

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, February 19th, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

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

This Town Board meeting was officially noticed on February 14th, 2025.

Lorelei Fuehrer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Brandon Burroughs provided a written Constable's report.

Josh Volz provided a written Building Inspector's report.

Lorelei Fuehrer provided the Zoning Administrator report. She continues to work with the Plan Commission on the annual update of the Zoning Ordinance, calls to the ATC regarding the transmission lines, and new businesses approaching the town.

Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew Update. Things are going well. They are currently waiting for the loader to have hydraulic seals replaced.

Josh McDonald provided the Plan Commission update. They are continuing to work on the Zoning Ordinance updates. Other times are following on tonight's agenda.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's update. An insurance claim for the heaters on the roof of the town hall. Wood County Parks and Recs has a survey looking for feedback on Parks, recreation and open spaces. Residents can go to the Wood County Parks and Rec's website to complete it. The Primary election went well.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's report. Tax collection is complete. Currently have over 400 dogs licensed in 2025. Licenses are due March 31.

Lorelei Fuehrer shared that Keller will not be at the Town Board meeting tonight. They are working with the town to evaluate options for repairs/expansions and the feasibility of each option. We are planning on an open house in April/May for residents to tour the buildings.

Motion (Brockman/Peterson) to approve the meeting minutes for January 15th. Motion passed unanimously.

Rural Mutual and The Horton Group provided the town with bids for the Town's insurance policy at the January meeting. Both parties were able to present and respond to questions tonight. Discussion evolved. Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to go with the Horton Group as the information is more straightforward and what we requested. Motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Brockman would like to add that they would appreciate the RFP form to have been completed next time by Rural Mutual as this makes it easier to compare both proposals. The Horton Group did provide what the town requested in the bid process.

Nekoosa School District asked to share information on the upcoming school referendum. No one from the District was in attendance.

Invenergy was not present to share information about the Saratoga Solar.

Motion (Brockman/Greeneway) to adopt the sign ordinance 7-15-2024 with change of adding. Motion passed unanimously. Wording will be updated from the discussion and signed at the next town meeting.

Discussion relating to advertising on the town's electronic sign per recommendation from the Plan Commission. Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to adopt LED sign policy with changes made today. Motion passed unanimously. This will only apply to 501C3 entities with events happening in the Township of Saratoga.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to donate \$200 from the Dan Forbes account to the WPRS school safety patrol. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to require Adams Columbia Electric Co-op to continue with individual permit applications, not blanket permit. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Peterson/McDonald) to accept the Operator License application. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Future meeting items will be Keller building updates, Sign Ordinance signatures, LED Sign policy signatures.

The next Town Board meeting will be March 19th, 2025.

The Annual Town Board meeting will be on April 15th, 2025.

Internal audit of records was completed.

Motion (Brockman/Greeneway) to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 8:12 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk