticed. Seven town residents were in attendance.

Chairman Rickaby explained the proposed budget. After discussing the budget, Dick Carrell made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Bruce Dimick seconded it. Motion passed.

Chairman Rickaby called the Special Meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. The meeting was called to approve the 2014 highway expenditures according to Wisconsin Statutes Section 81.01(3) and approve the local tax levy according to Wisconsin Statutes Section 60.10(1) (a) and to set the wages for the elected officials for the next term to begin in April 2014.

Mike Havel made a motion to approve the 2014 highway expenditures as stated in the proposed budget. Wayne Coon seconded it. Motion passed.

Lisa Havel made a motion to accept the 2013 local tax levy stated in the proposed budget. Bruce Dimick seconded it. Motion passed. The local tax levy lowered by \$.04 from 2012, \$1.73 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Wages for the elected officials were discussed. The Board proposed as a whole that the wages for the two supervisor positions not take a pay raise for the two year term. Passineau made a motion to not raise the wage for the Supervisor positions that are up for election in April 2014. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

The Regular Town Board Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rickaby at 6:17 p.m.

Forbes made a motion to adopt the 2014 proposed budget. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to approve the November 6, 2013 meeting minutes. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Karen Wolf, PTO Secretary for Woodside Elementary, would like to use the Town hall for a fundraiser. They would hold a scrapbooking weekend. Quite a few students who go to the school do live in the Town of Saratoga. The Board has discussed in the past that they are going to start charging a small fee for fundraising groups to cover the cost of electricity, heating and cooling, and clean-up after. Forbes recommended that the Town take any costs out of the donation fund that he has been contributing his personal money to. Passineau made a motion to let the group use the hall for free; all costs will be taken out the of donation fund. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Bill Hall, 10010 Young Street, has a small crack in the asphalt over the culvert for his driveway that was installed last year. He is concerned that the culvert is not strong enough. Passineau said that the culvert is built to standards and should be fine. If the culvert would need to be replaced, it will be the owner's responsibility.

Bridget Chariton, Director for the South Wood County Humane Society, and several members of the Humane Society Board, spoke to the Board about two different contracts they offered to the Town for 2014. Either the Town would pay a fee for each dog brought in by a resident of the Town along with the Constable, or the Town would pay a flat fee of \$2,500 a year. After going thru the last year's records, it would be more cost efficient for the Town to go to the flat fee. The Humane Society would pick dogs up from the Town or the residents could bring the dog in with the flat fee contract. The Constable would like the Humane Society to contact him when a dog was bought into or picked up from the Humane Society so he can try to make sure that dog licenses are being obtained. The Board requested a 5 year contract. They agreed to 5 years. Forbes made a motion to accept a 5 year contract at \$2,500 per year. Passineau seconded it. Motion passed.

Frank made a motion to approve Resolution 11-20-13. The Resolution urges the Wisconsin Legislature to reject SB 302. The bill would overturn the Lake Beulah decision and limit the DNR's permit review authority to those areas specified in Wis. Stat. 281.34. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report. She has issued 105 permits for the year.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Dave Ryun gave the Constable's report. He sent Ken White and John Sweet tickets. He will check into 1151 Mill Ave for junk on the property.

The Town was awarded \$29,562.85 in Tri funding for Evergreen Road. Work will start in 2015.

Lisa Havel gave the EMS report.

Correspondence was read.

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

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski  
Town Clerk