

October 16, 2013

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 October 2, 2013 meeting minutes. Frank seconded it. Motion passed.

Scott Whitsett, from Jewell Associates gave the Board the second bill for the work done by Integrity on Townline Road. We should be under the bid amount with less gravel and asphalt. Scott wanted to know if the board wanted them to stay at the project to ensure the project is being done up to specifications until it is finished. He will show our roadman what to check for as they are working instead of paying Jewell to do it. With the extra archeology work and re-bidding they are going to be \$7477 over their contracted amount. The Board discussed mailboxes on the road. Municipalities don't normally take care of the mailboxes. Our Town would like that taken care of for the residents. The \$11,000 that it supposed to cost was not included in the contract. It has been added to the contract. The Board would like any mailboxes that were purchased and the Town was charged for to be left with the Town after the project is complete. Scott will check with the contractor.

Nancy Nichols, 1230 Townline Road, would like the culvert that was just installed under her driveway to be removed. Jewell tried to put culverts under driveways that had a deep enough ditch to allow it. The purpose is to avoid water issues. She will need to sign an agreement that they will be held liable for any water problems in the future if she wants the culvert removed.

The Board discussed the proposed contracts with the South Wood County Humane Society starting January 2014. They would either like to start charging the Town \$52 per dog for anyone in the Town to take dogs to the Humane Society or charge the Town a flat fee of \$2,500 a year. The Town receives quarterly reports from the Humane Society and there are a lot of dogs from Saratoga taken into the Humane Society. The Constable is checking with the Adams County Humane Society. The issue is postponed until the next regular meeting.

A resident wanted the Town to put no jake braking signs along the new Hwy 13 near Hwy 73. According to the State of Wisconsin, the Town is not allowed to place any signs on a State Highway.

Passineau made a motion to approve Resolution 10-16-13B to borrow \$192,206 at 2.5% from Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank in order to pay for the fire contracts for the year. The amount of the loan will be collected from the taxes and paid back before October 16, 2014. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. Heeg abstained because a conflict of interest.

Frank made a motion to approve Resolution 10-16-13 to transfer money from the 2012 budget to the 2013 budget. \$93,239.89 will be added the 2013 budget and put in the Public Works expense account to help pay for the work on Townline Road. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Wally Scholl is continuing to work on the Routes in the Town. He has to check with Emergency Government to see if they can sign the routes. He will also need to check with the State to see if he is able to put up speed limit signs.

Correspondence was read.

The Board reviewed the EMS report. They would like to let the community know about upcoming presentations.



**You Are Invited**  
**Professional Presentation** (LE, EMS/EMT, Healthcare, etc.)  
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Synthetic Drugs and Other Emerging Drugs of Abuse  
**Presented by:** Bryan Kastelic, Special Agent, Wisconsin Department of Justice,  
Division of Criminal Investigation  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013  
**Time:** 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
**Location:** Saratoga Town Hall, 1120 State Hwy 73 S, Wisconsin Rapids  
Some products sold as bath salts and potpourri are synthetics-based and can mimic effects of amphetamines, cocaine, marijuana, ecstasy and other illegal drugs if abused. Labeling notes they are not for human consumption. They may be sold at convenience stores, come in popular cartoon character packaging and are inexpensive. These substances are used as recreational drugs, have serious side effects and can be more potent and dangerous than illegal drugs. You are invited to this free event to learn more about these substances and their effects in our community.  
**For more information:** Contact Christine Hollar at [chollar@co.wood.wi.us](mailto:chollar@co.wood.wi.us) or 715-421-8530



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

Clarence Thurber has been living in a trailer on his property on Ranger Road. He plans to be there for two more weeks. The Board okayed for him to do this.

Passineau made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk