

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday November 2, 2022

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Town of Saratoga Board Room

PRESENT: Bill Leichtnam, Josh McDonald, Gail Kretschmer, Rhonda Carrell, Roger Wilcox

This meeting was officially noticed on October 28th, 2022.

Chairman Carrell called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No Public Comment at this time.

No Constable report provided.

Josh Volz provided an update of current building permits.

Ray Bossert provided the Zoning Administrator update. Another Town Hall session will likely take place in January 2023 regarding zoning in the town.

Rick Nowicki provided the Wood County Solar Update. The capacity testing is complete. Clean up is still taking place on the site. The Attorney for Alliant will need to work with Doug Passineau regarding the road repairs.

Doug Passineau provided the Road Crew update. The walk way was installed at Turtle Bay Public Access. Tin will be placed on the shelter at Transfer site. The plow trucks are ready to go for winter. The old patrol truck and loader will be going on WI Surplus Auction next summer.

Gail Kretschmer gave the SPARKS update. The next meeting will Monday, November 21st at 6:00 p.m. They will be working on finishing the Outdoor Recreation Plan.

Paulette Weinfurter requests that any item to be included the agenda be requested 1 week prior to the meeting date at 10:00 a.m.

Billie Jo-Kester gave the Treasurer update. She is in the process of updating the tax letter to include other important updates in the town.

Chairman Carrell is looking at having a mailing sent out to residents of the town. This has been requested by many town residents.

Supervisor Kretschmer encourages everyone to complete the survey for zoning and economic development which can be found on the town's website.

Supervisor McDonald would like to see the Road Crew have access to sturdy shop rags, as well as some safety stops. This will be added to the next agenda.

Supervisor Liechtnam is concerned with the road damage from the development of Wood County Solar.

Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to approve the October 5, 2022 minutes with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Leichtnam/Kretschmer) to approve the October 19, 2022 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Carrell/McDonald) to approve the October 24th, 2022 minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Leichtnam/McDonald) to approve the October 26th minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion regarding the speed limit in the residential area of Ranger Road. **Motion (Leichtnam/Wilcox) to reduce the speed limit on Ranger Road to 35 mph in the residential area as long as it consistent with state statutes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Lengthy discussion ensued regarding adding new town roads and how this relates to the land locked parcels. Zoning Administrator, Ray Bossert showed documentation outlining these areas within the town. This is just the start of the conversation and will involve the comprehensive plan, the plan commission and public hearings.

Ordinance 11-02-22A was reviewed to Codify the Town Committees. **Motion (Kretschmer/Leichtnam) to approve ordinance clarifying the separation of duties and responsibilities between the Staff, Commissions, Committees and the Town Board. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion on the Fire and Ambulance loan for \$325,555.69 from the Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank **Motion (Carrell/McDonald) to approve the loan for the services rendered in 2022 for the Fire and Ambulance Loan. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion regarding placing a sign at the Administrative Building. The Maintenance crew will work on this as well as signs designating the handicapped parking spots. The Road Oversight manager recommended to paint the parking lot with the lines and handicapped spots. **Motion (Kretschmer/Leichtnam) to get quotes to initiated for the town office building to be known as Administrative Office. Motion passed unanimously.**

A flyer was shared regarding driveway access for emergency vehicles. This would be beneficial to share with residents at the upcoming election.

Motion (Carrell/McDonald) to approve the resolution for the DNR Recycling Grant point of contact. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to approve operator's licenses for Anna Christopher, Shannon Golden, Debbie Sweet and Kristin Repta at Roux's Roadhouse. Motion passed unanimously.

The dog ordinance language needs to be updated to reflect what should happen if it is an active vs ongoing situation. **Motion (Kretschmer/McDonald) to table this until the November 16th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion ensued on future assistance the town would like to see from Alliant Energy.

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

The next town board meeting will be Wednesday November 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall, 1116 State Hwy 73 South. The SPARKS Committee will also need to meet on Monday November 7th in the Town office.

Motion (Carrell/Leichtnam) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Town Clerk