

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday February 18, 2026

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

PRESENT: Lorelei Fuehrer, Chase Brockman, Karl Greeneway, Josh McDonald, Bryan Peterson

This meeting was officially noticed on February 12, 2026.

Chairman Fuehrer called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No Public Comment

Insurance Bids were provided from our current carrier, The Horton Group. The coverage was the same as last year, with 5% increase due to inflation. No other insurance bids were received. **Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to accept the bid from the Horton Group for insurance for the year. Motion passed unanimously.**

No updates from the Constable or Building Inspector.

Lorelei Fuehrer provided the Interim Zoning Administrator report. Inquires have been received for tiny homes, Community Based Residential Facilities. Also coming across some home-based businesses that do not have a business permit with the town.

Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew update. No updates as to when the new truck will be here. They have started clearing vegetation on the roadside, working on gasket rebuild of the bucket truck. The board asked him to check on the last certification of the bucket truck.

Supervisor McDonald provided the Plan Commission update. They did not have a meeting in February. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the clerk's update. Feedback is needed for Wood County Emergency Management on the testing of sirens. She has been working on finishing reports that are due the first part of the year.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's report. Tax collection is complete. Dog licenses will be due by March 31.

Information Updates from Board Members:

Supervisor Greeneway- the Town recreation Committee, had its first meeting. It was very informative. He will also be attending the Rome Parks and Recreation meeting next week. They are also wanting to know about moving the rocks at Turtle Bay.

Chairman Fuehrer provided an update on the Road Use agreement from the last meeting. The changes have been made to the document as requested, but a couple other corrections are needed. She can either bring this back once corrections are made or can sign.

Motion (Greeneway/McDonald) to approve the meeting minutes for January 21, 2026. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the purchase of the bracket and miscellaneous parts from Diamond Mower. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the \$250 safety allowance stipend for Public Works. Clothing orders will be approved through the Road Oversight Manager prior to purchase. **Motion (McDonald/Greeneway) to approve the amazon purchase of a High-Vis Class 3 jacket in absence of the Road Manager. Brockman nay. Motion carries.**

Motion (Peterson/McDonald) to approve the language change in the employee handbook. Motion passed unanimously. Language to include tops (t-shirt, sweatshirt, and jacket).

Chairman Fuehrer provided figures on a “conceptual” plan for the town buildings. If we were to build new, it would be approximately \$4.7 million. If we were to remodel, it would be approximately \$3 million. This information is going to the Plan Commission next month, as well as the Town Attorney to see what the next steps are in bringing forward to electors.

Signature pages were obtained for the Per Diem Policy, the Operations Ordinance and the Zoning Ordinance. These were approved at prior meetings.

Motion (Brockman/Greenway) to approve a \$200 donation to out of the Dan Forbes fund to Wisconsin Rapids Safety patrol. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to send a letter via certified mail and approve litigation if no payment is made. Motion passed unanimously. This will be sent to Chaos Creative company due to failing to complete the new town website.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the election tabulation equipment. Motion passed unanimously. The purchase will take place in 2027.

Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to continue with the utility permit for Adams Columbia Electric Company. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the kitchen rental contract letter that was sent to Lori and Friends Catering. A new letter will be sent allowing the rental to continue month to month with 90 day mutual notice to vacate, with the expectation that tenant should continue to look for new venue, rent to be due the 1st of the month, and rent to increase to \$800 starting April 1. **Motion (McDonald/Greenway) to send letter to Lori and Friends Catering. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to try to man the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at the brush site. Motion passed unanimously. The hours will remain 8-12 and will need to post the opening.

Motion (Greenway/McDonald) to approve Spring Green for another year. Motion passed unanimously. The approval was for a 4-step fertilizer application.

Motion (Brockman/Greenway) to pay bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Items for future meetings include: Mower, roller brackets for Public Works, signs for Blue Ridge and Public Access lot. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18th.

Audit was completed.

Motion (McDonald/Greenway) to adjourn. Meeting adjourned 8:25 pm.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk