

TOWN OF SARATOGA BOARD MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, September 21, 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 September 16th, 2022.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment: Karl Greenway would like to see what can be done to lower the speed limit on Ranger Road, West of Hwy 13S. Doug Passineau will look into this further.

Brandon Burroughs provided the written constable report. He also stated that the current contract with the Humane Society is only for dogs. A representative from the Humane Society is willing to speak with the Town if they are wanting to expand the contract to include cats too.

No Building Inspector or Zoning Administrator report provided.

Rick Nowicki provided the Wood County Solar Project update. They are currently exporting power to the grid on 38 of 41 panels. The re-seeding is complete. The Town's Attorney will need to meet with the new attorney for Alliant Energy to discuss the roads that were included in the developer's agreement.

Wednesday September 28th at 10:00 a.m. they will be having a ribbon cutting.

Kasten Kester provided the Road Crew update. The Hollywood Road culvert is paved/shouldered. The Wakely Bridge paving is complete. They are still working on the mowing on the East side of the town. The window screens from the Town office building are being replaced. They were all very fragile and many had holes in them. Doug Passineau stated that we need to do a resolution to have the Hidden Chapel Subdivision with Voit Trail accepted as a town road. Paulette Weinfurter will reach out to the Attorney to have this process started. B&B Paving will tentatively be starting the paving on 52nd Street in mid-October. Doug is also working on what needs to be completed for the parking lot on the Turtle Bay Public Access parking lot, working with the county to crush the old asphalt, and the salt contract for winter.

Gail Kretschmer shared the next SPARKS Meeting will be on Monday, September 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Office Building.

Josh McDonald gave the Plan Commission update. They are working on modifications to the Business Permit. The Federal Firearms License for Jordan Griffith was tabled until further clarification can be obtained. They are continuing to work on Chapter 5 of the Comprehensive Plan.

Paulette Weinfurter gave the Clerk's report. She is continuing to work with Mike Martin on preparing the budget. We will be looking to schedule two meetings with the board in October to review and have the Public Hearing in November.

Billie-Jo Kester gave the Treasurer's report. Information was provided on Short Term disability. The board will have the opportunity to review and discuss in a future meeting.

Supervisor Wilcox is continuing to speak with the Wakely/Historic Point Basse Group and Domtar.

The discussion of the Grand Rapids Fire Contract will be tabled until the October 19th meeting. The board will review the new and previous contract.

Motion (Carrell/McDonald) to approve the previous minutes with corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Wilcox will be looking into the Community Wildfire Prevention Program for 2023.

The Bike Route Path signs have been moved to the opposite side of the post. The Road Crew will be looking into either moving the sign back further, and the size of the post due to safety concerns.

The Road Crew is waiting on uniform samples to come in before bringing the new contract to the Board for review.

The Board reviewed the contract for Lori and Friends Catering, lengthy discussion ensued. **Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to table this discussion to the October 5th meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

Property repairs and updates for the current Town Hall were discussed at length. Several updates are needed for both the Town Hall and the Shop building.

Discussion took place regarding the Board's priorities for budget, policies, ordinances and/or repairs. Priorities include, in no particular order: wage for the cleaning and transfer site attendees, trucks and equipment, roads, town hall and shop repairs, security system, outdoor lighting, the investment in the results of the survey and how it impacts the town, dog ordinance, codify the SPARKS and Personnel and Finance Committee in an Ordinance, hiring of a Town Administrator, as well as what area the town can use ARPA funds.

No Operator's License to approve.

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

The next Town Board Meeting will be Wednesday, October 5th at 6:00 p.m.

Motion (McDonald/Wilcox) to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Paulette Weinfurter, Clerk