

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday September 16, 2026

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Saratoga Town Office

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

The Public Hearing was officially noticed on September 10, 2026.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

There was no public comment.

The Constable provided a written report.

The Building Inspector submitted a written report.

Lorelei Fuehrer provided the Zoning Administrator report. She has been working with the new Zoning Administrator and this will be re-evaluated in 3 months. Under direction of Plan Commission, she drafted a battery storage ordinance, that has been reviewed by legal counsel. Many questions on driveways and setbacks.

Doug Passineau provided the Road Crew update. A culvert was replaced on 64th Street South. Paving and shouldering are complete on 64th Street and Ten-Mile Ave. Trees were also cut on Ten-Mile Ave. They are going to be paving at the Collection site. Patches are also completed on Carousel Court. Mowing is almost done for the year. A radio is being installed in the 1-ton pick-up truck.

Josh McDonald provided the Plan Commission update. The Public Hearing from September 9 is still in process. The Plan Commission needs more information from the client. They have also been discussing the Solar projects, Battery Storage, an Environmental Protection Ordinance. The Recreation committee is still moving along.

Paulette Weinfurter provided the Clerk's report. The Town of Saratoga hosted the Clean Sweep and overall, the event was a great success. Just 36 residents were short of the prior year's number of attendees. Things have been busy with the set up of the Electronic Recycling Event, the Bulk drop off for the fall. The first round of ballots for the November election have been mailed. It's been busy with voter registrations and absentee requests coming in. The recycling grant was also submitted for the town.

Billie-Jo Kester provided the Treasurer's report. She is starting preparation for tax collection.

Chairman Fuehrer reiterated the information for the Electronics Recycling, which is provided at no cost to the town, and the bulk drop off for residents. Progress is still moving forward on the Town Buildings.

Supervisor McDonald would like to confirm the Bulk Drop off hours from 8-2. He will be attending the Humane Officer training next week.

Supervisor Brockman received calls related to the zoning and setbacks on the newly created parcels on Bell and Tower. Supervisor Greeneway had request to have the gravel swept on Shelia Lane and Bellview areas.

Motion (McDonald/Greeneway) to approve the Wednesday August 19th Closed session meeting minutes. Motion carries. Brockman abstains.

Motion (Greeneway/McDonald) to approve the minutes with the small change. Motion carries. Brockman abstain. Meeting minutes were for August 19th, 2026, 6:00.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve going for bids to crush asphalt pile. Motion passed unanimously.

The Town received 1 offer to purchase the old lawnmower. **Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to accept the bid for \$16.50 on the lawnmower. Motion passed unanimously.**

Brent Belke, 2250 Ranger Road, Parcel #1800168A was not present to discuss the denied driveway permit application. No action taken.

Motion (Greenway/Brockman) to approve the CSM. Motion passed unanimously. The CSM was for Bernard and Jennifer Sheets, Parcel #1800186C.

Discussion ensued regarding the radios that were sold from EMS to Erco and where the funds were supposed to be dispersed. **Motion (Brockman/Greenway) to amend the budget to add amount from radios, if letter is received as a donation. Motion passed unanimously.**

The employee handbook was updated to reflect changes to work hours, meeting attendance and uniforms. **Motion (Greenway/Brockman) to accept the revised version of the Employee Handbook. Motion passed unanimously.**

Several applications were received for the Public Works position. The board has received copies of the applications and will review. They are to let the clerk know what candidates they would like to interview so it can be scheduled.

Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the concrete waiver for Chris and Kathy Marzofka, 5311 Church Ave, Parcel #1800206B. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Greenway/McDonald) to accept application for Chase Brockman, Mercury Consulting LLC. Motion carries. Brockman abstains. The business is located at 5850 David Drive, Parcel #1801493.

Motion (Greenway/ Brockman) to accept application for AHA Massage Therapy LLC. Motion passed unanimously. Business is located at 7021 64th Street S, Parcel #1800008 AB.

Motion (McDonald/Peterson) to approve the Beer "Class C" Liquor (wine only) license for Joseph J White Post 442 American Legion Hall. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (Greenway/Peterson) to deny operators' license for N. H. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on the proposed Solar Battery Ordinance. A correction will be made and ran past legal counsel. **Motion (Brockman/McDonald) to approve the Battery Systems Ordinance with noted changes. Motion passed unanimously.**

Work has been started on the new buildings. They have been doing soil boring, checking for utilities, measuring buildings. A slight change was needed to the design for a vestibule. The bidding will likely take place in December. Money from the Solar MFL withdrawal was received and this will help in various costs.

Discussion on a computer for the Zoning administrator. It was discussed to have an email created that would stay property of the town and records compliance. **Motion (Brockman/Greenway) to not provide a computer at this time. Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion (Greenway/Brockman) to donate \$200 to WRPS Safety Patrol out of the Dan Forbes donation fund. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion (McDonald/Brockman) to accept inspector nominations. Motion passed unanimously. This will add Connie Verjinsky and Gail Hancock to the list of election inspectors with the term expiring at the end of 2027.

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

Items for the next meeting include the policy for funds coming into the EMS, interview, budget.

The next meeting will be held on October 21st 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion (Greenway/Brockman) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter-Clerk