

September 18, 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.

Passineau made a motion to approve the September 4, 2013 meeting minutes. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed.

Don Bohn, Grand Rapids Fire Chief, gave a report for 2013 up to August. They are working with surrounding fire departments for automatic mutual aid for any structure. It would prevent fire fighter injuries and improve the number of people responding during the day.

The Board reviewed the conditional use permit for Nicholas Doescher. He would like to put in pond approximately 1 acre in size on the 39 acres he owns. When they dig out for the pond the soil may be stock piled for up to 2 years. The board told him to watch the road carefully when they are taking the soil out to avoid damage to the road. He has already received permits from the Army Corp of Engineers and Wood County. The Plan Commission recommended approval. Forbes made a motion to approve the conditional use permit. Frank seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The board reviewed a letter from our lawyer to Nathan and Jan Wolosek's lawyer regarding the use of their property. Based on the facts of the property the parcels would be considered legal nonconforming uses in accordance with the property's historical use. The end intent of the property is Christmas trees. Forbes made a motion to approve the letter drawn up by the Towns' lawyer. Heeg seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

The board approved the Certified Survey map for Karen Skerven.

Lorelei Fuehrer gave the Building Inspector's report.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report.

Moving mailboxes for the road construction for Townline Road was not put in the bid according to the engineers. Scott Whitsett said that they would take care of it and not charge the town.

Campers, mowers, and other items have been placed in the road right of way at the business at the corner of Hollywood Road and Hwy 73. A warning letter will be sent to the owner requesting the items be removed and kept out of the right of way. A citation will be sent if items are found within the right of way after the warning letter is sent.

Tim LaPorte has not been into a meeting since the beginning of August. He has stated that he has been out of Town. He will need to let the Board know if his intent by the October 2, 2013 meeting or a citation will be sent.

Wally Scholl wanted to know if South Shore Drive could be used as part of the ATV route. The Board stated that the road is a private road not owned by the Town. If the road would be taken over by the Town, then it could be looked at. He would like the Town to order the signs for the routes within the Town and then pay the Town back. He has collected money from local businesses to pay for the signs. The Board agreed that would be fine.

Rhonda Carrell wanted the Board to be aware of two stream flow monitoring groups were created thru land conservation. They have been documenting the flow of creeks including Ten Mile. They have documented that the stream flow and water levels are low just east of 90th Street but the level rises and stream flow increases the further west the water goes. She also said that Scott Krug has created a very good panel of people to study the water.

Correspondence was read.

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

Forbes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Frank seconded it. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Heidi Kawleski, Town Clerk